

Sentencing Council meeting:
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1 ISSUE

1.1 The Reduction in Sentence for a Guilty Plea Guideline has been in force for 12 months. The Council decided to set up a steering group to monitor the effects of the guideline to ensure that if the guideline did not work as anticipated and there were unintended consequences, remedial action could be considered.

1.2 The steering group consisting of representatives from the Council, MoJ, HMCTS, CPS, Police, Probation, Victim Support and the judiciary met in October 2017 and will meet again on 5 July 2018. As well as input from the members of the group, the Solicitor's panel has provided feedback on how the guideline is operating in practice. We will provide a short update at the Council meeting of the latest information we have in relation to this.

1.3 In advance of the July steering group meeting, Council members are asked for any views or evidence they may have on how the guideline is working and whether they are aware of any problems.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Council members provide feedback on how the guilty plea guideline is working in their area either orally at the Council meeting or in writing to:

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