

ITEM 5.4A: RECENT ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

Purpose

1. To provide the Council with an update on recent engagement activity.

Discussion

2. The following table details some of the presentations delivered and conferences, seminars, and visits attended by Council members or staff for the period **24 May – 03 October 2025**.

RECENT ENGAGEMENT EVENTS ATTENDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS/STAFF	DATE	DETAILS OF COUNCIL PARTICIPATION
Women's Network and Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland, a panel event on judicial appointments and diversity	03 June 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law (ISRCL) conference	02 – 05 June 2025	Members of the Council and a member of the secretariat attended
Meeting with Dr Shona Minson and Judge Monsalve - knowledge-exchange in respect of problem-solving courts for female offenders	06 June 2025	Members of the Council and members of the secretariat attended
Children and Young People's Centre for Justice's (CYCJ) 2025 National Youth Justice Conference - 'Childhood, Safeguarding and the Children's Hearing System'	11 June 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
Knowledge-exchange in respect of problem-solving courts for female offenders	12-13 June 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
University of Glasgow, School of Law annual Gerald Gordon seminar	13 June 2025	Members of the secretariat attended
University of Edinburgh, presentation by Professor Jane Bailey - 'Rethinking Consent in Light of Scientific and Technological Advances'	24 June 2025	Members of the secretariat attended
House of Commons - Speaker's Conference inquiry on the security of candidates, MPs and elections	02 July 2025	A member of the Council and a member of the secretariat attended
The Thistle, the safer drug consumption facility in Glasgow – private visit	31 July 2025	Members of the secretariat attended
Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research (SCCJR) expert roundtable - 'What Works and What Could Work Better: International Lessons on Sentencing Guidelines'	08 August 2025	A member of the secretariat attended

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Justice Sector Equalities Conference 2025	28 August 2025	Members of the secretariat attended
Government Events – ‘Tackling Modern Slavery Conference 2025: Reinvigorating Strategies for Prevention, Identification, and Victim Support’	10 September 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
Doors open days in Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Parliament House	20 September 2025	Members of the secretariat hosted
Doors open day in Glasgow High Court	27 September 2025	Members of the secretariat hosted

Recommendation

3. That the Council notes this update.

Scottish Sentencing Council Secretariat

September 2025