

## PAPER 5.4A: UPDATES ON 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 **7 October – 18 November 2025**.

RECENT ENGAGEMENT EVENTS ATTENDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS/STAFF	DATE	DETAILS OF COUNCIL PARTICIPATION
A talk on the Council and sentencing to students at Trinity High School, Renfrew	07 October 2025	A member of the secretariat hosted
Community Justice Scotland National Event 2025	07 October 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
Event on modern slavery, hosted by the Edinburgh branch of the Scottish Association for the Study of Offending	07 October 2025	Members of the Council attended
Risk Management Authority's 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary event	08 October 2025	Members of the secretariat attended
Lecture at the University of Edinburgh titled 'Policing, procedural justice and mental health' given by Professor Ben Bradford of University College London	14 October 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
Lecture to students at Dundee & Angus College.	23 October 2025	A member of the secretariat hosted
Ipsos Scotland 30th Anniversary event.	30 October 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
Lecture to students at the University of Edinburgh	30 October 2025	Members of the secretariat hosted
Lecture on the Council and sentencing to criminal law honours students at the University of Glasgow.	4 November 2025	A member of the secretariat hosted
Council's 10-year anniversary event	10 November 2025	Members of the Council hosted
Expert Voices seminar hosted by the Centre for Justice Innovation	11 November 2025	Members of the secretariat attended
Lecture to students at Dundee & Angus College	11 November 2025	A member of the secretariat hosted

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Empirical Research on Sentencing Network (EROS) gathering and Sentrix workshop	12 – 14 November 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
SASO Glasgow event on ‘rape shield’ legislation	13 November 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
<i>Alcohol intoxication in sentencing: a complex cocktail</i> at the Institute of Alcohol Studies in London	13 November 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
Presentation at Edinburgh College	13 November 2025	A member of the secretariat hosted
Launch of the Sentencing Academy’s Sentencing Hub	17 November 2025	A member of the secretariat attended
Violence Against Women and Girls in Scotland Conference, hosted by Holyrood Insight	18 November 2025	A member of the secretariat attended

## Recommendation

3. That the Council notes this update.

Scottish Sentencing Council Secretariat

November 2025