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Introducing the PDSO.

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What is the PDSO?

If you have been charged with a criminal offence, or you are in trouble with the police, PDSO can help you. You can call us on 0800 328 1222.

PDSO lawyers are specialist criminal defence solicitors and solicitor-advocates with full administrative back up and the resources to investigate, research and defend your case.

We also employ a Polish-speaking criminal paralegal as our first point of contact for Polish people anywhere in Scotland. Milena (Mel) Jeczelewska can be contacted directly on 07917 052 911.





Can you use the PDSO?

If you are eligible for criminal legal aid then you can use the PDSO. Throughout your case your PDSO lawyer will listen to you, tell you what is happening and what it means for you. PDSO exists to help you and defend your rights.

Your PDSO lawyer will give you legal advice in a way that you can understand. We'll be there, at court, to represent you, speak up for you and fight for the best outcome for you, every time. We'll fight for you whether you have been charged with a minor crime or a very serious crime because we understand that your case will always be serious to you and your family.

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How can we help you?

PDSO has the skill and experience to deal with your case from start to finish - from the first calling of the case, through trial and to appeal where appropriate. We can always deal with your case directly. Our Solicitor Advocates can represent PDSO clients facing charges in the High Court and in the Court of Appeal.

If you need help or advice about other problems, we can help by putting you in contact with the best people to help. PDSO has links with help and advice agencies local to you and can contact them on your behalf.



Why use the PDSO?

PDSO is funded directly by the Scottish Legal Aid Board. Our lawyers are paid an annual salary rather than on a case by case basis. PDSO started in 1998 in Edinburgh and now has offices across Scotland. Every year our lawyers help more people who need legal advice and representation.

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A full list of address details can be found on the back of this leaflet.



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