

SCHEDULE 1 CHILDREN'S HEARINGS SCOTLAND

Area support teams: establishment and membership

- 12 (1) The National Convener must establish and maintain a committee (to be known as an area support team) for each area that the National Convener designates for the purposes of this paragraph.
- (2) An area designated under sub-paragraph (1) is to consist of one or more local authority areas.
- (3) Before establishing an area support team, the National Convener must obtain the consent of each constituent authority.
- (4) The National Convener must appoint as members of an area support team—
- (a) one person nominated by each constituent authority (if the authority chooses to make a nomination),
 - (b) such other persons nominated by constituent authorities as the National Convener considers appropriate,
 - (c) a member of the Children's Panel who lives or works in the area of the area support team, and
 - (d) sufficient other persons so that the number of members nominated by a local authority is no more than one third of the total number of members.
- (5) An area support team may not include the Principal Reporter or a member or employee of SCRA.
- (6) An area support team may establish sub-committees consisting of persons who are members of the area support team.
- (7) In this paragraph and paragraphs 13 and 14 “constituent authority”, in relation to an area support team (or a proposed area support team), means a local authority whose area falls within the area of the area support team.