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Dear Colleague

**ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL WORK/SCOTTISH DRUGS
 FORUM NATIONAL CONFERENCE 28 - 30 JANUARY 1997
 "FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE"**

The National Conference of the Association of Directors of Social Work Standing Committee on Criminal Justice Services/Scottish Drugs Forum is being held at the Stakis Dunblane Hotel on 28 - 30 January 1997 and I enclose a copy of the conference flyer, on the reverse of which is the booking form, detailing the cost of the Conference and providing other essential administrative information.

The Conference will provide the opportunity to explore some of the key social work issues and challenges facing all those involved in the criminal justice system in Scotland and will focus, in particular, on day 2, on the relationship between drug use and criminal justice issues.

This event will attract manager, practitioners, elected members and policy makers from a wide-range of organisations, which include social work, drug service, voluntary organisations, the judiciary, health authorities, the police and academic institutions. The Conference comes at a critical time in the development of criminal justice services.

There is already a strong indication that this event may well be oversubscribed and to ensure residence in the main hotel, an early booking will be required.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any further information that you would find helpful.

Best wishes

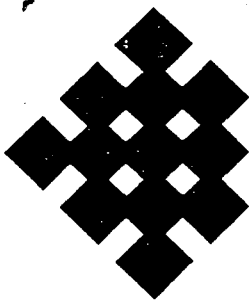
Yours sincerely

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“FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE”

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Government policy for criminal justice services in Scotland was laid down by the then Secretary of State, Malcolm Rifkind in November 1988 in his memorable Kenneth Younger lecture. Community disposals were more effective in combating crime and unnecessary imprisonment was wasteful.

100% funding, National Standards, and greater specialism for criminal justice social work services followed. Result - probation doubled; community service doubled; credibility with courts improved; effective liaison and collaboration between voluntary, private and statutory sectors was accomplished. Innovative work on Bail, Reparation and Mediation, Intensive Probation, Diversion and Supervised Attendance have all taken place.

But the backcloth of urban and rural deprivation, high levels of unemployment, the serious drugs environment - and high rates of custody - remain. When combined with local government re-structure and ambivalence with the future direction of criminal justice policy then it is obvious we are fast approaching a major crossroads.

The theme of the conference is clearly set for lively debate. What is the way forward? What does research tell us? What should the relationship be between custody and community? Is effective practice still the best way forward in a hostile environment? How do we relate more effectively with that environment?

There will be seminars, workshops and keynote speakers including Paul Cullen QC, the Solicitor General; Sandy Cameron, President of ADSW; Niall Campbell, Under Secretary SWSG; Peter Bates, Director of Social Work, Dundee; Kate Donegan, Governor Cornton Vale Prison; Dr John Muncie; Paul Morron, Criminal Justice Manager Glasgow; Alison Paterson, Director Victim Support Scotland; Sheriff Davidson and Prof Herschel Prins.

The conference is a must for Social work managers and practitioners, elected members, the voluntary and statutory sectors and all those with criminal justice or drugs interest.

Booking Form on Reverse

