

Miscarriages of Justice Organisation (Scotland)



Annual Report:
2018-2019

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Miscarriages of Justice Organisation is human rights Advocacy Service dedicated in assisting innocent people both in prison and after their release. Our main objective is to offer advice and support to innocent people after they are released from prison.

For the last 14 years we have received core funding from the Scottish Government, which has assisted us to continue addressing the problems facing these individuals and their families.

All our service users have been diagnosed as suffering from chronic Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. It is our belief that to effectively help these individuals, treatment, for their P.T.S.D, should be offered at an early stage on post release.



Paddy Hill with Anne McIlkenny, (Richard's daughter)

2.0 Company Summary

M.O.J.O. is a registered company limited by guarantee and a registered Scottish charity. The charity is controlled by its governing document, being its articles of association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The charity has a board of trustees, who are the company's directors, which meets monthly to review the company's performance and policies.

M.O.J.O. employs two full time members of staff, with volunteers support when available.

Trustees:

Mr Patrick Joseph Hill	Director	
Mrs Tarra Babel Hill	Director	-appointed 24/4/2019
Mr William Rennie	Director	
Mr Billy McAllister	Director	- ceased 4/6/2019
Mrs Catherine Molloy	Director	- appointed 28/5/2019
Mr James Owen Boyle	Director	- appointed 28/5/2019

Staff:

Mrs Catherine Molloy - Chief Executive Officer

Mr Paul Robert Brannan McLaughlin - Co Project Manager – dismissed
September 2019

M Scott Jenkins - Welfare Rights/Advocacy Manager - appointed
September 2019

The project has had the privilege of working with some wonderful volunteers in 2018-2019

Legal:

Euan McIlvride Head of Legal Team/Legal Officer

Scott Jenkins	University of Strathclyde
Mando Braithwaite Bhebhe	University of Glasgow
Samantha Whyte	Caledonian University
Katherine Galea	Postgraduate Masters Criminology
Leona Baillie	Caledonian University
Leilah Jamil	Caledonian University
Molly Anne McLean	University of Strathclyde
Lauren McCluskey	Caledonian University
Louise McCarthy	West of Scotland University
Kirsty McAuley	Strathclyde University
Kirsty Duff	Caledonian University
Rozlyn Little	University of Stirling
Olivia Taylor	University of Strathclyde
Lauren Gardner	University of Strathclyde
Suzanne Briggs	Solicitor LLB. DipLP, NP
Alexander Muir	University of Strathclyde
Nina Noafshar	University of Glasgow
Brian O Connor	Caledonian University
James Peebles	Caledonian University
Gerard McCusker	Caledonian University
Ryan Connelly	Caledonian University
Marianne Fernandez-Faichney	University of Strathclyde
Connie Flynn	LLB
Rosa Hunt	West of Scotland University
Liam Baxter	Open University

Fundraising

Marjory Riddell

Finance/Accounts

Kenny Martin

IT

Gregor Smith

Media

Colin Grant / Martin Chomsky

All work with our volunteers is overseen and led by Cathy, Paul and Euan. The volunteers have a wealth of experience in areas of use to the Miscarriages of Justice Organisation including Legal, Education Computing, Financing (in relation to our accounts), Welfare Rights, and Fundraising. We have worked with wonderful volunteers who have had to move on to paid employment elsewhere as the organisation is not in a financial position to offer them employment.



Eddie Gilfoyle discussing his case with MOJO volunteers



The release of the Birmingham 6 on 14th March 1991.

3.0 History and Background

The Miscarriages of Justice Organisation (M.O.J.O.) was founded in 2002 in Scotland by Paddy Hill (a member of the Birmingham Six who had his conviction quashed and was released in March 1991) and John McManus. Paddy Hill moved to Scotland and the Miscarriages of Justice Organisation (Scotland) was constituted as a formal company and given Scottish charitable status.

- 3.1 Research has consistently shown that all our service users have been diagnosed with chronic Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.
- 3.2 Commonly these problems take the form of mood disorders, anxiety-related conditions, alcohol and drug misuse, personality disorders, as well as their chronic P.T.S.D.
- 3.3 We are finding that all victims, in particular those released suddenly without any slow process, have severe and long-standing mental health problems as well as a deterioration of their physical health.
- 3.4 Most have tried to manage these problems by using support and interventions provided by the NHS and associated services. This often proves problematic due to the perception of these services' limited understanding of the issues surrounding wrongful incarceration. As a result, our service users and their families are at a risk of becoming amongst the most vulnerable and excluded members of our society.

4.0 Aims and Objectives

Our objective in this Report is to set out our vision for the next three years.

Our aim is to continue to provide practical support and advice to individuals and their families whose convictions have been referred to the High Court and quashed.

We will continue to assist individuals claiming innocence with the SCCRC process and to help when required in completing and submitting their application.

We aim to continue to highlight and educate the public regarding the causes of miscarriages of justice with the intention of keeping focus and attention on miscarriages of justice and keeping the issue in the public forum.

We have been providing a one-stop shop since 2004 for our service users, providing practical support and advice on welfare rights, access to accommodation, income and health, as well as seeking access to counselling, reintegration and financial advice.

It is our aim to continue to expand and continue to professionalise the service we provide through staff and volunteer training and partnerships working with other agencies.



New enquiries claiming to be a miscarriage of justice;

The project has had 110 new enquiries from March 2018– Mar 2019 and has received a further 143 non – remit enquiries asking for our help.

All non- remit enquiries have been referred to appropriate agencies. Of the 110 new enquiries we have closed 46 after extensive assessment and have our volunteer legal team assessing the 64 remaining cases. Our volunteer legal team are currently working on 92 cases. Of the 92 cases there are 28 cases which have been carried over from 2018. We also have a waiting list of 16 new enquiries still to be assessed.

Information on casework:

Assessment Ongoing	80
Ongoing	12
Waiting List	16

All enquiries have been answered, where the project is unable to assist, we will signpost the enquiry to someone who may be able to help. E.g.: if the enquiry is in London then we will refer the enquiry to the Committee of the Administration of Justice. We also referred clients to other professional organisations such as FASO, Hackney Law Centre, JENGBA, Inquest, SCCRC, CCRC and Strathclyde University Law Clinic, Leicester University Innocence Programme, Samaritans, Women's Aid, Alcohol and Narcotics Anonymous, Money Matters.

We continue to find an increase in enquiries outwith Scotland due to the MOJ Department within The Royal Courts of Justice closing, and their work now being dealt with at local CAB offices who are not equipped to deal with the complex issues that miscarriages of justice have. For example, this was evident in late 2016 and early 2017 when two clients seeking their help resulted in the police being called, as they could not deal with these enquiries, and the clients becoming agitated due to their PTSD which the clients made them aware of. The CAB office in

Nottingham referred both clients to MOJO as in their words “They had no idea how to deal with them”: **Ongoing.**

This approach has helped raise the profile of the organisation professionally with potential clients and has also helped in forging professional links with other agencies and organisations.

Aftercare, Support and Personal Development;

This service is best examined under the categories of “during” and “after” incarceration:

During Incarceration - we offer support to convicted individuals who are maintaining an objectively demonstrable claim to innocence of the offence(s) of which they were convicted. This category of our service users has needs which are both practical and emotional. All the available evidence shows that wrongful imprisonment is significantly more traumatic and emotionally damaging than justified imprisonment. It is recognised that the psychological damage caused by wrongful imprisonment of even medium duration (around 5 years) is severe, and permanent. It is of material assistance to our clients to have a sympathetic, understanding and interested contact - which we maintain by prison visits, correspondence, and our telephone helpline service. Importantly, these services are simultaneously provided to our clients’ families. In this we assist in the resolution of practical issues arising from the clients’ incarceration, and we provide a listening ear for their concerns and stresses.

In the “during incarceration” period our legally qualified casework team provided practical support in researching and formulating appeals against conviction. This is work for which Legal Aid is not available and, in the

absence of our pro bono service, in most cases would not be possible through normal legal representation.

After Incarceration - whether by virtue of a successful appeal or on completion of sentence, our clients' needs on release are significant, often extreme, and ongoing. Individuals commonly suffering from severe Post Traumatic Stress Disorder are confronted with an environment, both physical and mental, of which they have no recent experience, for which they have had little or no preparation and in which they receive from the state assistance and support which ranges from the wholly inadequate to the non-existent. In the case of clients released on a successful appeal the dramatic change in circumstances is instantaneous, and whilst those released on completion of sentence have the benefit some "training for freedom" this is, in our experience, insufficient in its extent and insufficiently subjective in its scope. Our clients simply do not receive, on release, the counselling and other psychological care that they require. One of the UK's leading clinical psychologists has provided, through our organisation, some such assistance on a pro bono basis but we require funding to extend the range and scope of this.



Paddy Hill, Robert Brown and Barry George

We continue to have a good working relationship with Galgael, a charity trust in Govan, Glasgow, which partners individuals with crafts men to make handcrafted furniture: **Ongoing and Developing**

The organisation continues to work with the Citizens Theatre, Glasgow and the theatre kindly allows our clients, volunteers and staff to attend any performance at the Citizens free of charge. We are using this service extensively enabling our clients and their family members to forge relationships in a social environment where they can support each other. **Ongoing.**

We have developed and continue to develop and improve our peer-mentoring programme whereby a client who has been reintegrated into the community with a high level of success will be paired with a client who is struggling. This provides the opportunity for the client to open up to someone who has a shared experience and find reassurance and a support network: **Ongoing and Developing**

The Miscarriages of Justice Organisation (Scotland) continues to support our clients' needs.

We accompany all clients to Medical appointments.

We accompany clients to all Psychological assessments and appointments.

We support all clients with their Housing requirements.

We support all clients with their Benefits.

We support all clients with Money Management.

We are currently supporting 27 clients in the community, and their families

The project endeavours to continue to offer and expand on these services and hope to finance this through funding applications to various agencies, fundraising events and donations. **Ongoing and Developing.**

Education;

The clients will be encouraged to set their own educational goals in the areas they wish to improve and the pace at which they want to work towards them. Effectively, this will be a client led programme where they will feel comfortable and at ease in their learning process. This has the potential to both improve clients' confidence and their employment prospects.

MOJO will also provide access to computer courses, which provide for our clients, skills that can increase self-esteem and opportunities for employment. Additionally, the skills gained in these areas will hopefully lead to opportunities for our clients to enter further education in subjects that are of interest to the individual, giving them focus, ambition and a goal to work towards.

The organisation encourages and supports our clients in dealing with any issues relating to correspondence regarding legal matters or any other issues that they have when their conviction is quashed. We do this by encouraging and facilitating for the client to come into the office to use the telephone and computer. Cathy, Paul, Euan and Scott have worked with several clients showing them how to use a computer and have helped them to set up e-mail accounts to receive and send correspondence. We actively encourage our clients to deal with and answer all correspondence to them personally.



Events, Media and Public Awareness.

The Miscarriages of Justice Organisation (Scotland) has a good working relationship with the SCCRC. The Miscarriages of Justice Organisation (Scotland) is recognised by the SCCRC and the Law Society. Our details and literature are included in their information packs sent to all prisons in Scotland:

Ongoing.

The organisation has and continues to establish links and affiliations from national and regional unions including, the RMT, Unison, FMU and the STUC: **Ongoing.**

We have been collaborating with an Italian filmmaker Lorenzo Moscia, who was filming with Gerry Conlon, (Guilford 4), before his death in 2014 and is continuing filming with people who were involved in Gerry's life.

Paddy and Paul met with the CCRC, at their request to discuss policy and procedure as to how the CCRC operate. MOJO was also asked if they would attend their stakeholders' meetings, which we declined due to costing.

MOJO participated in a documentary directed by Mark McLoughlin from Bang Bang Theo Productions called Fallout which was aired on BBC1 and RTE1.

MOJO and Bang Bang Theo Productions have united in the Say I'm Innocent Campaign with the aim of addressing the issues below:

"Say I'm Innocent" is a campaign for exonerated prisoners. Following their release from prison they face an unfamiliar world with hardly any services or support available to them. Their lives have been destroyed and they need help.

We are campaigning in the UK and Ireland for 4 specific issues:

- 1. That all services that are available to guilty prisoners on release are made available to exonerees.**
- 2. That there is a public announcement of their innocence on release.**
- 3. That a transition centre is set up in the UK and Ireland to allow them time and help to reintegrate into society.**
- 4. That a fully independent Criminal Cases Review Commission is established to examine cases and with the power to find new evidence in cases if required.**

“Say I’m Innocent” along with MOJO hosted various events where the documentary was aired, and miscarriages of justice victims were in attendance to speak to and answer questions from the audience.

These events took place at:

The European Parliament.

The Scottish Parliament.

The House of Commons

The Dail Eirann

The United Nations, New York

We also incorporated event in various Universities:

Manchester University

Cambridge University

Brighton University

Leicester University

Strathclyde University
Dublin City University
University of Ireland Galway
University College Cork
Kings College London.

The Miscarriages of Justice Organisation (Scotland) has featured on television and radio programmes such as BBC, RMT1 BBC West Midlands, STV, Scotland Tonight, Radio Scotland, Radio 5, Glasgow Live, and many more.

The organisation has also had articles in the press relating to miscarriages of justice. e.g.; The Herald, The Guardian, The Times, The Sun, The Daily Record, Birmingham Mail, Edinburgh Evening News, Clydebank Press and Fife Press to name a few.

The organisation continues to raise public awareness of miscarriages of justice and the work the miscarriages of justice organisation does through our webpage, Facebook page and twitter. We also use these media to highlight how the public can support the organisation and our clients: **Ongoing and Developing**

The organisation has a good working relationship with the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations: **Ongoing.**

The Miscarriages of Justice Organisation (Scotland) has identified a funding stream through Access to Justice UK and have established a

funding and fundraising team to identify further funding sources:

Ongoing.

Medical:

MOJO continues to provide Medical Services to our clients while aiming to expand them further.

We provide access to counselling to all our clients to assess what the effect of being wrongfully imprisoned has on them and to find them suitable counselling after the initial assessment. We are trying to provide this service through their GP and NHS psychological services with various results. Two of our clients are seeing NHS psychologists and/or psychiatrists at present. However, their participation with these services is tempered with the need for continual emotional support from Cathy, Paul, Scott and the volunteers at MOJO.

The other clients in the community were attending counselling sessions with Professor Ian Stephen MA (Hons), Dip Ed, Dip Ed Psycho, C Psychol, AFBPsS, who is a former Miscarriages of Justice Director and Management Committee member. Professor Stephen provided this service free of charge to our clients and we are very grateful for his generosity. Unfortunately, due to ill health Professor Stephens is unable to continue providing this service which means we will have to look for someone to fill this role: **Ongoing and Developing.**

Due to their trauma some of our clients suffer from drug and alcohol addiction, (self-medicating). The project provides access to counselling and support to all clients who suffer from addiction. Although the project provides access to this service and encourages clients to take part it is their choice as to whether they participate or not.

The project has initiated a cross party group with MPs and MSPs in both the UK and Scottish Parliaments, relating to the medical resources and aftercare provision that is available to our clients: **Ongoing.**

The Miscarriages of Justice Organisation (Scotland) participated in a psychological study on the effects of miscarriages of justice on the individual, their families, the health service and benefit agencies being developed by Laura Tilt, Oxford University and Linda Asquith, Leeds Beckett University. Clients and staff have been interviewed by the researchers and MOJO will receive a copy of their study which will help the organisation to quantify the psychological effects of wrongful conviction and the lack of appropriate services for miscarriages of justice: **Ongoing.**

Legal:

Euan McIlvride is our volunteer in house solicitor/ legal officer who oversees our Legal Service Team. His duties include delegating new enquiry cases to law student volunteers.

Each student is responsible for their delegated case under the supervision of Euan.

The Legal Service Team are currently working with 92 cases which are a mix of cases ready to make an application to the SCCRC and new enquiry cases.

The organisation is now allowed access to clients' paperwork as we have a registered solicitor working with us.

This allows the Legal Service Team to assess in a much more professional manner whether an enquiry meets the Miscarriages of Justice Organisation (Scotland) remit of factual innocence.

The Miscarriages of Justice Organisation (Scotland) regularly holds Training Days delivered by Euan McIlvride and the SCCRC for our volunteer law students.

Subjects include assessing a case, making an SCCRC application and the work the SCCRC do.

The Miscarriages of Justice Organisation (Scotland) is working in partnership with Glasgow Caledonian University and Edinburgh Napier University whereby students are awarded course credit for training inhouse at MOJO.

We also work in partnership with the University of Strathclyde and the University of Glasgow.

Following the success of this arrangement Glasgow Caledonian University, the University of Strathclyde and the University of Glasgow are introducing a dedicated Miscarriages of Justice module to its LL.B. syllabus. We have been asked to assist in designing the courses.

The Legal Services that the project has implemented include prison visits to all new enquiries who fall within our remit to enable the project to establish the suitability of the case and if the project can help. This service has not been available in the past due to lack of funding, however the project is at present covering the travel cost through donations and fundraising. We continue to manage and expand our case examinations and support through our volunteer Legal Service Team, who look at the casework from new enquiries.



Cathy Molloy, Paul McLaughlin, Scott Jenkins and our Legal Officer Euan McIlvride supervise this service and a monthly meeting takes place to discuss which clients fall within the remit set out.

A procedure has been put in place outlining how all new enquiries are dealt with. This procedure will also be beneficial as a guide to other volunteers with legal experience who wish to work with the project.

The legal team will also assist clients and their solicitors where necessary in the preparation of SCCRC and Appeal preparations.

The project continues to strengthen ties with Innocence Projects in Universities, the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission, The Law Society, Solicitors, Counsel and QCs.

The Miscarriages of Justice Organisation is working with Niall McCluskey, Michael Mansfield QC, Gareth Peirce Solicitor, Matt Foot Solicitor and Sarah Ferguson Solicitor regarding our clients not being able to access their crown and defence paperwork. We are challenging the legal position regarding third party access: **Ongoing.**

Due to the increase in the number of service users seeking support, we hope to employ an additional member of staff with legal experience to accommodate this demand: **Ongoing.**

5.0 Keys to Success

With a continuation of funding from the Scottish Government we will be able to continue to provide this crucial service. We continue to engage with the Ministry of Justice, the Scottish Government and other agencies in discussions on how service users' psychological needs can be best met. We raise public awareness of the issues surrounding miscarriages of justice through our website, Facebook and Twitter, as well as public events. We aim to continue to increase and develop links with relevant agencies.

6.0 Services

All individuals who have been offered support from MOJO have welcomed it. We engage with service users consisting of primary, secondary and non - remit. Secondary service users are made up of family members and close friends of the primary service user. Non - remit cases include not being factually innocent, human rights, deaths in custody and other legal issues.

We send a copy of useful UK & Irish support link details to all non- remit cases.

We continue to provide support to service users with benefit claims, advice, access to medical services, access to accommodation in addition to emotional support when required. All primary service users have been diagnosed with chronic post-traumatic stress disorder, due to this M.O.J.O. provides a 24-hour support service.

There are four key areas that we are refining in terms of the direction the organisation will take;

Aftercare/ Medical

Legal Services

Education,

Campaigning/Public Awareness

We continue to develop, improve and professionalise our management procedures, particularly our in - house structures to address the administration needs of the organisation as we expand the work we are undertaking.

7.0 Client Monitoring and Evaluation:

MOJO has helped and supported two clients into full time employment.

The areas we will cover are Legal, Personal & Family support and goals

Legal: (1) Case work. (2) Accessing & Liaising with third parties.

Personal & Family support: (1) Advice & Information by MOJO (2)

Accessing & Liaising with third parties. (3) Family support.

Key: Achieved (A). On-going (O). Not Applicable (N/A).

Client A

Medical: 3, (O). 4, (O).

Legal: 1, (O). 2, (O).

Benefits: 2, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client B

Medical: 2, (O). 3, (A), 4, (O).

Legal, 1, (O).

Benefits: 3, (O).

Housing: 2, (O). 3, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client D

Medical: 1, (A).

Personal & Family Support: 2, (A&O).

Client E

Medical: 3, (O). 4, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client F

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client G Medical:

4, (O).

Benefits: 3, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client H

Medical: 4, (O).

Legal: 1, (0).

Benefits: 3, (0).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A).

Client I Medical:

3, (0).

Legal: (0).

Benefits: 3, (0).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client J

Medical: 4, (0).

Legal: 2, (A).

Benefits: 3, (0).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client L Medical:

4, (0).

Benefits: 3, (0).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client N

Medical: 4, (0).

Benefits: 3, (0).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client O

Medical: 4, (O).

Legal: 1, (O). 2, (O).

Benefits: 3, (O).

Housing: 3, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client W

Medical: 4, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client Z

Medical: 1, (N/A). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A). 4, (N/A).

Legal:

Benefits: 1, (N/A). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Housing: 1, (N/A). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client NN Legal:

2, (O).

Benefits: 3, (O).

Housing: 3, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client OO Medical: 3,

(O). 4, (O).

Legal: 1, (O).

Benefits: 1, (A). 2, (O). 3, (O).

Housing: 1, (A). 2, (O). 3, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client PP Medical: 3,

(O). 4, (O).

Legal: 1, (O).

Benefits: 1, (N/A).

Housing: 1, (N/A)

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client QQ Medical: 3,

(O). 4, (O).

Legal: 1, (O).

Benefits: 1, (N/A).

Housing: 1, (N/A)

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client RR1

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client DDD

Medical: 1, (A). 2, (N/A). 3, (O). 4, (O).

Legal: 1, (A). 2, (A).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client DDD1

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O).

Client Q

Legal: 1, (O). 2, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O). 3, (O).

Client R

Legal: 1, (O). 2, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O). 3, (O).

Client T

Legal: 1, (O). 2, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O). 3, (N/A).

Client U

Legal: 1, (O). 2, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O). 3, (O).

Client V

Legal: 1, (O). 2, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O). 3, (O).

Client EE

Legal: 1, (O). 2, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O). 3, (O).

Client II

Legal: 1, (O). 2, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O). 3, (O).

Client MM

Legal: 1, (O). 2, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (A&O). 3, (O).

Client VV

Legal: 1, (O). 2, (N/A).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (O).

Client XX

Legal: 1, (O). 2, (N/A).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client ZZ

Legal: 1, (O). 2, (N/A).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client EEE

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client FFF

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client FFF1

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client GGG

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client HHH

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client III

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client JJJ

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client KKK

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client LLL

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client MMM

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client NNN

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client OOO

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client PPP

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client QQQ

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client QQQ 1 &2

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (O). 3, (O).

Client RRR

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client SSS

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client TTT

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (O).

Client TTT1

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (O).

Client UUU

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client VVV

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client YYY

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).

Client ZZZ

Legal 1, (O).

Personal & Family Support: 1, (A&O). 2, (N/A). 3, (N/A).



8.0 Financial Report:

See attached accounts.

9.0 3-Year Business Plan 2018-2021

Aftercare/ Medical

In the immediate aftermath of release, we meet the immediate needs first. These can be as truly immediate and basic as the provision of bedding, clothing and food. More generally, they are the arranging of housing, social security benefits and GP registration as well as other case specific healthcare needs arising. These additional needs commonly include drug rehabilitation and other addiction management services. This involves liaison with local housing and healthcare authorities, liaison with social security services, advice for and attendance at benefits-related interviews and tribunals. Our clients' wider needs are addressed on an ongoing basis, generally over an extended period. The purpose of this work is to facilitate the most complete possible reintegration of the client into his family, and into society. As an integral part of this process, we

seek to facilitate opportunities in education and in the development of social skills to ease, and to render successful, this process of reintegration. Perhaps most importantly we maintain ongoing contact with our clients and their families. Many of our longest standing clients continue to use our “drop-in” facilities where they benefit from the sharing of experience with others in a similar situation.

Legal

We aim to further develop, improve and professionalise our one-stop shop for our clients dealing with all aspects of their legal requirements related to their cases. This will include case investigation in preparation of appeal and SCCRC applications, compensation claims, and assistance with other legal issues related to their cases. Developing and Ongoing.

Our goal is to seek financial assistance to allow us to employ an experienced solicitor who will work solely on the further development and professionalising our Legal Casework Team. Our legal casework team is comprised entirely of volunteers who are at an advanced stage in, or have recently completed, their undergraduate studies in law and criminology. They are therefore highly trained in the abstract concepts of the relevant law but are lacking in the practical experience essential to the effective formulation and preparation of appeals. The necessary supervision, and experience, is currently provided by one full-time volunteer who is a solicitor of 36 years' standing, but in order to secure the ongoing provision of the relevant professional expertise

and experience we require funding to allow him to continue at MOJO. As a direct consequence of our limited resources we are currently able to assist only in cases which have resulted in a sentence of four, or more, years' imprisonment.

The experience that we offer our caseworkers in their work with us is unique, is of significant value to them as developing lawyers, and is highly valued by the universities who provide us with our volunteers. We therefore have a substantial pool of available talent from which to draw. Our current casework consists of some 92 cases under active consideration; we do however receive an average of 250 applications for assistance per year and we require more manpower to service this at an acceptable rate.

The work undertaken in this area necessitates prison visits throughout the entire Scottish prison estate. It involves research, both factual and legal, into the individual circumstances of each case. The average time we spend in our initial assessment of a client's application - which involves inquiry only into the claim of factual innocence - is of the order of 200 man-hours. For qualifying cases the legal research and appeal formulation process commences only after this.

EDUCATION

For our clients we seek to provide, in conjunction with our Aftercare service, access to opportunities in education and personal development. Access to outward bound and team-building activities, and to drama, music and art therapy which will assist greatly in the ongoing processes of healing, confidence building and reintegration into family and an unfamiliar society. Access to skills training and to further education develops and enhances employability, as a route to life stability and self-sufficiency. Our ability to provide these crucial services is currently restricted, severely, by our lack of resources.

We place great emphasis and importance on the training we provide to our volunteer caseworkers. Our ethos is one of mutual support and benefit, and since our volunteers give freely of their time and effort, we seek to make the experience as rewarding for them as possible. We provide, in the course of our work, experience that cannot be gained elsewhere and is of clear benefit in their development as young lawyers. We supplement this with regular tutorials, seminars and study and discussion meetings where the issues arising in miscarriage of justice cases are examined from the perspective of our own experience. We also hold study and discussion groups with the university law faculty law clinics with whom we have associations. We are keenly aware that we are helping to educate the next generation of legal practitioners, and perhaps judges - the lawyers who will shape the future course of

our criminal justice system. In developing their awareness of the causes and effects of miscarriage of justice we hope that we may, through time, influence much needed improvement in this area.

CAMPAIGNING/PUBLIC AWARENESS

Since we first opened our doors, we have campaigned to raise awareness of the issues surrounding miscarriage of justice, its causes, its effects and its wider consequences. We have campaigned for the rights of the wrongly convicted, before as well as after exoneration. We will always continue to do so. We support many individual campaigns, and we are actively engaged in broader efforts both to bring the issues to public attention, and to bring about necessary change in the law and in the administration of justice. By way of example, we have recently hosted events at the UK and Scottish Parliaments, the European Parliament, the Dáil Éireann, and numerous UK universities in support of the “Say I’m Innocent” campaign. Our objectives are clear, and they are simple: to bring hope to the innocent, to give a voice to the voiceless.

Our workload is increasing. This probably reflects a more widespread awareness of our work. We would also like to offer internships to qualified solicitors seeking a traineeship. Developing.

We recognise the need to put in place outreach services and partnerships with third party organisations to allow us to open access for our clients in the areas of personal development and education as an aide to assisting in their recovery. We will continue to try to identify and develop other partnerships.

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