

		RSD Internal Guidance		RIG-2010-03	
Accessing Scottish Legal Advice					
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Keywords		Scotland; Legal advice; Solicitors			
Summary		How to access legal advice on Scottish legal matters.			
Original consultation		RSD: Scotland Team Manager Team Manager: Investigation and Legal Support Legal Services Enforcement Team			
Subsequent consultation (reviews only)		2012: Helen Ayers, Legal services 2014: Legal Team 2016: Helen Ayers, RMT			

<p><u>Detail</u></p>	<p>Neither ORR's Legal Team nor RSD's Regulatory Management Team are able to advise on Scottish law issues. In line with HSE's policy and the Office of the Advocate General's (OAG) procurement of Government Legal Services in Scotland, ORR has to make any requests for advice via the OAG's office.</p>
<p><u>Action</u></p>	<p>Please contact the Legal Services Manager to discuss your requirements before making contact with the Office of the Advocate General as any costs in relation to Scottish legal advice comes from the Legal Services budget, it also enables them to monitor our contact with solicitor organisations and ensure the necessary procurement procedures are followed. Please note, if the OAG are to outsource the work and the advice is not litigation, an internal approvals form ("Approval to lift the consultancy freeze") will need to be completed and approved before a firm can be formally instructed.</p> <p>If Legal Services are not available and it is imperative to gain urgent Scottish legal advice then the contact details for the OAG are:</p> <p>Office of the Advocate General Victoria Quay Edinburgh EH6 6QQ</p> <p>Email enquiries@advocategeneral.gsi.gov.uk General enquiries +44 (0)131 244 0359 Fax +44 (0)131 244 1640</p> <p>Any requirement will need to be set out in an email so that the OAG can advise the most appropriate way forward.</p> <p>Please inform Legal Services should you have to make urgent contact, so that they can monitor the use of this service and ensure the necessary procurement processes (including internal approvals) are completed.</p>