Justice Committee

Scottish Court Service recommendations for a future court structure in Scotland

Written submission from Lucy Perriam

Haddington Sheriff Court

I would like to write to express my concern at the proposed closure of Haddington Sheriff Court.

I am a Panel member on the East Lothian Children’s Panel and have served on this for over six years. We sit locally in Tranent and provide a valuable service to the young people in the county in need of help and support. It is of significant benefit to the local community in having the service locally-based in terms of providing a service that is tailored to the specific needs of the community we live in. We have close ties with many groups in the community who we interact with as part of our duties. One of these groups is the Sheriff Court and it is my view that closing the court in Haddington will have a hugely detrimental effect on the service that families and young people in desperate of help will receive by having to travel to large and impersonal courts in Edinburgh.

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