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Dear Legal Representative,

Re :- Legal Representative attendance at police custody suites

It has been brought to my attention that legal representatives are continuing to provide legal advice remotely as per our original COVID protocols. There are clear and safe processes within Met Detention's custody suites to allow for all legal representatives to attend in person.

We do not have sufficient provisions available to continue with advice being provided remotely and this often lengthens detention due to the additional time it takes for detainees to be advised remotely whilst awaiting for facilities to become available. Concern has also been raised by detainees that contact is not always held in a secure and confidential environment when the legal representative is not in their office or at a private venue.

We seek to return to the pre COVID position of advice being conveyed in person for those in detention and we can provide reassurance that all the necessary safeguards are in place within our custody suites to allow this to happen. Your support in this matter is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Williams

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