

Ken MacDonald & Co

Lawyers and Estate Agents

Children's Panel Referrals

The Children's Panel is unique to Scotland. It is designed to combine justice and welfare for vulnerable and troubled children and young people.

Despite such ideals, the reality for those faced with the prospect of a referral can be daunting. We at Ken MacDonald & Co recognise this reality.

Our focus is on representing those are the subject of a referral from the panel to the sheriff court but we are happy to advise you at any stage of proceedings.

Our role is to advise you on the process, to negotiate with the Children's Reporter and to represent you in court.

We cover referrals to both Lochmaddy and Stornoway Sheriff Courts and can represent the interests of either the adult or child concerned. Legal aid is available.

When attending our office please take with you the grounds of referral, statement of claim and social work report for each child. If you have already received notification of the court date take this with you as well. For those wishing to apply for legal aid please take with you to forms of identification and documentary evidence of your financial position.

For those requiring assistance please make an appointment to see Mr MacPherson who will be more than happy to assist.

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