

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1712
QUESTIONS/ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2018

Scottish Government—

- What is your view on the action called for in the petition?
- In relation to alternatives to court appearances, the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 generally provides that no part of a trial shall take place “outwith the presence of the accused”. The Committee would be interested in the legal interpretations around that provision.

The Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service, the British Medical Association (Scotland) and the Law Society of Scotland—

- What is your view on the action called for in the petition?