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Not sure if this was the number you called SCVO on but here is the background info re their legal service.

Still asking a few discrete questions. Like myself our HR volunteer suggested waiting and seeing what SWD come back with. You might want to take advice re giving info to SWD verses trying to be co-operative in their investigation. I understand that any decisions/discussions will probably go up the tree in DCC before any feedback to yourselves.

Keep me in the loop if you hear any more.

Christine

### Free legal advice for SCVO Members.

SCVO are delighted to launch this new service in partnership with three of Scotland's most respected legal firms.

Harper Macleod, Lindsays and MacRoberts have agreed to provide up to 2 hours per referral of free legal advice exclusively to SCVO members.

The Subjects covered are:

- 1. Property Law
- 2. Employment Law
- 3. Governance
- 4. Contracting
- 5. Intellectual Property

#### Who's eligible?

SCVO Members who have an annual turnover of less than £500,000 can access this service.

#### What's the procedure?

Simply call SCVO's Information Service on our freephone helpline –

**0800 169 0022** between 10am and 4pm Monday through Friday. Our staff will take your contact details and the nature of your query and send this on to one of our legal partners. The legal firm will then contact you directly.

#### Is it confidential?

Absolutely! SCVO's discrete role is the coordination of members with the legal firms. Matters discussed between those firms and our members are private.

#### What if the help I need takes longer than 2 hours?

We believe most queries will take less than this but the legal firm will advise you privately if your issue needs greater attention. All three firms have agreed to charge the same rate should substantially more work be required and would only incur costs through reaching agreement and with your prior permission.

#### Watch this space!

Each legal firm has agreed to work with SCVO in developing freely available 'frequently asked questions' on the 5 subjects to be posted on our website. They have also agreed to collaborate with us on presenting a

range of free legal seminars to which members will be able register.

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