

The final step of the Fairer Scotland Duty assessment process is to complete the **summary template** which should be published alongside other impact assessments.

## Fairer Scotland Duty summary template

<p><b>Title of policy, strategy or programme</b></p>	<p>The Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023</p>
<p><b>Summary of aims and expected outcomes of strategy, proposal, programme or policy</b></p>	<p>The elements of this SSI which are relevant to the Fairer Scotland Duty are to:</p> <p>Ensure compensatory payments made through the Scottish Infected Blood Support Scheme (SIBSS) be disregarded for the purposes of financial assessment when a person is seeking Publicly Funded Legal Assistance (PFLA).</p> <p>Allow payments made in connection to The Social Security (Additional Payments) Act 2022 to be disregarded for the purposes of financial assessment when a person is seeking PFLA.</p>
<p><b>Summary of evidence</b></p>	<p>Payments made through SIBSS and in connection to The Social Security (Additional Payments) Act 2022 are currently not disregarded from financial estimates for legal aid eligibility</p>
<p><b>Summary of assessment findings</b></p>	<p>As this SSI relates to a technical amendment to legal aid eligibility, a full assessment has not been carried out. However, these regulations will help to reduce inequalities of outcome by ensuring those that receive a payment through SIBSS or in connection to The Social Security (Additional Payments) Act 2022 are not prevented from accessing justice as a result of these.</p>

**Sign off**

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