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| Institution: Swansea University |
| Unit of Assessment: 20 - Law |
| a. Context: research groups, beneficiaries and impacts |

Five research groups are based in the College of Law and Criminology. Each has a particular type of impact on a distinctive group of research users and beneficiaries:

1. The Centre for Criminal Justice and Criminology (CCJC), focusing on offender management services, youth justice services and organisations in the field of community safety, has impact primarily in the form of evidence-based practice and policy improvement;
2. The Centre for Environmental and Energy Law and Policy (CEELP) engages with the full range of environmental stakeholders, and aims to produce wider understanding, improvement and proper application of environmental law;
3. The Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law (IISTL) has impact mainly on the legal profession and the insurance and shipping industries, and seeks improvements in doctrinal law, law reform and professional development;
4. The Centre for Global Legal Priorities (CGLP) engages with international lawyers and international legal institutions, and promotes improvements in the understanding and practice of international law;
5. The Hywel Dda Institute (HDI), named after Wales's most famous ancient lawmaker, engages with the legal profession and policy-makers in the emerging Welsh jurisdiction, aiming at high level development of distinctive approaches to legal theory and practice in Wales.

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| b. Approaches to impact 2008-2013 |
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The College (formerly School) of Law and Criminology has existed in its present form since 2011, when the existing Law School was expanded to include Criminology. Before this merger both Law and Criminology had research strategies which explicitly emphasized engagement with practitioners and impact on policy and practice. These strategies were integrated in 2011. The resulting approaches to achieving impact can be summarised as engagement, targeted dissemination, and partnership. Examples of each strategy are:

Engagement: The College maintains close links with practitioners and policy-makers. Caddell (IISTL) is a door tenant of leading environmental chambers at Francis Taylor Building. Williams (HDI) has been an adviser to the Welsh government on drafting children's legislation. Tettenborn (IISTL) was on the board of practitioners and judges that drafted the English Restatement of Unjust Enrichment for the use of the courts, and Soyer (IISTL) works closely with the Law Commission on insurance law reform. Parry (HDI) is on the advisory board of the Welsh Language Commissioner, tasked with applying the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011. Beale (IISTL) leads IP Wales, a European-funded support initiative for developing intellectual property for the benefit of Welsh business, and has been seconded to the World Intellectual Property Organization which oversees intellectual property protection globally. Hoffman (HDI) is on the Scientific Committee of the World Congress on the Rights of Children, a NGO aimed at globally enhancing children's rights through legislation and practice. Through lectures in Cardiff, Stallworthy (CEELP) publicises the details of climate change policy to legislators and others. Patterson (IISTL) is on the Board of Directors of the Research Centre for Legal Methodology in Trento, Italy.

The CCJC provides financial support for members' participation in organisations which involve policy-makers and service managers. Staff are active in international organisations promoting the development and application of research into the criminal process: for example, Swansea was one of the first European universities admitted as a full member of the Conférence Permanente Européenne de la Probation, the collective organisation for European probation services. Raynor is a member of the Selection Panel for its Register of Experts, and one of three founders of CREDOS, the Collaboration of Researchers for the Effective Development of Offender Supervision, which brings together researchers and practitioners from ten countries in a series of international conferences.

Targeted dissemination: The IISTL organises an annual colloquium on shipping or commercial law with the aim of spreading its research to judges, senior commercial lawyers, participants in the insurance and P & I [protection and indemnity] sectors, and other policy-makers. In addition the College encourages its members to provide professional development, for example to commercial lawyers in the City on practical topics not normally seen in the curriculum (such as marine insurance, bills of lading and shipbuilding contracts). The Wales Observatory on the Human Rights of Children and Young People, based in HDI, undertakes training and consultancy for policy-makers on proper implementation of the Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011.

Members of the College are also encouraged to publish in, and help edit, practitioner-oriented periodicals as well as theoretical and doctrinal ones (for example, Stallworthy (CEELP) is on the board of the *International Company & Commercial Law Review*; Morrow (CEELP) on the *Environmental Law Review*; Tettenborn (IISTL) edits *Professional Negligence and Liability Reports*, writes parts of *Halsbury's Laws of England*, and is on the board of *Lloyd's Maritime & Commercial Law Quarterly*; Raynor is an editorial board member of the probation management journal *EuroVista* and the *European Journal of Probation*; Haines of *Youth Justice*, *Children's European Citizenship*, and the Bucharest journal *Revista de asistență socială*). The Wales Centre for Crime and Social Justice, which brings together criminologists from seven Welsh universities, promotes a series of conferences featuring speakers from academic, practice and policy backgrounds, including the Welsh Government. These target practitioner and executive audiences. Swansea criminologists led and hosted one of these on anti-social behaviour in 2011, and organised a major conference in 2012 on sex work in Wales. They also participated in briefings for Welsh Assembly members on youth justice and on sex work. All of these are different from mainstream academic conferences and are primarily intended to explore practical research applications with policy-makers and practitioners.

Partnership: Researchers in the College are encouraged to form long-term partnerships with research users in order to promote practical application, test new approaches, and generate priorities and support for further research. For example, Sagar's (CCJC) research on sex work in Wales and on student sex workers is carried out jointly with Gibran UK, the NHS and the Terence Higgins Trust. Another example is the work of Haines and Case (CCJC) with youth justice services in Wales to influence the policy agenda of the Youth Justice Board, recognised by the award of the Howard League Research Medal in 2013. Other approaches to partnership include encouraging enrolment in practice-oriented degrees and research by staff of outside agencies (e.g. the Jersey Home Affairs Department; the Swansea Youth Offending Service; and 'Funky Dragon', a youth participation agency supported by the Welsh Government); co-locating College researchers as advisers in agency offices to help embed research consciousness in the agencies' everyday operations and thereby increase the impact of research in improving practice (for example, in Swansea Youth Offending Service); and encouraging staff to work with Government advisory bodies. For example, Raynor (CCJC) is a member of the Ministry of Justice's Correctional Services Accreditation & Advisory Panel and of the Academic Reference Group for the Offender Engagement Programme, both of which have influenced the policies of the National Offender Management Service. He has also, in the period since 2008, been a member of the Scottish National Advisory Body on Offender Management and the Wales Criminal Justice Forum, both of which promoted evidence-based practice and aimed to increase the impact of research on policy. Haines (CCJC) is a member of the Youth Justice Board (YJB) Cymru Practice Development Panel, the Welsh Youth Justice Advisory Panel and the Classification Panel of the YJB for England and Wales.

All five research centres also benefit from central University services. The Department of Research and Innovation supports them in developing proposals, managing grants (for example in the CCJC's complex multi-partner Student Sex Work project), and engaging with end users. In addition the College participates in the Research Institute for Applied Social Sciences (RIASS), which was set up by the University to promote interdisciplinary research and engagement with new groups of research users: the current research on Cyberterrorism, carried

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out jointly with Computer Science and Political and Cultural Studies, is an example, and has also benefited from the EPSRC-funded 'Bridging the Gaps' initiative that supports interdisciplinary research. Furthermore, the University's award-winning *Performance Enabling Scheme* and *Career Pathways* model for staff promotion specifically supports and rewards innovation and engagement / impact activity.

c. Strategy and plans

During the next five years the College will continue and develop these strategies. By 2018 we expect to see substantial increases in the policy and practice impact of each research centre, including the high-impact projects described in the case studies, and new initiatives such as the Wales Observatory on the Human Rights of Children and Young People in HDI and the Student Sex Work project in CCJC. Approaches to engagement, dissemination, partnership and monitoring will include:

- Engagement with practice and policy audiences through active membership of professional bodies, work in organisations which bring academics and practitioners together, door tenancies in Chambers and contributions to professional development;
- Dissemination to practitioners and policy-makers through publication in practitioner journals and textbooks, and through organisation of, and participation in, conferences attended by practitioners, with College financial support where appropriate;
- Maintenance of existing research partnerships with outside bodies and development of new partnerships, including establishment of more joint bodies such as the Wales Observatory where this will assist collaboration;
- Encouragement to take up advisory appointments and committee memberships which have a policy or practice impact, including financial support and work relief where appropriate;
- Leadership and oversight of impact strategy at College level by the College Research Committee, which will require all research proposals with a practice or policy focus to include a dissemination strategy and an impact plan;
- Monitoring of completed projects by a designated senior member of staff to ensure that opportunities for impact have been identified and addressed, and allocation of College resources to support this where appropriate;
- Nomination of suitable projects for awards from the University's EPSRC-funded Impact Acceleration Fund;
- An annual report from the Research Committee on research impact in the College, for distribution to staff and current or potential partners.

d. Relationship to case studies

The three case studies submitted are chosen as illustrative examples of the results from the approaches outlined above:

- The case study 'Reshaping the Youth Justice Framework' shows how an initially theory-driven critique of current policy led, through practitioner collaboration and dissemination to policy-makers, to changes in policy and practice in Swansea, then Wales, then England and Wales.
- The case study 'The International Impact of probation research from Jersey' shows how research was applied, in partnership with probation practitioners and managers and a training company, to an evaluated process of local practice development, which then had international impact as a result of dissemination to professional audiences.
- The case study concerning 'Children's Rights' illustrates a process of researchers' active engagement with practitioners, civil servants and particularly politicians, working alongside them to effect policy change through evidence-based persuasion, and the development of a vehicle for continuing impact (the Wales Observatory).

In short the case studies illustrate the success of the Unit's approach to achieving impact in research since 2008, and have informed the future strategy outlined above.