

**Supplementary Information for**

**Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services  
(Meeting held on 11 March 2013)**

**Integrated Community-based Services for Offenders**

- (a) Information on the number of clinical psychologists participating in the Integrated Community-based Services for Offenders, and the amount of time they spent on preparing reports for the courts and providing counseling services to offenders respectively**

Clinical Psychologists (CPs) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provide psychological assessment and psychotherapy to offenders referred by the Probation Officers in the Probation and Community Service Orders Offices (PCSOs). When called upon by the court, the CPs also conduct psychological assessment and prepare court reports on such offenders.

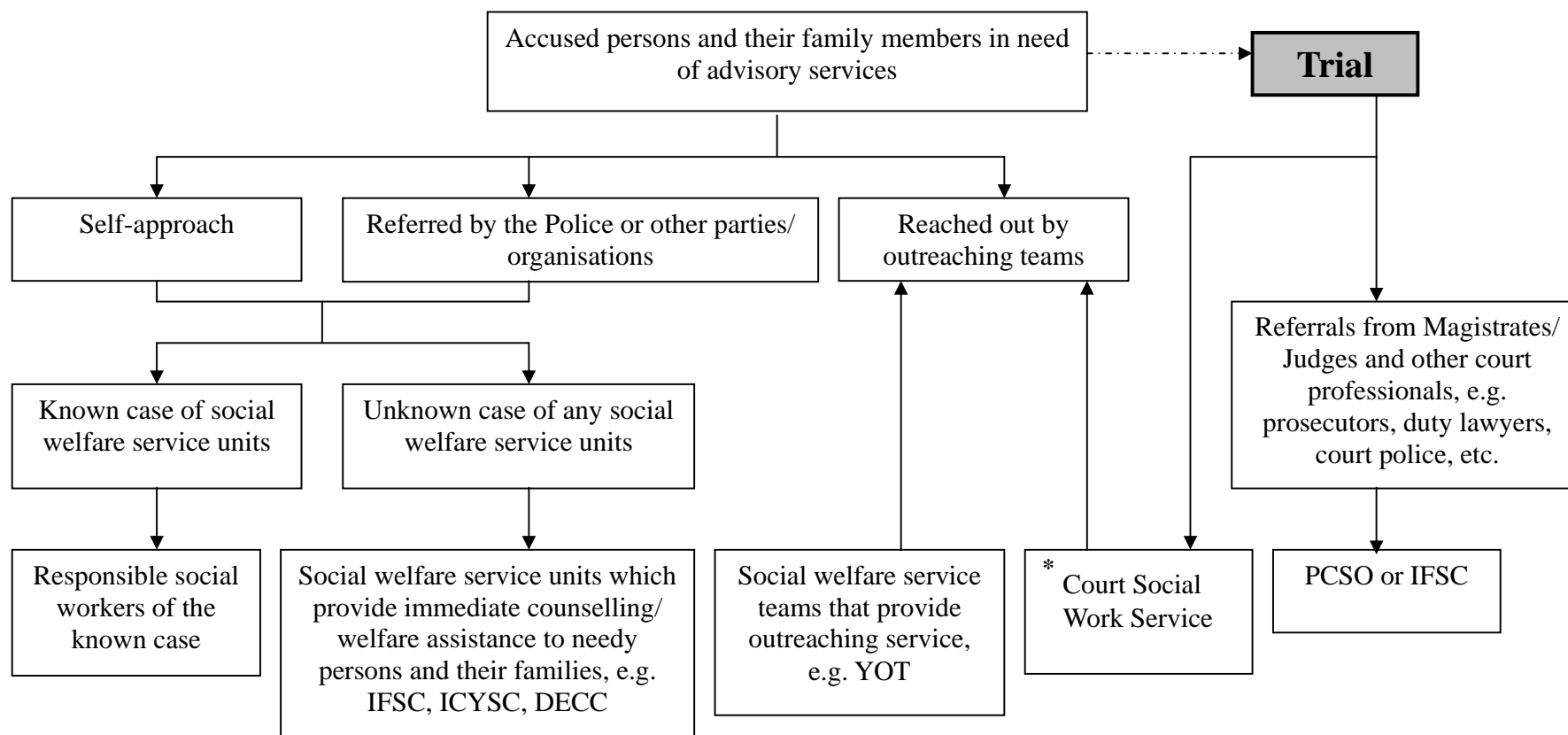
From January to December 2012, the CPs conducted a total of 132 diagnostic assessments on offenders referred by the courts, while 403 new probation cases were referred to the CPs for treatment. Currently, there are 44 CPs providing services to all SWD service units, including PCSOs. There is no breakdown on the number of CPs participating in the Integrated Community-based Services for Offenders nor the amount of time specifically spent on preparing reports for the courts and providing counselling services to offenders.

SWD will continue to monitor the services provided for the offenders to help them re-integrate into the community as law-abiding citizens.

- (b) A flow chart illustrating how the accused persons could receive advisory services from social workers before their trials under the integrated model**

The flow chart is at [Annex](#).

**Flowchart of advisory services provided by social workers for those prosecuted and awaiting trials**



- IFSC : Integrated Family Service Centres
- ICYSC : Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres
- DECC : District Elderly Community Centres
- YOT : District Youth Social Work Outreaching Teams
- PCSO : Probation and Community Service Orders Offices

\* An NGO is subvented to provide court social work service at the Magistrates' Courts, and at the High Court and District Court upon request/ referral from the police/welfare agencies. Services provided include enquiry and counselling to individuals and their families to alleviate stress and anxiety associated with prosecution.