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<p>Gareth is a duty solicitor and accredited police station representative. He qualified in 1991 and has worked for the PDS since 2011. He is part of a committed and friendly team of solicitors, paralegals and administrators who are based in Pontypridd but serves in courts and police stations throughout South Wales and sometimes beyond.</p> <p>Gareth is an experienced advocate and represents people in all stages of Magistrates and Youth Court Proceedings including duty solicitor work.</p> <p>He has represented people detained in police stations arrested for every sort of offence from the most trivial to serious multi handed drug conspiracies, firearms offences, rape and murder.</p> <p>Gareth has a strong commitment to ensuring his clients receive a comprehensive and pro-active defence and strives to ensure that the rights of the individual are upheld.</p> <p>Gareth has a strong commitment to ensuring that modern information technology is adopted and deployed to boost the quality of the representation given to his clients. He is always willing to give other members of his team the benefit of his experiences and is willing to assist his team with any query they may have.</p> <p>Gareth is able to give clients constructive and helpful advice in a sympathetic manner as he always recognises the uncertainty and fear that clients find themselves in when they are facing criminal prosecutions.</p>	