

COVID DATA COLLECTION
DEFENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

COURT CENTRE.....
INDICTMENT NOS.....

LISTING

1. Was your case listed within the 2-week list as per the guidance?
2. Did your case criteria match that of the guidance?
If not, why not
3. Did you need to make an application to move your case from the Covid hours court to the regular hours court?
4. What were the grounds for moving?
 - a. Caring responsibility
 - b. Lack of child care
 - c. Shielding
 - d. Or other.....
5. Was the application refused? Y or N
6. How long after your application did you receive a response?
7. If refused were you given any explanation as to why?
8. If refused did you have to return the case? Y or N
9. If your application to move was allowed, was the case fixed when you could attend?
10. If your application to move was allowed, was the new listing on the same date, before or after proposed Covid hours court listing?

TRIAL PREPARATION AND AT COURT

11. Prior to trial, had you been able to have a conference with the client Y or N?

9am trial start:

DEFENDING

12. If your case was in the early list, was the building open at 8am: Y or N?
13. Was your client available for a pre-trial conference on each day Y or N?
14. Was your client ever late to court Y or N?

15. What time did the client arrive?
16. In order to travel to court for an 8:00 am start with an 8:30 am conference and 9am start, how much earlier had you had to travel?
17. Did travelling at this time incur a greater cost?
18. Did you use public or private transport?
19. If you had no option to but to conduct a trial at 9am, was independent child care available?
20. Identify the approximate extra costs associated with working at this time?
21. Did your case plead?
22. Did you have to make application on any morning when conducting the trial for extra time before trial?
23. During the court sitting time of 9 – 1, did the court rise for a break? Y or N
24. What was the duration of the break?
25. Were the jury available on time for each day of the trial.
26. Did any witness have to go part heard in their evidence due to the length of the court day ?
27. Did any witness have to attend court on more than one occasion due to the length of the court day
28. At the close of the court day, if your client was in custody were you allowed access Y or N?
29. Was the time allowed sufficient Y or N
30. If yes for how long?
31. What was the average time you left the building after the jury was sent out?
32. In your estimation, by listing the trial in the Covid hours court, by how long approximately was your trial time estimate extended?
33. If you were in a Covid Hours Court, did listing assist you with the listing of your other cases e.g. a PTPH in a standard hours court or was this issue ignored?

34. Please add any other relevant comments if they are not addressed above or need expanding.

2pm LISTING

DEFENDING

35. Were you allowed into the cells from 1pm?

36. Were you ever denied access to your client for a pre-trial con because the cells were closed over lunch?

Please provide details.....

37. Was the defendant ever late to court Y or N?

38. What time did the defendant arrive

39. Was your client available for a conf on each day? Y or N

40. Did you have adequate time for conference Y or N?

41. Did you need to make an application for extra time before trial commenced Y or N?

42. Did your client plead?

43. During the court sitting time of 2– 6, did the court rise for a break? Y or N

44. How long was the break for?

45. Were the jury available on time for each day of the trial.

46. Did any witness have to go part heard in their evidence due to the length of the court day?

47. Did any witness have to attend court on more than one occasion due to the length of the court day

48. At the close of the court day, if your client was in custody were you allowed access Y or N?

49. Was the time allowed sufficient Y or N?

50. Did you feel under pressure to leave the cells?

51. What was the average time you left the building after the jury was sent out?

52. Did you have to leave the building because security said it was closing and you needed longer in conference?

53. In your estimation, by listing the trial in the Covid hours court, by how long approximately was your trial time estimate extended?
54. In order to travel to court for an 1 pm start with an 1:30 pm conference and 2pm start, how much earlier had you had to travel?
55. Did travelling at this time incur a greater cost?
56. Did you use public or private transport?
57. If you had no option to but to conduct a trial at 2pm, was independent child care available?
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14. Was a member of CPS present at court at 8 am?
15. Was the OIC present in court at 8 am?

16. Was a senior lawyer available to take instructions if required?
17. Was witness care available at 8am?
18. Were your witnesses available on time?
19. Did you have sufficient time to manage the first witness eg meet the witness?
20. Had the witness been able to read their statement?
21. Were you adequately supported whilst at court in terms of admin and or witness support?
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