



SENIOR PRESIDING JUDGE
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

THE RT HON. LORD JUSTICE HADDON-CAVE

Jo Sidhu QC and Kirsty Brimelow QC
Chair and Vice-Chair of the Criminal Bar Association

18th July 2022

Dear Jo and Kirsty,

Thank you for the helpful meeting on Thursday.

As promised, I am writing to confirm the position regarding the collection of data in relation to the current action following the ballot by CBA members.

Pursuant to the Lord Chief Justice's message on 22nd June 2022, to relieve Crown Court judges of any need to consider the matter, data was collected and sent to my office to allow consideration of whether any cases should be referred to the BSB on the grounds that non-attendance might have amounted to professional misconduct.

It became clear that the data was incomplete and insufficient to allow for that proper consideration to take place. We therefore stopped collecting the data on Friday 8th July and all data previously collected has been deleted. No further data is being collected.

Best wishes,

Rt Hon. Lord Justice Haddon-Cave
Senior Presiding Judge