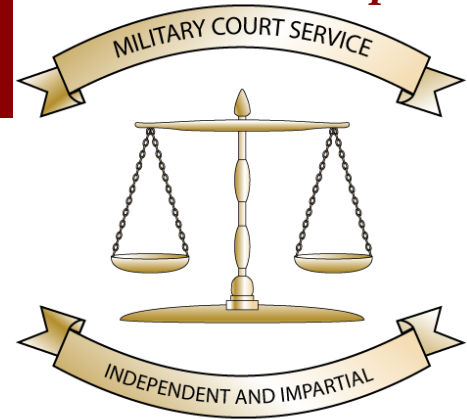


# MILITARY COURT SERVICE SJEG UPDATE

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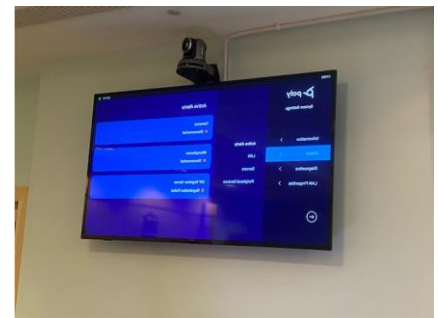
## EVIDENTIAL PRESENTATION SYSTEM INSTALLATION

*The installation of the new technology for the Service Courts will be completed by the end of September 2022 delivering the latest court presentation system to support the Service Justice System.*

After the successful go-live of the new court Digital Audio Recording System, MCS are completing Phase two of our IT strategy.

The new system will allow advocates to present evidence electronically and improve the courts virtual hearing capabilities.

The screens will improve the viewing capability for all parties to proceedings and the public. The platform will support presentation from NEC Connect (Cassingham) and provide the future pathway for the delivery of Section 28 recording technology to manage vulnerable witness evidence.



## *Introduction of OR7 and new rules for Women on Court-Martial Boards*

MCS have been working hard with the Judiciary and other partners to formulate plans to support the introduction of OR7 ranks as eligible members for Court-Martial Boards. This along with new legislation to support the presence of at least one woman on a Board is planned to come into force from 1st January 2023.

### *Court Gowns*

As part of a staged approach, MCS Court staff are from 12th September 2022, adopting court gowns as part of a strategy to enhance and develop the role of staff in the Service Courts.

Further planned work will empower staff to perform in-court functions in the same way as Court Clerks in the Civilian Jurisdiction by adopting roles of defendant identification, taking a plea and a board verdict.



## Tidworth Theatre and CAST host Courts-Martial

*Due to the Bulford Court Centre life cycle refresh and the Catterick Screens installation, MCS have deployed court proceedings away from the court centres. MCS have been running remote Courts-Martial and Pre-Trial Preparation Hearings at Tidworth and Catterick to maintain business outputs and expose staff to working with new technology. The exercise has been invaluable to sustain our service, test our business continuity and expose staff to the challenges of remote working.*