



EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNALS

Claimant: Dr Erin Dooley
Respondent: University of Bristol
Heard at: Bristol Employment Tribunal (in private, by CVP)
On: 23 October 2025
Before: Employment Judge Woodhead

Appearances

For the Claimants: Mr P O'Callaghan (Counsel), with the Claimant (Dr Steven Chivers supporting the Claimant)

For the Respondent: Mr Stewart (Counsel) with Ms Helen Clayton (solicitor in house)

PUBLIC PRELIMINARY HEARING JUDGMENT

1. The Respondent applied for strike out under Rule 38 (1) (a) of the Employment Tribunal Procedure Rules 2024 in respect of 17.1, 18.1 and 41.1.1 of a list of issues that accompanied a Record of Preliminary Hearing of 18 July 2025.
2. I dismissed the application and explained my reasons at the hearing.

Employment Judge Woodhead

24 October 2025

Sent to the parties on:

25 November 2025

For the Tribunal Office

Notes

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