

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE RULE COMMITTEE
MEETING ON FRIDAY 1st MAY, 2026 at 1.30 p.m.
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
CONFERENCE ROOMS 1A & B, LOWER GROUND FLOOR
102 PETTY FRANCE, LONDON SW1
and by video conference
AGENDA

1. Welcome, apologies for absence and announcements
2. Draft minutes of the meeting held on 20th March, 2026
3. Working group report
4. Part 2 (Powers and duties of court officers and justices' legal advisers): Independent Review of the Criminal Courts Part II, recommendation 101; powers for justices' legal advisers in NGAP courts
CrimPRC(26)30
5. Part 2 (Powers and duties of court officers and justices' legal advisers): live link directions, powers for authorised court officers in the Crown Court
CrimPRC(26)31
6. Part 3 (Case management) and Part 2 (Understanding and applying the Rules): independent stalking advocate as adviser and companion, terminology
CrimPRC(26)32
7. Part 4 (Service of documents): rules to accommodate service by second class post
CrimPRC(26)33
CrimPRC(26)34
8. Part 7 (Starting a prosecution in a magistrates' court): compliance with CrimPR 7.5
Extract from note of discussion and minutes, 6th February 2026
CrimPRC(26)35
9. Part 7 (Starting a prosecution in a magistrates' court): criteria for refusing to issue a summons
CrimPRC(26)36
CrimPRC(26)06
CrimPRC(26)07
10. Part 18 (Measures to help a witness or defendant to give evidence or otherwise participate), CrimPD Chapter 6 (Vulnerable people and witness evidence): public attendance at pre-trial recording of cross-examination
CrimPRC(26)37
11. Part 18 (Measures to help a witness or defendant to give evidence or otherwise participate): Courts and Tribunals Bill amendments, special measures directions
CrimPRC(26)38

Continues

- 12. Part 19 (Expert evidence), CrimPD Chapter 7 (Expert evidence): declarations by expert witnesses** **CrimPRC(26)39**
- 13. Part 19 (Expert evidence): streamlined forensic reports** **CrimPRC(26)40**
CrimPRC(14)08
- 14. Part 20 (Hearsay evidence): hearsay and direct evidence from the same computer; rules to encourage compliance with existing statutory conditions for admissibility** **CrimPRC(26)41**
- 15. Part 31 (Behaviour orders): rule amendment to accommodate amendments to the Domestic Abuse Act 2021** **CrimPRC(26)42**
- 16. Content of June 2026 statutory instrument** **CrimPRC(26)43**
- 17. Any other business**
- 18. Dates of next meetings: Friday 12th June, 2026 (rule-signing meeting)**
Friday 24th July, 2026