

BELFAST CRIMINAL LAW PRACTITIONERS

The Structured Outline of Case Pilot which commenced in February 2017 continues in Court 10, Laganside. As you will be aware this Pilot Court is part of the Working Together Project whereby PSNI and PPS aim to provide decision papers at an earlier stage in 28 day charge cases. The motive for early provision of such papers is to afford an opportunity for defendants and their legal representatives to prepare for first appearances and to make these hearings as effective as possible. The Pilot is due to run until the end of March 2018 approximately.

Commencing on Monday 5th February 2018 decision papers will be sent to nominated solicitors via the CJSM medium. If you do not have a CJSM account, you can create one by using the following link:

http://cjsm.justice.gov.uk/signup/how_to_apply.html

As an interim measure, those practitioners nominated by clients at a PSNI station who do not have a CJSM email account, will have papers posted out to their office. This will delay delivery of papers and an earlier opportunity to consult and advise clients in receipt of 28 day Charge Sheets.

If you are setting up a new CJSM account please forward your [CJSM] email address to PPS at: B&ECourtSupport@ppsni.gov.uk