



Agenda:

Media Working Group meeting

12 March 2020 - 16:00 – 18:00

Venue: Conference room 1A - 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ

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	Time	Agenda Item	Lead	Details	Per-meeting Notes
1	16:00	Intro and Welcome	-----		
2	16:05	Action Log	-----		
3	16:10	Media Guidance Launch Event - Feedback	----- ----- -----	Feedback from launch event	
4	16:35	Embedding the new Media Guidance: -: HMCTS Staff -: Media Organisations -: CTSC Arrangements	-----	HMCTS Update	
5	17:00	Pilot News Fund Update	-----	----- to update	
6	17:25	Broadcasting on the Crown Courts	-----	Update from MoJ Policy	https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cameras-to-broadcast-from-the-crown-court-for-first-time
7	17:50	AOB			



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Thursday 12 March 2020

In attendance:

Apologies:

Secretariat:

1.0 Agenda item 1: Welcome and Apologies

- 1.1 -- welcomed attendees, introductions were conducted and apologies noted.

2.0 Agenda item 2: Minutes and Action Log.

- 2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting on 9 December 2019 were approved.
- 2.2 The action log was reviewed. Of the outstanding actions from the previous meeting, -- reported that (1) on the format of the planned SJP court lists data for the media, a meeting had been held with members of the working group to ensure they met requirements. (2) An update on the Transparency Review was still awaited. (3) On mags lists, there was no flexibility on current arrangements regarding the six-month cut off and so this part of the media guidance has been kept. (4) The wording in the media guidance on relevant

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accreditation had been agreed with SoE and NMA. (5) The Court Fees issue was still on-going.

3.0 Agenda item 6: Crown Court Broadcasting – item brought forward on the Agenda.

- 3.1 -- and -- presented the slide deck on Crown Court Broadcasting (-----).
- 3.2 Subject to parliamentary decisions, filming is due to commence in the summer but recording and broadcasting will be subject to specific restrictions as set out in the draft order at:
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2020/9780111192054/contents>
- 3.3 In discussion, questions referred to timing of the changes, the restrictions imposed and judicial process for assessing whether a particular trial could be subject.
- 3.4 -- reflected that monthly updates would be provided on its use and that operational guidance to courts would be produced.

4.0 Agenda item 3: Media Guidance Launch Event - Feedback

- 4.1 -- recorded his thanks to -- and --, and staff, for their input on the event held at the Old Bailey on 5th March. All agreed that it was positive that the Courts ----- had opened the event and the involvement of --- ----- was also very welcome. -- stated that it had been a good event, audience were engaged and good surroundings.
- 4.2 -- stated that further regional road shows were being considered for Autumn/Winter. He added that the Society were thinking of developing a specific guide to journalists covering courts and work on an App was also in progress.
- 4.3 -- welcomed the improved dialogue between court staff and media at Regional level was positive and it was important to make this more routine.
- 4.4 There then followed a discussion about how the media could access more information about particular cases to support court reporting. -- said that the ----- in courts had access to valuable data which might be made available to the media. -- asked how the Common Platform might assist.
- 4.5 -- suggested a demo of what Common Platform can provide **Action AP1/20** -- to look into Common Platform presentation for the next meeting.

5.0 Agenda item 4: Embedding the new Media Guidance

- 5.1 -- spoke about the new HMCTS Media Guidance and work to help embed this operationally, including ensuring magistrates courts updated their media lists.
- 5.2 -- reflected the work going on to support staff in the CTSCs answer media enquiries relating to SJP cases promptly and effectively.
- 5.3 -- stated that it was likely to be summer before SJP police cases move across to the Common Platform.

6.0 Agenda item 5: Pilot News Fund Update

- 6.1 -- updated the group on the Pilot News Fund administered by Nesta and the particular project to support media use of magistrates' courts lists.

7.0 Agenda item 7: AOB

- 7.1 -- stated about arrangements being used by ----- to request UK press cards from court reporters.
- 7.2 -- raised the issue of ticketing for high-profile cases. -- undertook to take up the matter **Action AP2/20**.
- 7.3 There was a brief discussion of accreditation given issues raised by the ----- case in Scotland.

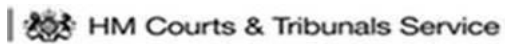
-- thanked everyone for attending, and for their contribution, and closed the meeting.

8.0 Actions from this Meeting

Date	Action Point	Action	Owner	Progress
12.03.2020	AP1/20	-- to look into Common Platform presentation for the next meeting.	-----	Pending
12.03.2020	AP2/20	-- to write to -- on ticketing. ---- to follow up on the query.	----- -----	Pending

9.0 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting has been set for Monday 1st June 2020, 16:00 – 17:00hrs via Skype/Conference Call.



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