

The Administrative Court in Wales and on the Midland, Northern, North-Eastern and Western Circuits

With effect from 26 April 2022, the general default position in the Administrative Court in Wales and on the Midland, Northern, North-Eastern and Western Circuits will be that hearings will be in person. Any party wishing to apply for a different mode of hearing will be required to file and serve an application notice (using form N244, and paying the relevant fee).

The Court retains the ability of its own motion to list a hearing to be heard remotely where appropriate in accordance with the overriding objective (e.g. if a judge authorised to sit in the Planning Court is not available to hear a 30 minute oral renewal hearing in a particular centre, such a hearing may be listed for a remote hearing).

A different arrangement applies in respect of applications to extend interim orders imposed on health or social work professionals. The default position is that these hearings will be heard remotely (via a video hearing platform). However, it is open to either party to invite the Court to list the hearing in person, which request may be made by email (cc'd to the other parties) and need not be in the form of a formal application notice.

Mr Justice Fordham

Administrative Court Liaison Judge for
the Northern and North-Eastern
Regions

Mrs Justice Steyn

Liaison Judge for the Administrative
Court in Wales, the Midland and
Western Circuits

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