

Criminal Practice Directions 2015

Amendment No. 14

Introduction

This is the fourteenth amendment to the Criminal Practice Directions 2015.¹

In this amendment:

1. In paragraph 18E.5:

After “by the police.” delete ““If it will not cause undesirable delay, a representative of the Crown Prosecution Service should give prior approval before the police discuss with the witness or with the witness’ parent or carer the special measures that are available and the witness’ needs, such that the most appropriate package of special measures can be identified.” and replace with: “The police and Crown Prosecution Service should discuss, with the witness or with the witness’ parent or carer, special measures available and the witness’ needs, such that the most appropriate package of special measures can be identified.”

2. In paragraph 18E.15:

After “The Plea and Trial Preparation Hearing (PTPH) must be conducted by a salaried judge” add in “or other judge of suitable experience authorised for the purpose by the Resident Judge”.

¹ [2015] EWCA Crim 1567. Amendment Number 1 [2016] EWCA Crim 97 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 23rd March 2016 and came into force on the 4th April 2016. Amendment Number 2 [2016] EWCA Crim 1714 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 16th November 2016 and came into force on 16th November 2016. Amendment Number 3 [2017] EWCA Crim 30 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 31st January 2017 and came into force on 31st January 2017. Amendment Number 4 [2017] EWCA Crim 310 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 28th March 2017 and came into force on 3rd April 2017. Amendment Number 5 [2017] EWCA Crim 1076 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 27th July 2017 and came into force on 2nd October 2017. Amendment Number 6 [2018] EWCA Crim 516 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 21st March 2018 and came into force on 2nd April 2018. Amendment Number 7 [2018] EWCA Crim 1760 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 26th July 2018 and came into force on the 1st October 2018. Amendment Number 8 EWCA [2019] Crim 495 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 28th March 2019 and came into force on the 1st April 2019; Amendment Number 9 [2019] EWCA Crim 1603 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 10th October 2019 and comes into force on 14th October 2019; Amendment Number 10 EWCA [2020] Crim 604 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 12th May 2020 and came into force on the 13th May 2020; Amendment No 11 EWCA Crim 1347 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 29th October 2020 and came into force on Monday 16th November 2020; Amendment No 12 EWCA Crim 367 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 23rd March 2022 and came into force on Thursday 24th March 2022; Amendment No 13 [2022] EWCA Crim 688 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 25th May 2022.