



REVIEW OF TRACK LIMITS AND HIGH COURT/COUNTY COURT BOUNDARY WORKING GROUP
Expressions of Interest Notice

The Civil Justice Council (CJC) invites expressions of interest individuals with expertise in data infrastructure and information governance to join a new working group considering the operation of court track limits and the boundary between the High Court and County Court.

This review will examine whether the current framework remains fit for purpose in light of changes to the civil justice landscape, including case complexity, value, and the increasing digitisation of processes. The group will assess whether existing limits and jurisdictional boundaries support efficient case allocation, proportionate costs, and effective access to justice, and will make recommendations for reform where appropriate.

This is a unique opportunity to shape a generational review of how County Court track limits and the boundary with the High Court operate. The working group will bring together senior representatives from across the judiciary, legal practitioners, academics and others, and will be responsible for making evidence-based recommendations on options for reform. Its full Terms of Reference are set out at Annex A.

Members of the working group will:

- Attend working group meetings up to once a month
- Contribute to the working group by sharing their knowledge and expertise
- Work with the group to identify potential projects
- Contribute to relevant outputs

We welcome expressions of interest from individuals with expertise in data infrastructure and information governance. This includes those with experience in data systems, standards and governance, including how data is generated, shared and regulated. Insight into risks, transparency and accountability in data-driven and AI-enabled justice processes.

How to apply

We are seeking candidates who meet the following criteria:

- An understanding of, or experience of working within, the civil justice system;
- Excellent communication skills and the ability to represent a sector
- Experience of sitting on a high-level Board or Committee; and
- Excellent research or analytical skills.
- Experience working with justice, government or large-scale administrative datasets, including data collection, structure and quality.

- Understanding of how data informs decisions on case allocation, efficiency, costs and access to justice.
- Experience identifying data gaps or limitations, including challenges in existing HMCTS or comparable datasets.
- Ability to advise on how improved data capture and governance could better support future evaluation, review and reform of track limits.

Requirements and Selection process

Please send a copy of your CV and a covering letter (maximum two pages) showing how you meet the criteria to cjc@judiciary.uk by midnight **July 31st 2026**. The working group Chair will review all expressions of interest received and select the most suitable candidates to present to the CJC's Executive Committee, who will make the final decision.

Tenure of appointment

This is a task and finish group of the CJC and such projects tend to require a commitment of 12-18 months. Tenure will, therefore, be for the duration of the project. Successful candidates will commence activity as soon as possible.

Annex A

Terms of Reference

- To review court track limits and the High Court / county court division of work.
- To gather and analyse data on the impact of current track allocation and court jurisdiction on efficiency, cost and access to justice, including consideration of data gaps, limitations in existing HMCTS data, and how these affect the accuracy of case allocation.
- To review existing monetary statutory limits for court jurisdictions, including consideration of whether limits should be consolidated within the CPR framework.
- To promote simplicity, predictability and accessibility for all court users, particularly litigants in person.
- To consider how frameworks may be better 'future-proofed' to support improved data collection and periodic review, including how evolving court structures and digital systems should be designed to enable this, and what data ought to be captured at claim level to support evaluation of track allocation and future reform.