**Request a prison video link at HMP Hull**

How to ask for a prison video link (PVL) so you can communicate more easily with your client before, during or after a court hearing.

**1. Overview**

Prison video links (PVLs) offer a way for you to contact your client directly when they are HMP Hull.

Communicating by PVL improves the security and protection of witnesses and victims in court while also reducing the risk of escape.

Using a PVL is also less disruptive to your client’s prison regime and can improve care of vulnerable prisoners.

**2. How to pre-book**

HMP has several reliable, high-speed video link booths that you can book to arrange PVLs with your client and this facility runs Monday to Friday.

You can [contact the court](https://courttribunalfinder.service.gov.uk/search/) to pre-book the PVL.

Pre-booking generally depends on whether:

* the prison has the video conference equipment available in an appropriate location
* the correct rooms are available
* there are staff available to escort your client

If you have ISDN connected video teleconferencing (VTC) available in your firm or Chambers, you can also establish a bridged ISDN link from there to the prison.

**3. Other uses**

You can also use a PVL for:

* Probation visits
* Official visits

**4. Other Information**

A Video Conferencing Facility is also available at HMP Hull which can be used for such meetings as:

* Parole hearings

Your can book your Video Link by:

e-mailing VideoLinkHull@hmps.gsi.gov.uk

Telephone 01482 28 2247

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