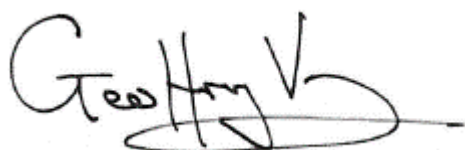


192nd UPDATE – PRACTICE DIRECTION AMENDMENTS

The amendments to Practice Direction 77, which supplements the Civil Procedure Rules 1998, are made by the Master of the Rolls under the powers delegated to him by the Lady Chief Justice under Schedule 2, Part 1, paragraph 2(2) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005, and are approved by Baroness Levitt KC, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, by the authority of the Lord Chancellor.

The amendments to Practice Direction 77 – Provision in Support of Criminal Justice come into force on 31st December 2025



The Right Honourable Sir Geoffrey Vos
Master of the Rolls and Head of Civil Justice

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor:



Baroness Levitt KC

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State

Ministry of Justice

Date: 26.11.25

PRACTICE DIRECTION 77 – PROVISIONS IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

1) In the title to this Practice Direction, after “CRIME PREVENTION ORDERS” insert “AND REFERRAL OF RELEASE DECISIONS”.

2) In the table of contents to the Practice Direction—

a) immediately above the entry for paragraph 1.1, insert—
“SECTION 1 – SERIOUS CRIME PREVENTION ORDERS”; and

b) after the entry for paragraph 4.1 insert—

“SECTION 3 – REFERRAL OF RELEASE DECISIONS	
Where to make an application	Para. 5.1
Victim personal statements	Para. 6.1
Licence conditions	Para. 7.1”.

3) Above the heading to paragraph 1.1, insert—

“SECTION 1 – SERIOUS CRIME PREVENTION ORDERS”.

4) After paragraph 4.1 insert—

“SECTION 3 – REFERRAL OF RELEASE DECISIONS

Where to make an application

5.1 Any application concerning the referral of a release decision must be filed in the Administrative Court at the Royal Courts of Justice.

Victim personal statements

6.1—(1) The court may allow the victim personal statement (VPS) to be read in court—

- (a) by the maker of the VPS or another person;
- (b) in whole or in part or in a summary; or
- (c) in person or through a video link or recording or by some other means,

having had regard to—

- (i) the wishes of the maker of the VPS;
- (ii) the contents of the VPS; and
- (iii) the potential for any harm to the victim or any other person which may arise from the VPS being read in court.

(2) Where a VPS is read in court under paragraph (1), neither the maker nor the reader shall be cross-examined on it.

(3) Practice Direction 1A applies to any person referred to in this paragraph.

Licence conditions

7.1

If the court makes an order requiring the applicant to give effect to the Parole Board's direction to release the prisoner on licence, before deciding whether to include directions as to the conditions to be included in the respondent's licence on release, the court shall have regard to the guidance in the Ministry of Justice's and His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service's Licence Conditions Policy Framework: [Licence conditions policy framework - GOV.UK](#)".