

SCHEDULE 4

Rule 25

HEARING FOR DIRECTIONS

The matters which may be addressed at a hearing for directions shall include—

1. the issues in the case;
2. issues, if any, as to the mental or medical condition of any defendant or witness;
3. the number of witnesses whose evidence will be placed before the court either orally or in writing;
4. the defence witnesses in 3. above whose statements have been served and whose evidence the prosecution will agree and accept in writing;
5. any prosecution witnesses whom the defence require to attend at the trial;
6. any additional witnesses who may be called by the prosecution and the evidence that they are expected to give;
7. facts which are to be admitted and which can be reduced into writing in accordance with section 10(2)(b) Criminal Justice Act 1967⁽¹⁾, within such time as may be directed at the hearing, and of any witness whose attendance will not be required at the trial;
8. any exhibits and schedules which are to be admitted;
9. the order and pagination of the papers to be used by the prosecution at the trial and the order in which the prosecution witnesses are likely to be called;
10. any alibi which should already have been disclosed in accordance with section 11 Criminal Justice Act 1967;
11. any point of law which it is anticipated will arise at trial;
12. any question as to the admissibility of evidence which appears on the face of the papers, and any authority on which the party intends to rely;
13. any application to be made for evidence to be given through live television link;
14. any application to submit pre-recorded video interviews with a child witness as evidence in chief;
15. any application for screens, for use by witnesses seeking a visual break between themselves and any relevant parties;
16. whether any video, tape recorder or other technical equipment will be required during a trial;
17. where a tape recorded interview has taken place, of any dispute or agreement as to the accuracy of any transcript or summary;
18. any other significant matter which might affect the proper and convenient trial of the case, and whether any additional work needs to be done by the parties;
19. the estimated length of the trial, to be agreed more precisely taking account of any views expressed by the judge advocate and the other parties;
20. witness availability and the approximate length of witness evidence;
21. availability of advocate;

(1) Sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 are applied to proceedings before courts-martial (subject to the modifications prescribed by the Criminal Justice Act 1967 (Application to Courts-Martial) (Evidence) Regulations 1997 (S.I.1997/173).

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22. whether there is a need for any further directions.