

<b>Court Centre</b>	<b>Private Law (Children)</b>	<b>Public Law</b>	<b>Financial Remedy</b>	<b>Technology Suggested</b>	<b>Other Notes</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<p>Way forward being agreed with Cafcass for FHDRA.</p> <p>Solicitor for the Applicant, if there is one, to collate names and details for remote hearings.</p>	<p>DFJ has opposed the mass adjournment of cases – will be reviewed on a case by case basis and heard wherever possible. Contested hearings which now need to be adjourned will be replaced with a remote case management hearing in order to re-list and make directions.</p> <p>Except for emergency hearings, in which case special arrangements will be made, all cases are now remote. Hearings will be given a slot rather than block listed.</p>	<p>Parties to agree a method of remote attendance and send electronic document setting out the proposals</p> <p>If it is contended a hearing should be done in person an application must be made – for financial remedies circumstances justifying personal attendance are likely to be.</p>	<p>Skype for Business. Zoom is currently not available on judicial laptops but this is being prioritised for resolution.</p> <p>BT ‘Meet Me’ is also available.</p> <p>Lifesize, Teams and Zoom not yet supported by HMCTS.</p>	<p>Remains open to the public in addition to being staffed.</p> <p>Trying to keep as many cases in the list and effective as possible.</p> <p>Cases will continue to be recorded as Judge’s will sit in hearing rooms to do so.</p>
<b>Coventry</b>	<p>To be done remotely – including those with LiPs by telephone.</p>	<p>Contested final hearings are all adjourned as not possible to complete remotely.</p>		<p>In public law hearings the Local Authority are responsible for deciding on the technology. If skype for business then all email addresses should be provided to the Judge by 4.00pm the day prior to the hearing.</p>	<p>Staffed.</p>

<p><b>Derby, Chesterfield and St Mary's (Derby)</b></p>	<p>FHDRA and DRA are to be in a timed list and heard by telephone. Final hearings are as yet undecided.</p>	<p>Remote hearings unless real urgency or emergency.</p> <p>Consent orders should be agreed in advance and submitted wherever possible – namely for case management.</p>		<p>Primarily telephone.</p>	<p>Staffed.</p>
<p><b>Leicester</b></p>	<p>Interlocutory hearings will proceed. Final hearings will proceed if agreement is reached, or if they can properly be resolved without an evidential hearing.</p> <p>Listed evidential hearings will remain in the list, but with a shorter time estimate at the discretion of the judge informed by the parties to see what can be resolved – but resolved remotely. The court will work one week ahead</p> <p>Solicitor for the applicant is to arrange hearings by telephone</p>	<p>Emergency and Urgent hearings being heard in person only. Anything that cannot proceed remotely other than these to be adjourned. All remote possibilities are to be exhausted – even for emergency and urgent hearings before in person ones are proposed.</p> <p>Case management hearings to take place remotely.</p>		<p>In public law hearings the Local Authority are responsible for deciding on the technology. If skype for business then all email addresses should be provided to the Judge by 4.00pm the day prior to the hearing.</p> <p>Skype, video link and telephone hearings all available.</p>	<p>Non-molestation orders are subject to gatekeeping.</p> <p>Court is open but remote hearings in all cases unless express reason and permission.</p>

	<p>with a provider who will record them.</p> <p>Disputed issues – short written submissions can be provided to the Judge so things can be decided on the papers..</p> <p>Urgent injunctions and PSO continue to be heard in court – subject to gatekeeping.</p>				
<b>Stoke and Stafford</b>	<p>Non-urgent cases are to be adjourned administratively.</p> <p>Urgent private law cases are to continue but remotely. If not suitable for remote hearings then the DFJ should be contacted.</p>	<p>No in person hearings are to take place. Discharge of care orders are adjourned.</p> <p>EPO and ICO hearings are to go ahead. If remote hearings are not suitable then the DFJ should be contacted. Same position for interim removals, secure accommodation and DOLs orders.</p>	Adjourned unless urgent.	Skype for business.	Staffed.

<p><b>Wolverhampton, Walsall and Telford</b></p>	<p>Only being heard where there is a safeguarding issue.</p>	<p>TRIALS IN EXCESS OF ONE DAY: these will inevitably require to be vacated to a date to be fixed. In all such cases, the parties will be offered a telephone directions appointment which may be vacated if no additional directions are required, but which may also be used to identify any urgent discrete issues which may be capable of being resolved by a skype or telephone hearing.</p> <p>CMCs AND OTHER DIRECTIONS HEARINGS: the parties should endeavour to agree directions wherever possible, and submit a draft order to the allocated judge (copying in the Family inbox at Wolverhampton in case the judge in question is away from work). The judge may then make the order ex</p>		<p>Where there is a litigant in person calls will be arranged using BT 'Meet Me'.</p>	<p>Telford is open.</p> <p>Wolverhampton is staffed with some access to Pipers Row in case of emergency hearings only.</p>
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<b>Worcester</b>	<p>Private law cases due a hearing within three weeks are adjourned to an administrative list to be dealt with at the end of the current period of lockdown. New cases will also be placed into this list.</p> <p>Exceptions to the above are safeguarding where there is a direct threat to the immediate safety of a child.</p>	<p>Listed evidential hearings are to be shortened to case management hearings and to see what can be resolved, time estimates truncated accordingly.</p> <p>Every case will be given a time slot.</p> <p>Hearings are all remote hearings, all remote possibilities must be exhausted before requesting attended hearings..</p>		Telephone, Skype or Similar.	<p>Worcester is staffed but not open. Hereford is suspended. Magistrates' Courts remain open.</p> <p>Non-molestation applications are to be processed normally to the stage of interim orders and return days – no contested hearings will be listed.</p>

NB: Northampton have not issued a formal guidance document. Different Judges have different preferences as to how remote hearings should be conducted.