

To: Advocates on the Northern Circuit

Subject: Introduction to Digital Jury Bundles Pilot coming to Preston Crown Court soon

You may have heard about Digital Jury Bundles (DJB), a project led by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in partnership with His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS), and the Judiciary.

DJB is a digital service that replaces paper jury bundles and aims to make the compilation, management, and presentation of jury bundles more efficient and accessible.

The project is aiming to introduce DJB to Preston Crown Court on 27th April 2026.

In Person 'Hands on' Advocate Awareness Session

In preparation, the project team will be facilitating two Advocate awareness sessions. These will be in person and take place on **Tuesday, 3 March and Wednesday, 4 March 2026, from 10:00 to 11:00 each day**. You only need to attend one session, as both days cover the same material.

Both sessions will be held in the large conference room (next to the witness suite) in Preston Combined Courts and will be completed before courts are due to start at 11:00 am on both days.

The DJB awareness sessions will help Advocates:

- Learn what DJBs are and begin to understand how they will use them.
- Hear from users and their experience.
- See DJBs in action.
- Share your first impressions.

Attending in person

Attendance in person is recommended. These sessions have strong judicial support and provide a good foundation of knowledge about DJBs in advance of training material becoming available shortly.

If you are regularly instructed on cases listed at Preston CC, and/or are instructed on a case from 27th April, you are strongly advised to attend in person if possible.

Unable to attend in person

The project team will be facilitating two additional Advocate awareness sessions virtually via Microsoft Teams for anyone unable to attend.

Here are the dates and times that these sessions will be held and the links to join each session at the specified start times:

Tuesday 10 March 2026 – 16:30 – 17:30:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/36448182003856?p=NildN49r67j1XhIZfv>

Meeting ID: 364 481 820 038 56

Passcode: de2H32No

Wednesday 11 March 2026 – 16:30 – 17:30:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3382120485548?p=GCckHI4V9SThpJ1NbW>

Meeting ID: 338 212 048 554 8

Passcode: Xy7GU3Ne

Please note that all the sessions above are an awareness of DJB and not the full training. More information about training and support will be sent later.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the project team at DJBTraining@cps.gov.uk

Thank you in advance for supporting the DJB project.

Kind regards,

The Digital Jury Bundles Project Team.