

10 - DJB Successfully Live - All user groups v1.0 FINAL

Audience: All user groups

Subject: Digital Jury Bundles Successfully Go Live in Preston Crown Court (Ringway)

Content:

Good Morning / Afternoon,

After launching Digital Jury Bundles in Preston Crown Courtroom 7 on Monday, 27 April 2026, here is a brief update on the pilot's first week and our plans to introduce DJBs into courtrooms 2 and 4, week commencing 4 May 2026 and more the following week.

Summary of Preston's first DJB trial

The first DJB trial in courtroom 7 was successful. Whilst the trial had minimal evidence to be presented the Record of Taped Interview (ROTI) was presented with the devices operating as intended. Advocates presented digitally to the Jury seamlessly with the Defence Advocate using the highlight function. Jurors all logged in successfully following their training and said *'they found it easy to use'* when asked by His Honour Judge Parry at the end of the trial.

Here's a few comments from Jurors following the trial:

- *'Streamlined, efficient and no paper'*
- *'Training was straightforward and comprehensive'*
- *'Ease of use with everything available on screen'*
- *'Easy, quick and efficient'*

Next steps - plans for week 2 & 3

After a successful first week, we will start using Digital Jury Bundles in courtrooms 2 and 4 from 4 May 2026. We also plan to add two more courtrooms from 11 May 2026, subject to a final decision being made Friday 8 May 2026.

Preparation, training & support

As a reminder, the intention is that by week 4 every trial commencing will be presented digitally with a very limited number of exceptions. The number of digital trials will be increased on a weekly basis over a 4-week period. This means that whilst not every trial at Preston Crown Court (Ringway) will use DJB at first, all trials still need to be prepared both digitally and in paper formats from 27 April 2026.

This means:

- Paralegals must create bundles both digitally and on paper.
- Advocates must attend court fully prepared to use either the digital system or paper jury bundles during their trial.

All training resources provided in previous communications are still available and we recommend all Advocates listed for trials at Preston Crown Court (Ringway) over May and June complete their required training as soon as possible.

If you would like the previous training communications resending, please email DJBTraining@cps.gov.uk.

Additionally, the project team are on site to support the transition in Preston Crown Court (Ringway) for a 6-week period, along with ongoing technical support.

DJB – an Advocate’s experience

If you’d like to hear an Advocate’s experience of using DJBs a short video is now available via the [DJB Preston Training Material page](#) under section C: Advocate Engagement Material.

Once again, we’d like to thank you for your support for the Digital Jury Bundles project.

If you have any questions about Digital Jury Bundles, the Digital Jury Bundle Coordinators (DJBC) are available in court or alternatively, please email DJBTraining@cps.gov.uk.

Kind Regards

The Digital Jury Bundles Project Team.