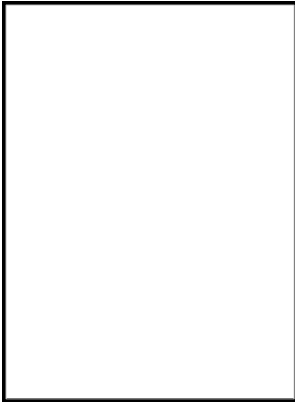


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G, H Guardian A person appointed to safeguard, protect and manage the interests of a person under the age of 18 or a person who is not able to look after their own affairs.

Abuse of Process

If someone pleads guilty to committing a crime, or a judge or jury finds them guilty after a trial, the judge will need to decide on the appropriate penalty, and sentence them accordingly.

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Moreover, it has to be clear that the accused could not be fairly tried. It is right that Society has come a long way but my feeling based on my years in the courts, and now as Director of Public Prosecutions, is that criminal justice has not adapted at the same speed. HMCTS scores especially badly on the perceived adequacy of pay and benefits: just 14% of HMCTS staff surveyed in 2018 agreed or strongly agreed that their pay and benefits were adequate, down from 21% in 2011; this compares to an increase from 31% to 38% over this period across the civil service as a whole.

Structure of the courts & tribunal system

They have since remained fairly stable at around 14,000 full-time equivalent employees.

The Magistrates' Courts and County Court Appeals (Criminal Legal Aid) (Costs) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2009

Urgent action is needed to ensure these are addressed, and to assess whether recovery is feasible.

Introduction to the justice system

If the number of court cases adjusted for case complexity continues to fall in the way it has in recent years, current funding plans — which imply a small real-terms cut in HMCTS spending — will be sufficient to meet demand. However, it remains to be seen whether these reforms are too ambitious for HMCTS to implement successfully given its current resource constraints.

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