
Issue of second edition of CCMF

Second edition of Criminal Case Management Framework issued

A revised version of the Criminal Case Management Framework was issued on 21 July 2005 by the Lord Chief Justice and CJS ministers to reflect a number of developments in the criminal justice system.

What is the “Criminal Case Management Framework”?

Put simply the framework provides practitioners with guidance on how cases might be managed most effectively from pre-charge through to conclusion. It describes case management procedures and the responsibilities of all practitioners involved in criminal case management. It also sets out the expectations of the judiciary.

The second edition is updated to include:

- Extracts from the Criminal Procedure Rules 2005 which came into effect on 4th April 2005;
- the principles underpinning the listing of cases in the magistrates’ court and Crown Court, as set out in the recently revised Crown Court Manual;
- Developments in the Statutory Charging and No Witness No Justice Projects;
- A new part A on Conditional Cautioning - the process by which prosecutors consider diversion as an alternative to charging and;
- Additional developing policy areas, such as the bail and defendant attendance recommendations arising from the OCJR Defendant Attendance Steering Group.

How will the framework be used?

The framework can be used by practitioners who are encouraged to consider its guidance and to adopt those practices they consider helpful in improving their own case management performance. Each local criminal justice area will also be undertaking a review of existing case management procedures.

Where can I find the framework?

The framework is available online at www.cjsonline.gov.uk/framework. Practitioners can choose to view an interactive version or a copy of the published version. For further information, please contact Sally Arnold, OCJR on 020 7035 8454 or by email at Sally.Arnold@cjs.qsi.gov.uk

The Youth Court

The Criminal Case Management Framework applies to adult cases and a separate framework is currently being produced for the Youth Court, which is likely to be issued in spring 2006.
