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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 27

USE OF LIVE LINKS IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS: NORTHERN IRELAND

PART 1

POWERS OF COURTS AND TRIBUNALS TO DIRECT USE OF LIVE LINKS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 27 Pt. 1 continued until 24.9.2022 (27.1.2022) by [The Coronavirus Act 2020 \(Extension of Provisions Related to Courts, Tribunals and Inquests\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(S.R. 2022/24\)](#), arts. 1, 3
- C1** Sch. 27 Pt. 1 continued until 24.3.2023 (23.9.2022) by [The Coronavirus Act 2020 \(Extension of Provisions Relating to Live Links for Courts and Tribunals\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(S.R. 2022/227\)](#), art. 2
- C1** Sch. 27 Pt. 1 continued until 24.9.2023 (21.3.2023) by [The Coronavirus Act 2020 \(Extension of Provisions Relating to Live Links for Courts and Tribunals\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2023 \(S.R. 2023/46\)](#), art. 2
- C1** Sch. 27 Pt. 1 continued until 24.3.2024 (11.3.2024) by [The Coronavirus Act 2020 \(Extension of Provisions Relating to Live Links for Courts and Tribunals\) \(No.2\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2023 \(S.R. 2023/138\)](#), art. 2
- C1** Sch. 27 Pt. 1 continued until 24.9.2024 (21.3.2024) by [The Coronavirus Act 2020 \(Extension of Provisions Relating to Live Links for Courts and Tribunals\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2024 \(S.R. 2024/72\)](#), art. 2

Power to give direction for participation by live link

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- (1) A person may, if a court or statutory tribunal so directs, participate in any proceedings in the court or tribunal through a live link.
 - (2) A direction may not be given under this paragraph as respects a person's participation in proceedings as a member of a jury.
 - (3) A direction may be given under this paragraph in respect of a person—
 - (a) of the court or tribunal's own motion,
 - (b) on application by the person, or
 - (c) on application by a party to the proceedings.
 - (4) A court or tribunal may not give a direction under this paragraph unless the court or tribunal is satisfied that it is in the interests of justice to do so.
 - (5) In deciding whether to give a direction under this paragraph, the court or tribunal must consider all the circumstances of the case.

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- (6) Those circumstances include (in particular)—
 - (a) the views of the person;
 - (b) the views of the parties to the proceedings;
 - (c) public health interests.
- (7) Where a court or tribunal refuses an application for a direction under this paragraph, it must—
 - (a) state openly its reasons for doing so, and
 - (b) if it is a magistrates' court, cause the reasons to be entered in the Order Book.
- (8) Power of a court or tribunal to give a direction under this paragraph is additional to, and does not limit, any other power of the court or tribunal.

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