

## Appeal to the Crown Court

### Service of appeal notice

- 63.2.**—(1) An appellant must serve an appeal notice on—
- (a) the magistrates' court officer; and
  - (b) every other party.
- (2) The appellant must serve the appeal notice—
- (a) as soon after the decision appealed against as the appellant wants; but
  - (b) not more than 21 days after—
    - (i) sentence or the date sentence is deferred, whichever is earlier, if the appeal is against conviction or against a finding of guilt,
    - (ii) sentence, if the appeal is against sentence, or
    - (iii) the order or failure to make an order about which the appellant wants to appeal, in any other case.
- (3) The appellant must—
- (a) serve with the appeal notice any application for an extension of the time limit under this rule; and
  - (b) in that application, explain why the appeal notice is late.

*[Note. Under section 1(1) of the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000(1), a magistrates' court may defer passing sentence for up to 6 months.]*