
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1490

The Criminal Procedure Rules 2015

PART 3

CASE MANAGEMENT

PREPARATION FOR TRIAL IN THE CROWN COURT

Application for preparatory hearing

- 3.15.**—(1) A party who wants the court to order a preparatory hearing must—
- (a) apply in writing—
 - (i) as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any event
 - (ii) not more than 14 days after the defendant pleads not guilty;
 - (b) serve the application on—
 - (i) the court officer, and
 - (ii) each other party.
- (2) The applicant must—
- (a) if relevant, explain what legislation requires the court to order a preparatory hearing;
 - (b) otherwise, explain—
 - (i) what makes the case complex or serious, or makes the trial likely to be long,
 - (ii) why a substantial benefit will accrue from a preparatory hearing, and
 - (iii) why the court’s ordinary powers of case management are not adequate.
- (3) A prosecutor who wants the court to order a trial without a jury must explain—
- (a) where the prosecutor alleges a danger of jury tampering—
 - (i) what evidence there is of a real and present danger that jury tampering would take place,
 - (ii) what steps, if any, reasonably might be taken to prevent jury tampering, and
 - (iii) why, notwithstanding such steps, the likelihood of jury tampering is so substantial as to make it necessary in the interests of justice to order such a trial; or
 - (b) where the prosecutor proposes trial without a jury on some counts on the indictment—
 - (i) why a trial by jury involving all the counts would be impracticable,
 - (ii) how the counts proposed for jury trial can be regarded as samples of the others, and
 - (iii) why it would be in the interests of justice to order such a trial.