
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1038

The Parole Board Rules 2019

PART 3

Parole Board proceedings

Oral hearing procedure

- 24.**—(1) At the beginning of the oral hearing the panel chair must—
- (a) explain the order of proceedings which the panel plans to adopt, and
 - (b) invite each party present to state their view as to the suitability of the prisoner for release or for transfer to open conditions, as applicable.
- (2) The panel—
- (a) must avoid formality during the hearing;
 - (b) may ask any question to satisfy itself of the level of risk of the prisoner, and
 - (c) must conduct the hearing in a manner it considers most suitable to the clarification of the issues before it and to the just handling of the proceedings.
- (3) The parties are entitled to—
- (a) take such part in the proceedings as the panel thinks fit;
 - (b) hear each other's witnesses and representations;
 - (c) put questions to each other;
 - (d) call a witness who has been given written notification in accordance with rule 13, and
 - (e) question any witness appearing before the panel.
- (4) If, in the opinion of the panel chair, any person at the hearing is behaving in a disruptive manner, the panel chair may require that person to leave.
- (5) The panel chair may permit a person who was required to leave under paragraph (4) to return on such conditions as the panel chair may specify.
- (6) A panel may produce or receive in evidence any document or information whether or not it would be admissible in a court of law.
- (7) No person is compelled to give any evidence or produce any document which they could not be compelled to give or produce on the trial of an action.
- (8) The panel chair may require any person present to leave the hearing where evidence which has been directed to be withheld from the prisoner or the prisoner and their representative under rule 17 is to be considered.
- (9) After all the evidence has been given, if the prisoner is present at the hearing, the prisoner must be given an opportunity to address the panel.

Status: Point in time view as at 22/07/2019. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Parole Board Rules 2019, Section 24. (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

II Rule 24 in force at 22.7.2019, see [rule 1\(1\)](#)

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