
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Criminal Procedure Rules 2020

PART 24

TRIAL AND SENTENCE IN A MAGISTRATES' COURT

Evidence of a witness in writing

24.5.—(1) This rule applies where a party wants to introduce in evidence the written statement of a witness to which applies—

- (a) Part 16 (Written witness statements);
- (b) Part 19 (Expert evidence); or
- (c) Part 20 (Hearsay evidence).

(2) If the court admits such evidence—

- (a) the court must read the statement; and
- (b) unless the court otherwise directs, if any member of the public, including any reporter, is present, each relevant part of the statement must be read or summarised aloud.

[Note. See Parts 16, 19 and 20, and the other legislation to which those Parts apply. The admissibility of evidence that a party introduces is governed by rules of evidence.]