

Dear All

Business at the Bridewell has been adapted considerably.

Social distancing is being observed as much as possible.

The 2 metres will be respected wherever practicable.

Deep-cleaning is reserved for cells where we have isolated suspect COVID19 cases, but all hard surfaces should be being wiped down between uses, I will address this with regard to the interview rooms if this has been missed. Those detainees who present as COVID19 (new continuous cough and temperature) will be interviewed at their cell where necessary.

An OIC cannot make the decision on charge. That is the preserve of the Custody Sergeant.

Due to the nature of the virus and availability of gels etc... washing hands with soap and water remains the biggest defence.

I find it interesting that CPS and Defence Solicitors are suggesting that interviews are not necessary... as the necessity for interview in most cases is to establish mens rea, innocent explanations, and may even avert charge thereby giving the client there best defence.

We will continue to do our best in all the circumstances. Justice will not stop.

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