

## HIS HONOUR JUDGE BRIAN C FORSTER QC

## AND

## HIS HONOUR JUDGE MARTIN DANCEY

24 March 2020

## **Bournemouth Combined Court Coronavirus Statement**

At this challenging time, it is important that we all work together to maintain the operation of our Justice System in so far as the circumstances allow.

The Court is open and cases are being heard.

All hearings will now be dealt with remotely.

No case requiring people to attend will be listed without a Direction from a Judge.

Judge Dancey has already issued a Local Practice Direction concerning the conduct of Family Cases.

Applications and hearings in Criminal Cases will be given a hearing time and will be dealt with remotely.

Until further notice, no new trials of any length will commence in the Crown Court.

Arrangements have been made to hear urgent cases and the Court should be contacted for advice by email:

Crime: Listing enquiry – listing.bournemouth.crowncourt@justice.gov.uk

Crime: General enquiry - enquiries.bournemouth.crowncourt@justice.gov.uk

Family: family.bournemouth.countycourt@justice.gov.uk Civil: enquries.bornemouth.countycourt@justice.gov.uk

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