



Courts and Tribunals Judiciary

Transparency & Open Justice Board Membership and Terms of Reference

Justice must be done, and it must be seen to be done. The public has a right to know what happens in their Courts and Tribunals.

For all Courts and Tribunals, the overriding objective is to deal with cases justly. Confidence in that process is built on the principles of transparency and open justice.

The Lady Chief Justice has created the Transparency & Open Justice Board (“the Board”) and appointed the Chair and Members set out below.

A: Membership

Chair: Mr Justice Nicklin (KBD)

Members: Lisa Allera (Head of News, Judicial Office)
Mrs Justice Cockerill (KBD, Commercial Court & BPC)
Judge Barry Clarke, President of Employment Tribunals
His Honour Judge Robert Harrison (Designated Civil Judge, Wales)
Mr Justice Johnson (KBD)
His Honour Judge Kearsley KC (Resident Judge, Leeds Crown Court)
Mrs Justice Lieven (Family Division)
Amy Shaw (Deputy Director, Communications Judicial Office)
Lord Justice Snowden (Court of Appeal)
Mrs Justice Thornton (KBD, Chair of Judicial Communications Committee)

Observer: Sarah Rose, Deputy Director, Open Justice and Transparency, Ministry of Justice

B: Terms of Reference

1. To lead and coordinate the promotion of transparency and open justice across the Courts and Tribunals in England & Wales.
2. To establish a Stakeholder Committee to assist the Board.
3. Following wide engagement with interested parties, to finalise the Key Objectives.
4. To promote the Key Objectives across Courts and Tribunals in England & Wales.
5. To identify (and if necessary, establish) appropriate sub-committees in each of the jurisdictions in the Courts and Tribunals in England & Wales who, reporting to the Board, will:
 - a. assess that jurisdiction’s current delivery of transparency and open justice against the Key Objectives, identifying areas for improvement;

- b. identify any obstacle(s) to achieving the Key Objectives (e.g. jurisdictional/legal or practical/resources); and
 - c. identify any risk(s) that the Key Objectives would pose to the relevant Court/Tribunal/Jurisdiction; and
 - d. propose a programme of changes to achieve the Key Objectives.
6. In partnership with HMCTS and MoJ, to support and coordinate that programme across the Courts and Tribunals in England & Wales to achieve the Key Objectives.