

Arrangements for Crown Court, County Court and Family Care Centre during Long Vacation 2026

Crown Court¹

Trials

No new jury trials will be commenced.²

Pleas and sentences

Pleas and sentences may be listed at the discretion of the judge.

Arraignments

Arraignments may be listed at the discretion of the judge.

Other Cases or Matters requiring urgent listing in Crown Court, Family Care Centre and County Court

Where cases or matters require urgent listing a certificate of urgency³ will be required to be lodged with the court, setting out the reasons for seeking an urgent listing.

The certificate is required to be signed by either counsel or solicitor. The duty judge will decide if there is sufficient urgency to require the case to be listed.

Lady Chief Justice's Office
22 June 2026

¹ Refer to: [Crown Court Recovery Arrangements - June 2026](#).

² Unless specially agreed with the trial judge.

³ Certificate of Urgency also available under 'Forms' on this JudiciaryNI [page](#).