

**LADY CHIEF JUSTICE'S DIRECTION GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
SECTION 47(2) AND (3) OF THE JUDICATURE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT  
1978**

**01/23**

**DISTRIBUTION OF CROWN COURT BUSINESS AND PLACES OF SITTING  
OF THE CROWN COURT**

**COMMENCEMENT**

1. This direction shall come into operation with immediate effect.

**CROWN COURT TRIALS**

2. The Crown Court shall sit continuously for taking pleas and conducting trials from Monday 5 September 2022 to Friday 7 July 2023, in accordance with such directions as may be given by the Lady Chief Justice and shall sit on such other days as the Lady Chief Justice may direct or approve.
3. Crown Court trials shall **not** be listed for hearing between 10 July and 1 September 2023 inclusive. The Crown Court may sit for all other matters during this period.

The Right Honourable Dame Siobhan Keegan  
Lady Chief Justice  
20 April 2023