



## Feedback from a patient's legal representative on choosing mental health tribunal hearing by video or in person

From 03 October 2022, all patients (except those on section 2) will have a choice whether their hearing is done by video or in person at a hospital, or community setting for community patients. Section 2 patients will join the pilot from 7 November 2022.

We would find it useful to know the factors that influence the choice that patients make.

Please can you complete this questionnaire before or after the hearing today.

**Do not write your name or the name of the patient.**

**1. Are you appointed under Rule 11 (7) (b)? (Please tick answer that applies)**

Yes

No

**2. On which Section is your client detained? (please tick)**

Section 2

Section 3

Section 37/41

Other restricted section

Community Order – Community Treatment Order or Conditional Discharge

**3. In which setting is your client detained?**

Acute ward

PICU

Long stay – rehabilitation

Low Secure

Medium Secure

High Secure

Community

**4. How was your client's hearing done today? (please tick)**

Face to face in a hospital or clinical setting

By video

**5. Were you with your client in person? (please tick)**

Yes

No

**6. Who made the decision about whether the hearing was by video or hospital? (please tick)**

I did as appointed legal representative (Rule 11 (7) (b))

On instructions from my client

Directed by previous Tribunal Panel

Directed by a District Tribunal Judge

**7. Which factors influenced the choice of a video or hospital hearing? (please tick)**

My client did not wish to attend

My client prefers face to face hearings

My client prefers video hearings

My client has anxieties about video hearings

My client has anxieties about face to face hearings

My client is in the community and did not wish to return to a clinical setting

Previous experience of Tribunal hearings – video or hospital

My client has hearing problems

Other – please describe

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**Thank you.**

Now please send the completed questionnaire to [CMMHESC.MentalHealth@justice.gov.uk](mailto:CMMHESC.MentalHealth@justice.gov.uk)