

Further reading and listening

Articles

- Eyes on the court – CourtWatch comes to London (Transform Justice blog)
<https://www.transformjustice.org.uk/news-insight/eyes-on-the-court-courtwatch-comes-to-london/>
- Out of sight, out of mind – defendant’s experience of video court hearings (Transform Justice blog)
<https://www.transformjustice.org.uk/news-insight/out-of-sight-out-of-mind-defendants-experiences-of-video-court-hearings/>
- Does the defendant in the magistrates’ court get a fair hearing? (Transform Justice blog)
<https://www.transformjustice.org.uk/news-insight/does-the-defendant-in-the-magistrates-court-get-a-fair-hearing/>
- Should we be imprisoning people for forgetting to turn up to court? (Transform Justice blog)
<https://www.transformjustice.org.uk/news-insight/should-we-be-imprisoning-people-for-forgetting-to-turn-up-to-court/>
- Our job is to hold power to account, and we must challenge authority – respectfully of course (Eastern Eye article)
<https://www.easterneye.biz/our-job-is-to-hold-power-to-account-and-we-must-challenge-authority-respectfully-of-course>

Podcasts

- Discussion on the barriers to open justice in family courts and in the Court of Protection
<https://www.transformjustice.org.uk/news-insight/ep19-behind-close-doors-is-justice-seen-to-be-done/>
- Discussion on the use of video justice in criminal courts
<https://www.transformjustice.org.uk/news-insight/ep6-is-video-justice-remotely-fair/>
- Interview with the director of Transform Justice on the magistracy
<https://podcasts.apple.com/lb/podcast/dire-magistrates-who-are-britains-self-selecting-arbiters/id1496246490?i=1000614482364>

Reports

- House of Commons Justice Committee report on open justice
<https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/31426/documents/176229/default/>
- Magistrates' Association and Transform Justice joint report on magistrates' courts during the pandemic
<https://www.transformjustice.org.uk/publication/magistrates-courts-and-covid-19-magistrates-experience-in-criminal-courts-during-the-pandemic/>
- Transform Justice report on the overuse of pre-trial imprisonment
<https://www.transformjustice.org.uk/publication/presumed-innocent-but-behind-bars-is-remand-overused-in-england-and-wales/>
- Report on the use of video links for defendants appearing in court
<https://www.transformjustice.org.uk/publication/defendants-on-video-conveyor-belt-justice-or-a-revolution-in-access/>

Guidance and explainers

- Government leaflet on being a defendant in the magistrates' court
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/852439/at-court-being-defendant-magistrates-court-eng.pdf
- Government guidance on visiting a court
<https://magistrates.judiciary.uk/inside-our-courts/visiting-a-court/>
- Video explainer of the magistrates' court produced by the University of Derby
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QF46W6LHY4>