

The Rent Income Excellence Network
Ask the members summary – court processes during lockdown

A member asked:

Can anyone advise whether they have started to review their court attendance processes when the courts re-list the cases that were pending post lockdown?

There are social distancing guidelines but are any of you considering requesting some cases are heard without a hearing where there is an agreement in place?

This is more likely with generally adjourned orders but just interested to see if anyone has started to consider how court referrals and attendance will be managed?

Thank you to the two members who responded as below.

Response one:

I know that Liverpool Court is pulling together ideas for future hearings via their court user group. Torus HA are part of this. The meeting isn't happening for a few weeks so nothing has come of it as yet.

Response two:

One of the District Judges gave us a call and asked if we wanted to conduct an upcoming hearing by phone just before lockdown. I think this will be an option moving forward, everything else is already submitted to the court in digital format prior to the hearing as most of our applications are submitted by PCOL.

This will only be viable if all parties are able to be contacted and agree, I would imagine.