

1 - Do you use live link / video technology between court and police stations to allow the defendant to appear from the police station / custody to court for 1st appearance? If No please skip to question 3.

No

2. If yes to question one. What date did you commence with this type of hearing? How many total cases have appeared by this method to date (if known). Which custody units within your force area currently use this technology? To which courts do defendants currently appear by this method within your force area and if applicable on which days of the week.

3. If not currently in place, do you have plans to start using virtual courts within the next 12 months?

There is a pilot scheme running for the live linking of cases for court due for evaluation in London, this is with a view to it being rolled out to other forces nationally. This will take a considerable amount of time and depending on where forces are in relation to the location of live links and is unlikely to be introduced in this force within the next 12 months