**Replacement Notices of Appeal**

From 10th September 2018

For appeals from

Uxbridge, Ealing and Willesden Magistrates and Youth Courts

To the Crown Court at Isleworth and Harrow.

These new notices of appeal – one for Appeal Conviction and Sentence and another for Appeal Sentence - are designed to collect more case management information **so that a directions hearing at the Crown Court can be avoided**.

The prosecutor is required to file a form in response.

These courts are early adopters in anticipation of a wider roll-out from 1st October 2018 (Criminal Procedure (Amendment No.2) Rules 2018)

What do appellants need to do?

Get hold of a copy of the new form from the Magistrates’ Court – either on paper or electronically – and use for appeals against decisions from 10th September 2018.

Appellants who do not have a legal representative may use the new form but those who wish to use the existing “easy read” form may continue to do so.

Appeals must continue to be served on

* the Magistrates’/Youth court (for transmission to the Crown Court); and
* the prosecutor.

What will the prosecutor do?

The prosecutor will also complete a form giving case management information and serve it on the appellant and the Crown Court within 21 days.

What will the Crown Court do?

The Crown Court will consider the forms and expect to give directions and list the appeal without the need for a hearing.

If the Crown Court receives an “old” form it may ask the appellant to complete a new form as a means of avoiding the need for a directions hearing.

If there is inadequate information the Crown Court may require a directions hearing in any event.

Person to ask for information or forms at this Court: