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Dear Paul,

COMMON PLATFORM DIGITAL CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – ROLLOUT TO COURTS IN YOUR AREA

Since 2017, HM Courts & Tribunals Service (HMCTS) has been engaged in a comprehensive programme of court reform, designed to bring new technology and modern ways of working to the way justice is administered.

The '[Common Platform](#)' is a key element in this programme: a new, digital case management system, bringing together all the relevant information about a criminal case for HMCTS, the Crown Prosecution Service, the Police, the Probation Service and other partner organisations within the criminal justice system. Once fully implemented, it will provide a single, collaborative digital platform for both Crown and magistrates' courts, cutting down on manual document handling and administrative process.

The initial stage in the rollout of this new system has been its introduction to a series of selected 'early adopter' courts. This has allowed us to assess it rigorously to make sure the system and associated business processes function as expected. We have now begun preparations against a plan for national rollout.

I am writing to let you know that the following courts will go live with Common Platform shortly:

- Aldershot Magistrates' Court
- Basingstoke Magistrates' Court
- Isle of Wight Magistrates' Court
- Newport (Isle of Wight) Crown Court
- Portsmouth Crown Court
- Portsmouth Magistrates' Court
- Southampton Crown Court
- Southampton Magistrates' Court
- Winchester Crown Court

If you have any questions about Common Platform or our wider programme of reform, please do not hesitate to contact the Crime Programme at CPOnboarding@justice.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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