

# Chief Constables' Council

## Connecting Policing to the Criminal Justice Network

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### Appendix 1

#### Summary of force areas current operating status for VRH

##### 1. Since beginning of the Pandemic these are Forces Not Operating VRH

	Force	Reason
1	South Wales Police	Limited by resource and cost.
2	Dyfed-Powys Police	Limited by resource and cost.
3	North Wales Police	Due to estates constraints, only 1 of 3 suites can support VRH. They agreed to the coordinator role and are testing with the court but also need station to station transport for their other 2 sites.

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4	West Yorkshire Police	Resource is understood to be the issue.
TBC	Gwent Police	Due to estates constraints, only 1 of 2 suites can support VRH. Because PECS have to keep a court manned to support the in-person custody they can't provide support for transport. To be confirmed by HMCTS.

## 1. Forces Operating VRH for Covid Cases Only and Why:

	Force	Reason
1	Greater Manchester Police	Resource and cost are given as the reasons for not proceeding. They will run VRH for Covid only cases from 1 site using CVP.
2	Cumbria Constabulary	Estate issues limit their capability. They will run VRH for Covid cases using Skype, but it requires the relevant custody suite to close down for the duration of the hearing.
3	Thames Valley Police	Resource and cost are the issues. Operating CVP for Covid cases only from 1 site.
4	Dyfed-Powys Police	Limited Resource

## 2. Forces Ceasing Operating VRH

	Force	Reason	Date	Informant
1	Humberside	Resourcing and costs	End July	SYP
2	South Yorkshire	Resourcing and costs	End August	Head of CJ/Custody Supt
3	Dorset	Resourcing and costs	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept (HMCTS confirmed)	Claire Jukes, HMCTS
4	Devon & Cornwall	Partial exit	End July	CJ Regional: Custody lead
5	North Yorkshire	Resourcing and costs	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept (HMCTS confirmed)	Claire Jukes, HMCTS

## 3. Forces considering leaving

	Force
1	Hampshire (Sept ?)
2	Wiltshire
3	TVP
4	Staffordshire

