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**Subject: Electronic Presentation of Evidence**

This request asked:

1. What is your understanding of Electronic Presentation/Preparation of evidence (EPPE)?
2. Do you rely on the Crown Prosecution service for (EPPE) provision?
3. What is your protocol for submission of multimedia evidence (i.e. CCTV) to the Crown Prosecution Service?
4. Do you have a dedicated unit for the production of court material?
5. Have you ever utilised Electronic Presentation/Preparation of Evidence (EPE) before?
- 5a. If so how many cases?

Our Response:

1. EPE (Electronic Presentation of Evidence) is the ability to display complex evidence to all members attending the trial proceedings (including Judge, Witnesses, Legal professionals, Jury and defendants) on pre-installed monitors within the courtroom and/or on individual tablets. This evidence can be via .pdf, native file formats (.doc, .xls, .ppt) and Audio & Video file formats. The above mentioned data was collated on that basis.
  2. The SFO use the 2009 CPS EPPE Framework which we assisted in developing.
  3. We do not have such a protocol specifically governing EPA.
  4. The SFO has a dedicated Graphics and Electronic Presentation of Evidence Unit.
  5. Yes.
  - 5a. The SFO has used EPE in various forms on a number of cases since 2006. Our central records show that it was used in 48 criminal trials since 2009 at the start of a new joint EPPE framework with the CPS and we also have some records of it being used in a further 16 trials between 2007 and 2009. No central records are held for earlier years.
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