

CervicalCheck Tribunal Act 2019

Draft Practice Direction in Accordance with Section 25(2) – Time Limits

In order that the CervicalCheck Tribunal may provide a just and expeditious hearing for such parties as agree to having a claimant's claim under the 2019 Act determined by the Tribunal, the following time limits shall, save where the interests of justice otherwise requires and the Tribunal accordingly so orders, apply to each step of the determination hearing.

The time limits provided for in this Practice Direction have been fixed having regard to the fact that in all Tribunal proceedings every witness statement, expert or otherwise, will be read in advance of the hearing by the Tribunal Member and will be treated as the evidence in chief of that witness, subject only to that statement being verified on oath by the relevant witness or expert.

- (i) Opening statement on behalf of the claimant: up to 15 minutes.
- (ii) Examination in chief of any non-expert witness: up to 15 minutes.
- (iii) Examination in chief of any expert witness: up to 30 minutes.
- (iv) Cross examination of any non-expert witness: up to 35 minutes.
- (v) Cross examination of any expert witness: up to 45 minutes.
- (vi) Re-examination of any witness: up to 10 minutes and subject to the limitation provided for in Rule 36(7).
- (vii) Closing submissions: 20 minutes per party.