

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? In some cases

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Good

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Fair

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? In some cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? In some cases

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Always

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In some cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 8-12 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?) *Respondent skipped this question*

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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Poor

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Always

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Few do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

When the papers are served

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

In every case

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

In every case

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? In some cases

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Fair

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Fair

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? Rarely

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? Infrequently

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Occasionally

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In most cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 2-4 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?) *Respondent skipped this question*

#41

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PAGE 1: Introduction

- Q1: What is your current role? [REDACTED]
- Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for? [REDACTED]
- Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure? Good
- Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure? No

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

- Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers? Fair
- Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing? Lack of items that should have been present
- Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate? On most occasions
- Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations? Some do,
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Police need training. It takes 5 minutes : is there material which might (it's a low threshold for good reason) have a bearing on the investigation(might assist defence/might undermine prosecution)

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

- Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases? When the papers are served
- Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)? In every case

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? In most cases

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? In some cases

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Fair

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Good

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? Rarely

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? Infrequently

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Occasionally

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In some cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 2-4 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Too often officers submit MG6C schedules with nothing on them when , at the most basic level, they ought to be populated with Crime Report, CAD details and custody record

#42

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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Fair

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training ,
If yes, please detail below
I would like some more training on PII.

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Poor

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present ,
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
And poor descriptions

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

On most occasions

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Few do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

When the papers are served

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

In most cases

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? Infrequently

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? In some cases

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Acceptable,
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
I would like some more training on this.

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? In need of improvement,
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
I have very rarely dealt with 3rd party disclosure

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? In some cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? In some cases

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Occasionally

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In some cases,
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
I don't always get to see the DS before it is sent out.

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 8-12 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Respondent skipped this question

#43



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PAGE 1: Introduction

- Q1: What is your current role? [REDACTED]
- Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for? [REDACTED]
- Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure? Excellent
- Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure? No

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

- Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers? Good
- Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing? Respondent skipped this question
- Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate? On most occasions
- Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations? Some do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

- Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases? Pre PTPH
- Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)? In every case
- Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? In most cases

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? Infrequently

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Good

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Good

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? Rarely

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? In some cases

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Occasionally

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In some cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 4-8 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?) *Respondent skipped this question*

#44

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[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

No

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Fair

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Always

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Some do.

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
This is improving though

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

Pre PTPH

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

Infrequently

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? Infrequently

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? Never

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Good

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Good

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? In some cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? Infrequently

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Mostly

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? Respondent skipped this question

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Please add any additional comments in the box below. Hard to say, each case is different & it would be wrong to "average" it.

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Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

There ought to be a further schedule of material held by the police which in their opinion didn't need to go on an MG6C or D.

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Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

No

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Poor

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

On most occasions

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Few do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

When the papers are served

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

In some cases

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

In some cases

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? In some cases

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Good

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Good

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? In some cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? Infrequently

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Occasionally

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In some cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 2-4 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?) *Respondent skipped this question*

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[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

In need of improvement

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, need more substantial training ,
If yes, please detail below
I would like more training on sensitive/surveillance issues

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Poor

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Always

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

No

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

When the papers are served

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

In every case

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? In most cases

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? Never

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? In need of improvement,
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
I need more training in this area

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? In need of improvement,
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
I could do with more training

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? Rarely

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? Infrequently

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Mostly

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In some cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 2-4 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

The training provided really helps and I think frequent training will really assist especially re sensitive material

#47



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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Poor

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present,
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
also items on which shouldnt be

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

On most occasions

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Some do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

Other (please specify),
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
dont do cc cases

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

In most cases

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

In most cases

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?

Infrequently

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?

Fair

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?

Fair

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?

Rarely

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?

In some cases

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?

Always

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?

In every case

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?

Within 2-4 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Respondent skipped this question

#48

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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

No

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Fair

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
I am too busy to challenge them on the industrial scale which would be required. I deal with it by asking for items and disclosing them.

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Few do,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Obvious items are missed, such as PACE/12's, items connecting with potential co-accused persons who have been released without charge and then the defendant's previous record can be found listed on the MG6D.

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

When the papers are served

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?	In every case
Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?	In every case
Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?	In every case, Please add any additional comments in the box below. That is, I think it happens automatically.

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?	Good
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PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?	Fair
Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?	In some cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?	In some cases
Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?	Occasionally, Please add any additional comments in the box below. There are very tight timescales in cases and we have many cases to look after. It isn't possible to deal with things in a text book fashion and custody time limits cannot be put at risk.
Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?	Only in complex or serious cases
Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?	Within 2-4 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

We are struggling to do all our tasks and officers do not understand this very difficult matter. We do our best in difficult and trying circumstances. I am told that disclosure is hardly taught on the basic training course for new recruits.

#49

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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, need more substantial training ,
If yes, please detail below sensitive disclosure

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Fair

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
time constrains

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Some do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

When the papers are served ,
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Or when you have sufficient to do disclosure prior to ptp

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

In every case

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

In some cases,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
time constrains and the volume of work

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?

In some cases,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
where items are outstanding or disagree with what is on the schedule

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?

Good

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?

Good

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?

In some cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?

In some cases

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?

Mostly

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?

In most cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Depends on when we receive a response from the Police

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

#50

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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

No

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Poor

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present ,
 Please add any additional comments in the box below.
 Failing to identify relevant material, TPP, disclosure obligations

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Always

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Few do,
 Please add any additional comments in the box below.
 Officers have little knowledge of third party disclosure, the TPP and seem unable to identify relevant material.

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

Pre PTPH

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

In most cases

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? In every case

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? In every case

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Good

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Excellent

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? Rarely

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? In some cases

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Always

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In every case

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 2-4 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Officers who are familiar with the Disclosure Guidance would be helpful.

#51



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- Q1: What is your current role? [REDACTED]
- Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for? [REDACTED]
- Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure? Good
- Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure? Yes, would only need refresher training

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

- Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers? Fair
- Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing? Lack of items that should have been present
- Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate? On most occasions
- Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations? Most do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

- Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases? When the papers are served
- Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)? In every case
- Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? In every case

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? In some cases

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Good

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Fair

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? In some cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? In some cases

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Mostly

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In most cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 2-4 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?) *Respondent skipped this question*

#52



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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Poor

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Poor descriptions,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
 officers fail to give descriptions of CRIS & CADS. Sometimes would list them on an MG6D Schedule stating classifying it as sensitive because it has the victim's details on, they also list items that is evidence on the schedules, e.g.MG11s & EABs. When responding to Defence Case Statement, they put it on an MG20 & leave the MG6E blank, nothing to disclose. Also tend not to supply the MG6Series & sometimes provide blank copies. for Crown Court cases they tend to not realise SDC do not apply e.t.c

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Always

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Few do,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
 Most of them do not have a clue, especially the new ones. Some of the experienced officers also get it wrong & its beggars belief

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

<p>Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?</p>	<p>When the papers are served . Please add any additional comments in the box below. Although it can be served at PTPH if the MG6Series are provided and all the items listed on the schedules</p>
<p>Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?</p>	<p>In every case</p>
<p>Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?</p>	<p>In every case</p>
<p>Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?</p>	<p>Never</p>

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

<p>Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?</p>	<p>Good</p>
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PAGE 5: Third Party Material

<p>Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?</p>	<p>Good</p>
<p>Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?</p>	<p>In some cases</p>

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

<p>Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?</p>	<p>Infrequently</p>
<p>Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?</p>	<p>Always</p>
<p>Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?</p>	<p>In every case</p>

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?

Within 2-4 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

1. Officers need to provide the MG6Series & all the items listed on it at the very early stage
2. They should only list the items that are unused material as opposed to evidence
3. When responding to Defence Case Statement, they need to deal with each point on an MG6E. Often officers respond stating Defence cannot have this e.t.c give their opinions & do not address or supply causing further delays. They question why it is required as opposed to responding and letting the reviewing lawyer do a proper review.

It is rather frustrating

#53

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[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training ,
If yes, please detail below
updates on recent legal developments and changes in practice

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Fair

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
in work in a CCU. the disclosure schedules we receive are generally good but there are issues with items left off schedules particularly in relation to covert investigations

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

On most occasions

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Some do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

When the papers are served

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

In every case

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

In some cases,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

We get a lot of requests which do not warrant any additional disclosure and I would not generally record on the DCS or refusal to disclose unless it was on a particularly contentious issue. All disclosure made in response to requests are recorded.

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?

In every case

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?

Fair

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?

Good

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?

In most cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?

Respondent skipped this question

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?

Respondent skipped this question

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?

Respondent skipped this question

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Respondent skipped this question

#54

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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training ,
If yes, please detail below
As more and more hearings revolve around disclosure matters change so a regular update would always assist

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Fair

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present ,
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Schedules vary from case to case, some are very good, some are very poor. Some put everything on, whether relevant or not and there seems to be little understanding of what is sensitive and what isn't

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

On most occasions

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Few do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

When the papers are served

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)? In every case

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? In most cases

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? Infrequently

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Fair

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Fair

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? Rarely

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? Infrequently

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Occasionally

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In most cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 2-4 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Matters aren't helped when cases are listed for mention and judges simply give orders to disclose items regardless. Too many "fishing expeditions" by defence practitioners being made and allowed by Courts

#55



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[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Fair

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Poor descriptions,
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Sensitive material on MG6C

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Always

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Some do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

Post PTPH

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

In every case

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? In most cases

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? In some cases

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Good,
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Finding sufficient time to review complex material is often the main issue

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Good

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? In some cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? In some cases

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Mostly

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? Never

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Ongoing disclosure is dealt with as per the order of the court

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Respondent skipped this question

#56



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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Poor

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Always

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Few do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

Other (please specify),

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Stage 1

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

In every case

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? In every case

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? In every case

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Fair,
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Joined from defence a few months ago so still learning

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Fair,
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Joined recently from the defence so still learning

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Have not been presented with this situation before

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? In some cases

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Have not encountered this situation as yet

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In some cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 2-4 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Respondent skipped this question

#57



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[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Fair

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Other (please specify),

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

Format in which submitted -sometimes they are locked and can't be edited.

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

On most occasions

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Some do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

When the papers are served

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

In every case

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

In every case

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?

In most cases,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

Not my function to send to the Disclosure Officer -this is done when the Schedule is sent to the defence.

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?

Good

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?

Good,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

Disclosure Officers often fail to identify potential 'third party' material.

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?

In some cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?

In some cases,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

Inconsistent practice amongst the defence does not assist; some are able to upload to DCS, others scribble on a scrap of paper and pass it to prosecuting counsel or fail to hand it over at all.

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?

Mostly,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

Challenge is one thing, getting a positive answer is another thing entirely.

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?

In some cases ,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

I can only consider something if I see it: the DS is usually forwarded to the DO by a caseworker as soon as possible so as no avoid delay.

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

4-8 weeks, though the OD depends not upon the DS but upon the report of the DO.

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Certain CPS colleagues take different views regarding initial disclosure of unused items: some will always disclose a copy of the "incident log": I will only do so where it can be seen to undermine or assist.

The CPS Guidelines suggest disclosure of all previous convictions of prosecution witnesses: I would rather this was 'less generous' and initially only where they could be said to undermine or assist (ie they could be admitted under s.100 as 'bad character') and if the defence wish to see a drink-drive conviction from 1975 for a victim of a credit card fraud in 2017, they ought to justify it in the DS.

#58

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[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training ,

If yes, please detail below
all lawyers would benefit from refresher training every few years as it is such a complex area

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Fair

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present ,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

[REDACTED] are very poor at this - it is clear they are in urgent need of training. all forces also give poor descriptions sometimes

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Always

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Few do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

When the papers are served,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
if items meet the common law test then disclosure is obviously earlier

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

In some cases,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
we are supposed to do it in every case but work load mean it is often missed as we have not always got time

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

Infrequently,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
disclosure is well recorded in the cover letters on the case; i record any issues and the withholding of disclosure in the DRS. the inspection /transcribing is already recorded in the case elsewhere so this is just duplication of work.

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?

Only in complex or serious cases

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?

Good

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?

Good,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
this task often relates to Socail services records and is disproportionatley time consuming and complex - we have requested better protocols etc to follow to gut this down but nothing has been forthcoming (no party signed up to the 2013 protocol it seems)

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?

In most cases,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
they spometimes require a good deal of chasing

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?

In most cases,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
often unsigned and undated though

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?

Mostly,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
i usually respond confirming my disclosure decision based on this DCS then set out the inadequacies and invite them to improve it whereupon i will review disclosure again

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?

In some cases,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
it is usually sent to the police automatically upon receipt so i have it at the same time they do.

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?

Within 2-4 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

[REDACTED] need disclosure officers to take on the role as the OICs currently doing the schedules are totally untrained as far as I can tell. training for all forces on the purpose of disclosure and the need for a description of items not just a list of what they are

#59



INCOMPLETE

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Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, need more substantial training,
If yes, please detail below
pii handling in the Magistrates Court

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Respondent skipped this question

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Respondent skipped this question

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Respondent skipped this question

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

Respondent skipped this question

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

Respondent skipped this question

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

Respondent skipped this question

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?

Respondent skipped this question

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?

Respondent skipped this question

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?

Respondent skipped this question

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?

Respondent skipped this question

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Respondent skipped this question

#60

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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Fair

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Fair

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Timing of submission of schedules

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

On most occasions

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Some do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

Respondent skipped this question

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

Respondent skipped this question

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

Respondent skipped this question

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?

Good

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?

Respondent skipped this question

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?

Respondent skipped this question

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?

Respondent skipped this question

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?

Respondent skipped this question

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Respondent skipped this question

#61



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PAGE 1: Introduction

- Q1: What is your current role? [REDACTED]
- Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for? [REDACTED]
- Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure? Excellent
- Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure? No

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

- Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers? Fair
- Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing? Timing of submission of schedules
- Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate? Always
- Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations? Few do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

- Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases? Post PTPH
- Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)? In every case
- Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? In most cases

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? Only in complex or serious cases

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Good

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Good

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? In some cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? In some cases

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Always

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In some cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 2-4 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?) *Respondent skipped this question*

#62



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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Fair

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Rarely

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Some do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

When the papers are served

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

Infrequently

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

In some cases

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? In some cases

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Good

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Fair

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? In some cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? Infrequently

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Mostly

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In some cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 8-12 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?) Respondent skipped this question

#63



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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Fair

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Good

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

On most occasions

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Some do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

When the papers are served

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

In most cases

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

In every case

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? In every case

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Good

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Good

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? In most cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? In some cases

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Always

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In most cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 2-4 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?) *Respondent skipped this question*

#64



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- Q1: What is your current role? [REDACTED]
- Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for? [REDACTED]
- Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure? Good
- Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure? No

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

- Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers? Good
- Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing? Respondent skipped this question
- Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate? Always
- Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations? Most do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

- Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases? Respondent skipped this question
- Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)? Respondent skipped this question
- Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? Respondent skipped this question

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?

Respondent skipped this question

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?

Respondent skipped this question

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?

Respondent skipped this question

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?

Respondent skipped this question

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Respondent skipped this question

#65



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Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Fair

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training ,
 If yes, please detail below
 more help with secondary disclosure

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Good

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Respondent skipped this question

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Occasionally

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Most do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

When the papers are served

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

In every case

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? In every case

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? In most cases

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Fair

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Respondent skipped this question

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? In some cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? Infrequently

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Always

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In most cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 8-12 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?) Respondent skipped this question

#66

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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Fair

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, need more substantial training ,

If yes, please detail below
I have been a Court lawyer for a long time -Have not dealt with disclosure in pod ever and have not done a trial in 18 months plus -so feel as though my knowledge may be rusty

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Fair

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
The work I am doing doesn't require me to deal with this

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Few do,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Disclosure Officers' used to be available to Officers' but it is my understanding that they are now not readily accessible

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Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

Other (please specify),

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Don't know

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

Never,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
As above

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

Never

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?

Never

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?

Fair

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?

Fair

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
I don't know

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Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Very rarely get them in MC

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Not dealing with such

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Not dealing

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Not dealing

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Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Respondent skipped this question

#67



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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

No

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Respondent skipped this question

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Respondent skipped this question

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Respondent skipped this question

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

Respondent skipped this question

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

Respondent skipped this question

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

Respondent skipped this question

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?

Respondent skipped this question

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?

Respondent skipped this question

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?

Respondent skipped this question

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?

Respondent skipped this question

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Respondent skipped this question

#68



INCOMPLETE

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Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Poor

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Occasionally

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Some do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

Respondent skipped this question

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

Respondent skipped this question

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

Respondent skipped this question

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?

Respondent skipped this question

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?

Respondent skipped this question

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?

Respondent skipped this question

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?

Respondent skipped this question

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Respondent skipped this question

#69



INCOMPLETE

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Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Respondent skipped this question

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Respondent skipped this question

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Respondent skipped this question

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

Respondent skipped this question

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

Respondent skipped this question

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

Respondent skipped this question

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?

Respondent skipped this question

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?

Respondent skipped this question

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?

Respondent skipped this question

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?

Respondent skipped this question

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Respondent skipped this question

#70



COMPLETE

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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Acceptable

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, need more substantial training ,
If yes, please detail below
Third party material in relation to youth sexual offending

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Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Poor

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Rarely

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

No

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

Other (please specify),
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Don't deal with Crown Court work

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

In every case

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

Infrequently

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?

Never

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?

In need of improvement

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?

In need of improvement

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?

In some cases

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Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Magistrates Court unit - DCS optional

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?

Rarely

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?

In some cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Dependent on receipt of DCS

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Respondent skipped this question

#71



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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Fair

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, need more substantial training ,

If yes, please detail below
General and specifics on third party and sensitive -
such as in drug cases

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Poor

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Poor descriptions,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
also lack of items that should be present

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

On most occasions

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Few do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

Other (please specify),

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Don;t know work in magistrates section

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)? In every case

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? In every case

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? In most cases

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? In need of improvement

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? In need of improvement

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? Rarely

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? Infrequently

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Occasionally

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In some cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 4-8 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Respondent skipped this question

#72



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PAGE 1: Introduction

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- Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for? [REDACTED]
- Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure? Good
- Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure? Yes, would only need refresher training, If yes, please detail below sensitive material, 3rd party material.

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

- Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers? Fair
- Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing? Poor descriptions
- Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate? On most occasions
- Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations? Some do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

- Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases? Post PTPH
- Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)? In most cases

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? In most cases

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? In every case

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Good

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Fair

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? In some cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? In some cases

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Mostly

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In most cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 2-4 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?) Respondent skipped this question

#73



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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, need more substantial training ,

If yes, please detail below
Disclosure is a complex issue more training, in fact any training would be hugely beneficial

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Fair

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present .
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Officer seem to have difficulty distinguishing between evidence and unused material.

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Always

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Some do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

Other (please specify),

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
I work on a different unit

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)? In every case

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? In every case

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? Never

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Fair

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Fair

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? Please add any additional comments in the box below.
I do not work on a unit which deals with this type work, or if it is it is vaery rare.

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? Infrequently

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Occasionally

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In some cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 4-8 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Respondent skipped this question

#74



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PAGE 1: Introduction

- Q1: What is your current role? [REDACTED]
- Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for? [REDACTED]
- Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure? Good
- Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure? No

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

- Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers? Good
- Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing? Respondent skipped this question
- Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate? Always
- Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations? Most do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

- Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases? When the papers are served
- Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)? Infrequently
- Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? In some cases

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? In every case

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Good

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Good

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? In most cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? Infrequently

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Always

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In every case

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 4-8 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?) Respondent skipped this question

#75



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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training ,
If yes, please detail below P.I.I. / RIPA

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Fair

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Always

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Few do.

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Most do not understand the disclosure test or the meaning of "sensitive" within unused material.

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

When the papers are served

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

Never,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

Not since we started digital working. The record of dates disclosure is dispatched is on CMS, without the DRS. There are too many "adds ons" to fill in and digital working takes far longer than paper working but that is never going to properly address that. Resources are scarce so there are far too few lawyers to do far too many cases. We have no chance of getting anywhere near dealing with our caseloads in our contractual hours. The organisation's expectations on staff are ridiculous. The organisation relies on the goodwill of the staff. The DRS is a luxury, not a necessity. If the CPS wants a perfect job doing, it needs to get the resources to enable us to deliver it; otherwise it needs to get realistic expectations and stop adding "just one more form".

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

Never,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

Not since we started digital working. See comments in answer to question 10 above.

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?

Never,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

Admin dispatch the bundles at service of documents stage so whether or not they do so I don't know.

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?

Good

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?

Good

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?

Rarely,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

They don't understand the concept of it and the sensitivity of it. They need large scale retraining on it.

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?

Infrequently,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

The Courts do not seem to take the defence to task about this in the same way they do if the CPS are late serving anything.

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?

Mostly,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

It would be always if I had the time to do a perfect job. I don't, so it isn't.

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?

In every case

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

This is impossible to quantify. It is completely variable and depends on a number of factors including extent of material to obtain, capacity of CPS staff, capacity of OICs, understanding of OICs, a human's natural desire to progress easy work and delay addressing difficult work.

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

The following all impact on my time to meet my disclosure obligations: a hugely excessive and complex caseload; insufficient time to do the job; poor quality and slow digital systems; poor quality investigations by the police; wrong prioritising of objectives by the organisation (e.g. directions are key, regardless of how serious they are or how serious the case, so serving special measures for a elected s47 ABH trial many months away is deemed more important than working through case documents in a more urgent case involving a fatality, just because the former ensures a direction is marked "complied with" and the latter does not); a misunderstanding of the law on disclosure by many of the Judiciary who still make "blanket disclosure" orders against the Prosecution (more training is required for the Judiciary here, as it all creates unnecessary extra work for the Prosecutor to rectify or comply with); a lack of understanding or willingness by Prosecution advocates to stand up to the Judiciary in these situations to stop "blanket disclosure" orders being made (more training is required for HCAs and the Bar here); and the eroding by the CPS of discretion for staff and trust by the CPS in its professional staff, which has been replaced by a strive for automated uniformity (note that many cases do not fit a "one size fits all" approach).

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- Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for? [REDACTED]
- Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure? Fair
- Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure? Yes, would only need refresher training

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

- Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers? Fair
- Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing? Respondent skipped this question
- Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate? Always
- Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations? Some do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

- Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases? Post PTPH,
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Common law disclosure obligations are done before PTPH
- Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)? In every case

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? In every case

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? In every case

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? In need of improvement

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? Respondent skipped this question

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? In some cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? Infrequently

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Mostly

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In every case

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 2-4 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?) Respondent skipped this question

#77

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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Good

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Fair

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present ,
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Lack of items and timings of schedules in bigger cases where there are phases of disclosure

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Always

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Some do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

When the papers are served

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

In most cases

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? In most cases

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer? In every case

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material? Good

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material? In need of improvement

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate? Rarely

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time? Infrequently

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it? Mostly

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary? In most cases

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement? Within 8-12 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?) Respondent skipped this question

#78



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- Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for? [REDACTED]
- Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure? Excellent
- Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure? No

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

- Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers? Fair
- Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing? Poor descriptions
- Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate? Always
- Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations? Some do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

- Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases? Respondent skipped this question
- Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)? Respondent skipped this question
- Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities? Respondent skipped this question

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?

Respondent skipped this question

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?

Respondent skipped this question

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?

Respondent skipped this question

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?

Respondent skipped this question

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Respondent skipped this question

#79



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[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Fair

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

Yes, would only need refresher training

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Poor

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

On most occasions

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Some do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

Post PTPH

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

Never,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.
No idea what one is!

Q11: Do you record on the DRS all decisions, enquiries or requests and the date upon which they are made, relating to: the disclosure of material to the defence withholding material from the defence the inspection of material the transcribing of material all actions and events that occur in the discharge of prosecution disclosure responsibilities?

Never

Q12: Do you send a copy of the endorsed schedules to the disclosure officer?

Never,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

Is this part of a [redacted] role?

PAGE 4: Sensitive Material

Q13: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of sensitive material?

Fair

PAGE 5: Third Party Material

Q14: How would you rate your ability to handle and make decisions in respect of third party material?

Fair

Q15: Do the police properly identify and take all reasonable steps to secure third party material when appropriate?

In some cases

PAGE 6: Ongoing Disclosure Processes

Q16: How frequently are defence statements served on time?

Infrequently

Q17: When a poor/inadequate defence statement is served how often do you challenge it?

Occasionally

Q18: Do you consider the defence statement before it is sent to the disclosure officer and provide guidance when necessary?

Never,

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

Is this the role of a [redacted]

Q19: How promptly is ongoing disclosure generally served after service of the defence statement?

Within 2-4 weeks

PAGE 7: Your Comments on Disclosure

Q20: If there is anything else you would like to tell us about disclosure in volume Crown Court cases please do so here (e.g. what works well, what could be improved, what if anything impacts on your ability to meet your disclosure obligations?)

Police tend to under estimate the importance of disclosure.

The defence tend to exaggerate the importance of disclosure with the intention of (1) diverting prosecution (and police) time and resources and (2) seeking a reason to justify an abuse of process argument or otherwise exclude evidence.

#80

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PAGE 1: Introduction

Q1: What is your current role?

[REDACTED]

Q2: Which CPS Area do you work for?

[REDACTED]

Q3: How would you rate your knowledge and understanding of disclosure?

Excellent

Q4: Do you believe you need more training on disclosure?

No

PAGE 2: Police Submissions

Q5: How would you grade the overall quality of the schedules of unused material as drafted by disclosure officers?

Fair

Q6: If the answer to question 5 is fair or poor, what is the main failing?

Lack of items that should have been present,
Please add any additional comments in the box below.
Mg6ds are particularly poor. Many officers do not understand the difference between confidential information and that which is sensitive.

Q7: Do you challenge officers if the schedules are inadequate?

Always

Q8: In your view do police officers understand their disclosure obligations?

Most do

PAGE 3: Disclosure Handling

Q9: At what stage is initial disclosure usually served in Crown Court cases?

Post PTPH

Q10: How frequently do you complete a Disclosure Record Sheet (DRS)?

In every case