

MPTS publication and disclosure: Information sheet

This document sets out what information we publish and/or make available about a hearing once a case has been referred to us.

We have a statutory duty to publish a range of decisions by medical practitioners tribunals but can withhold information about the health of a person or, in exceptional circumstances, other information that is considered confidential. We operate in line with the GMC's [publication and disclosure policy](#).

Below are the various points at which we publish or make information available.

Pre-hearing

- ▶ Around four weeks before an MPT hearing begins we publish a hearing record on our [website](#), which includes a summary of the allegation a doctor is facing.
 - ▶ Should you wish to make an application inviting us not to publish pre-hearing information you should do so in writing, along with any supporting evidence, to the [MPTS Case Management team](#) no later than six weeks before your hearing.
 - ▶ The MPTS Case Management team will arrange for your application to be decided by the Head of MPTS Communications and Corporate Affairs and will inform you of the outcome.

During a hearing

- ▶ All hearings are held in public unless they relate to a doctor's health or a tribunal has determined that parts or all of it should private following an application.
 - ▶ Should you wish to make an application for your hearing to be in private you should inform the MPTS Case Management team as soon as possible.
 - ▶ The application will be decided by the tribunal at the outset of your hearing.
 - ▶ To ensure the efficient use of hearing time, all applications for a hearing to be held in private must be set out in a skeleton argument ahead of the hearing, by the deadline provided by the MPTS Case Management team.

Post-hearing

In most cases following the conclusion of a hearing the tribunal's decisions are published on our website for a period of 12 months.

- ▶ Should you wish to make an application relating to what is published about your hearing after it has concluded you should do so in writing, along with any supporting evidence, to the [MPTS Operations team](#). You can do so at any time, but your application will usually be considered once your hearing has concluded.