

Tribunal circular 19/25

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Publication and disclosure at the MPTS

We thought it would be helpful to provide a reminder about how publication and disclosure of MPTS decisions and associated documentation is managed.

Decisions during a hearing

During a hearing, where a decision is handed down in public by the tribunal the decision will be disclosable to those observing the hearing or journalist, on request. It is important to note that this will be shared without redaction and should therefore not reference matters considered during any part(s) of the hearing that are in private. [Circular 13/25](#) may remind tribunals of some key considerations regarding privacy and anonymisation to assist them to ensure determinations are carefully drafted.

Decisions after a hearing

Post-hearing publication of decisions is entirely a matter for the MPTS, and the tribunal should advise parties of that, should they be addressed on it.

Following the conclusion of a hearing the Record of Determinations (RoD) is published in line with the [GMC's Publication and Disclosure policy](#). We will ensure that any necessary redactions are made so that we are only publishing the information we are required to, preserving anonymity as appropriate.

Other hearing documentation during or after a hearing

In accordance with section 35(4) of the Medical Act 1983, as amended, we are only required to publish decisions made by tribunals. Other documentation considered by tribunals during the hearing for example but not limited to, witness statements, medical notes, investigation or assessment reports, photographs or other evidence that may be provided by the parties to assist the tribunal to reach their decision are not published*.

As above, the Publication and Disclosure policy sets out how information will be shared and it is for the MPTS, *not the individual Tribunal*, to determine this. The MPTS/GMC will ensure that appropriate steps are taken to maintain our responsibilities around information security and data protection and to further ensure that the sharing of information is not prejudicial to ongoing investigations or subsequent hearings.

Tribunals are expected to ensure that the reasons contained within their decisions are sufficiently clear to explain why the decision was made.

Transcripts

The record of the proceedings is the written transcript, in accordance with Rule 39(3) of the GMC (Fitness to Practise) Rules Order of Council 2004 as amended. Requests for copies of the transcripts are a matter for the MPTS Corporate Services & Information Team who will apply their [policy](#). The electronic record is not the formal record and will not be released.

Kind regards

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* Requests for information other than that published will be managed in line with the Freedom of Information Act 2000