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Dear Ms Acland-Hood

I am writing on behalf of the FDA, the recognised representatives of prosecutors and managers in the CPS.

We have received disturbing reports of HMCTS being unable or unwilling to share health and safety risk assessments at courts. We have also been informed that HMCTS is not allowing CPS staff, including trade union representatives, to conduct their own independent risk assessments of court buildings prior to them reopening.

Our members are dedicated to ensuring that justice continues to function but this must not come at the cost of their own safety. It is imperative that they are provided with all risk assessments carried out by HMCTS and that CPS personnel are allowed to conduct their own risk assessments to guarantee the safety of staff.

Please can you address these matters urgently and ensure that HMCTS are providing local CPS managers and health and safety representatives with the tools they need to protect our members?

Yours Sincerely,

Steven Littlewood FDA National Officer