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Dear Colleague

I am writing to inform you of HMCTS' plan to extend the use of the Nightingale Court within our region.

Nightingale Courts were first introduced in 2020 to provide additional temporary space for hearings, in line with COVID-19 social distancing restrictions.

Several courts have remained in use in recent years as part of the raft of measures aimed at reducing outstanding caseloads. We have also retained some venues in certain locations to meet specific local requirements.

HMCTS keeps the use of all its court and tribunal estate, including Nightingale Courts, under regular review to make sure it meets operational needs and provides value for money.

As part of our operational planning for the 2025/26 financial year, we have assessed the level of physical capacity we'll need to maintain a high level of sittings. As a result of this, today we are announcing that we are extending the use of the Nightingale Court at Cirencester until 31 March 2026 to supplement the permanent court estate.

I trust you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely

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