

FEAR OF RACISTS AND DEATH

FORMAL EVIDENTIAL NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

STRONG SUSPICION OF POSSIBLE DELIBERATE OBSTRUCTION, COORDINATION OR COLLUSION, CONCEALMENT OR WITHHOLDING OF INFORMATION OR RECORDS, AND INTENTIONAL DISADVANTAGE IN THE HANDLING OF CROWN COURT TRANSCRIPTS

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE, COMPLETE AUDIT TRAILS, PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE, IDENTIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS AGAINST ANTI-BLACK RACISM AND INSTITUTIONAL RACISM, AND URGENT REMEDIAL ACTION

CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

R v DERRICK LYNCH

Defendant: Derrick Emmanuel Lynch

Also known as: John Canoe

Case Reference: 01GD1160226

Court: Crown Court at Wood Green

Transcripts concerned:

26 August 2026

16 September 2026

24 September 2026

Next hearing: 15 October 2026

DOCUMENT STATUS

FORMAL EVIDENTIAL NOTICE

FORMAL REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

FORMAL REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

FORMAL PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE NOTICE

**FORMAL REQUEST FOR IDENTIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS AGAINST ANTI-BLACK
RACISM AND INSTITUTIONAL RACISM**

**URGENT REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF THREE OUTSTANDING CROWN COURT
TRANSCRIPTS**

FORMAL RECORD FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY TRANSPARENCY

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The address and principal email above are the details used in the existing formal transcript correspondence. EX 107 FEB 22 EX107 - DERRICK L...

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The existing correspondence establishes that both the Wood Green Crown Court general office address and Kevin Curry's justice.gov.uk address have previously been used for this case. EX 107 FEB 22 EX107 - DERRICK L...

PRINCIPAL RECIPIENT 2

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The Court Transcripts and Accounting UK addresses are evidenced by Acolad's quotation and the subsequent payment-link correspondence.

Relevant Acolad references:

26 August 2026: 1738688 / Job 1 738 688

16 September 2026: 1742056

24 September 2026: reference to be confirmed.

Acolad's correspondence identifies Reference 1742056 for the 16 September matter.

FORMAL COPY RECIPIENT

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This is the CPS address and email previously used in the formal transcript report correspondence. EX 107 FEB 22 EX107 - DERRICK L...

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EMAIL ADDRESSES ALREADY USED IN THE CASE CORRESPONDENCE

For transparency and continuity of the existing documentary record, the following addresses have also appeared as recipients or copied recipients in relevant correspondence concerning Case Reference 01GD1160226:

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Court / HMCTS

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These addresses appear together in the existing Court correspondence concerning the case and transcript requests.

FAMILY, COMMUNITY, LEGAL OBSERVER AND SUPPORT COPY RECIPIENTS

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Additional existing recipients appearing in the correspondence:

ivegn@yahoo.co.uk

streetmicpod@gmail.com

buddieshog@hotmail.com

Derrick Lynch — personal copy:

derrick_lynch@hotmail.co.uk

The 23 September correspondence records these recipients alongside the Court, CPS, police and Acolad recipients.

SENDER / ORGANISATIONAL RECORD ADDRESS

Relevant previous correspondence has also been transmitted through:

Reparation Nation Limited / IC3CSI

Email: thereparationnation@gmail.com

The 28 September formal report was transmitted from that address. EX 107 FEB 22
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RECOMMENDED EMAIL DISTRIBUTION FOR THIS DOCUMENT

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Kevin.curry@justice.gov.uk;

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paralegalservices@gmail.com;

ivegn@yahoo.co.uk;

streetmicpod@gmail.com;

buddieshog@hotmail.com

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CJUEnquiries.East@met.police.uk;
metcc@met.police.uk;
publicaccess@met.police.uk;
CRU@met.police.uk;
DPSMailbox-.CRU@met.police.uk

The distinction is deliberate: the principal decision-making and transcript recipients are placed in TO, while prosecution, family/community/support and other record recipients can be placed in CC. The police addresses should be copied where maintaining the wider existing criminal-case correspondence record is intended; they are not presently identified in the source documents as responsible for producing these transcripts.

EMAIL SUBJECT LINE

URGENT — FORMAL EVIDENTIAL NOTICE, PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE AND REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION — THREE OUTSTANDING CROWN COURT TRANSCRIPTS — R v DERRICK LYNCH — CASE 01GD1160226 — HEARINGS 26 AUGUST, 16 SEPTEMBER AND 24 SEPTEMBER 2026 — NEXT HEARING 15 OCTOBER 2026

DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document concerns the handling and present position of my requests for the official transcripts of three hearings at the Crown Court at Wood Green:

26 August 2026;

16 September 2026;

and

24 September 2026.

Its immediate purpose is to obtain the three transcripts as urgently as reasonably possible.

Its additional purposes are to:

establish the complete contemporaneous documentary record;

identify what happened to each transcript request;

identify what remains outstanding and from whom;

obtain the underlying evidence;

preserve relevant records;

establish the communications between Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS and Acolad;

investigate identified discrepancies and missing information;

identify the specific safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism applicable to the relevant decision-making and administrative processes;

establish whether those safeguards were actually applied;

and investigate my expressly recorded strong suspicions without treating those suspicions as established facts.

The earlier formal report similarly required the Court and Acolad to establish their respective parts of the documentary and administrative record and emphasised that the wider investigation should not delay production of the transcripts. EX 107 FEB 22 EX107 - DERRICK L...

IMPORTANT EVIDENTIAL STATUS

This document records serious concerns and strong suspicions requiring investigation.

It does not record findings that wrongdoing occurred.

For absolute clarity:

I make no allegations, no accusations, no assertions of wrongdoing, no assumptions of wrongdoing and no conclusions of wrongdoing at this stage.

I require the complete contemporaneous documentary record so that the evidence can establish what occurred.

The investigation must be capable of supporting, contradicting or excluding my suspicions.

PERSONAL FEAR OF RACISM, SERIOUS HARM AND DEATH

I consider it necessary to explain clearly why my repeated requests for evidence of safeguards against **anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism are of such fundamental importance to me.**

I am a Black person and a Black defendant involved in live criminal proceedings.

My concerns do not arise in a vacuum. They arise in the context of **my experiences to date in these criminal proceedings and my dealings with the institutions and processes surrounding them**, together with the continuing absence, so far, of evidence provided to me identifying the specific safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism that apply to the decision-making and administrative processes affecting me.

I have repeatedly asked for those safeguards to be identified.

I have asked:

what the specific safeguards are;

who is responsible for applying them;

whether they apply to decisions and administrative processes affecting me;

whether they were actually applied in my case;

and what documentary evidence demonstrates their application.

The present document already records that I have not been provided with evidence establishing those matters. STRONG SUSPICION OF POSSIBLE DE...

MY FEAR MUST BE UNDERSTOOD IN THE CONTEXT OF MY EXPERIENCES TO DATE

My concern is not simply theoretical.

My experiences to date within the criminal justice process have caused me to become increasingly concerned about whether decisions and administrative processes affecting me contain effective and identifiable safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism.

Those experiences include matters documented elsewhere in my records and correspondence concerning my treatment by the police, custody and criminal justice processes, my experiences at Court, my attempts to participate effectively in the proceedings, difficulties concerning the official Court record, and the continuing problems surrounding my attempts to obtain the transcripts necessary for me to understand and prepare for the proceedings.

I do not state that every difficulty I have experienced was caused by racism.

I do not state that every adverse experience establishes Institutional Racism.

I do not state that every administrative failure was deliberate.

I do not state that any particular individual intends to cause me physical harm or death.

My position is that the **cumulative effect of my experiences**, combined with the absence so far of evidence provided to me showing what specific safeguards against

anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism exist and were actually applied, has caused me genuine and serious fear.

FEAR OF RACISM AND DEATH

That fear includes a **fear of racism, serious harm and death**.

I am aware of cases and reports concerning Black people who have died in police custody or following contact with the criminal justice system.

Against the background of my own experiences, those matters affect how I perceive my personal safety when dealing with criminal justice institutions.

I therefore require the institutions exercising powers, making decisions or administering processes affecting me to understand that when I ask:

“What safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism apply to me, and what evidence demonstrates that they were actually applied?”

I am not asking an abstract academic question.

I am asking a question which, from my perspective, concerns **my personal safety, my treatment as a Black person, my ability to participate effectively in criminal proceedings, my confidence in the integrity of the processes affecting me, and ultimately my fear of serious harm or death**.

ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE OF SAFEGUARDS

A central part of my concern is that I have repeatedly sought evidence of the safeguards applicable to me, but I have not been provided with evidence sufficient to establish:

what specific safeguards exist;

how those safeguards operate;

who is responsible for applying them;

when they are triggered;

whether they were triggered in relation to me;

whether they were actually applied;

whether anyone checked that they were applied;

and what contemporaneous documentary evidence demonstrates their application.

The existing document correctly records that the absence, so far, of this evidence forms part of the factual context in which my concerns have developed, while expressly recognising that the absence of that evidence does not itself determine whether racism occurred. **STRONG SUSPICION OF POSSIBLE DE...**

IMPORTANT EVIDENTIAL DISTINCTION

I therefore make an important distinction.

The absence of evidence provided to me concerning safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism contributes directly to my fear.

But:

The absence of that evidence is not, by itself, proof that anti-Black racism or Institutional Racism occurred.

My fear is real.

The existence of that fear is not the same thing as proof of its cause.

That is precisely why I am asking for evidence.

If effective safeguards existed and were applied, provide the evidence.

If safeguards existed but were not applicable, explain why.

If safeguards existed but there is no documentary evidence demonstrating that they were applied, state that clearly.

If no specific safeguards existed, state that clearly for the record.

WHY THE TRANSCRIPTS HAVE HEIGHTENED MY FEAR

The present transcript difficulties have heightened these concerns because the official Court record is one of the principal mechanisms through which I can establish objectively what occurred during proceedings affecting me.

I require those transcripts to:

understand what was said;

verify decisions and directions;

identify what occurred during a hearing conducted in my absence;

prepare for subsequent hearings;

seek legal representation and advice;

challenge inaccuracies where necessary;

and maintain an independent documentary record of proceedings affecting me.

The document already records that access to the official Court record directly affects my ability to understand what has occurred, prepare my position, obtain legal representation and participate effectively. **STRONG SUSPICION OF POSSIBLE DE...**

When I then encounter repeated difficulties obtaining that official record, while simultaneously remaining without evidence identifying the safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism actually applied to the processes affecting me, my concern necessarily increases.

Again, that increased concern does not establish why the transcript difficulties occurred.

It explains **why those difficulties are exceptionally serious to me and why I require an evidence-based investigation rather than reassurance.**

I REQUIRE EVIDENCE, NOT REASSURANCE

I am not asking Acolad, Wood Green Crown Court, HMCTS, the prosecution, the police or any other organisation simply to tell me:

“There is nothing to fear.”

That would not answer my questions.

I require evidence.

I require the applicable safeguards to be identified.

I require evidence showing whether they were actually applied.

I require the relevant decisions and administrative actions to be auditable.

I require the official Court recordings to be preserved.

I require the transcripts.

I require the documentary record.

I require unanswered questions to be answered.

And where an organisation has no specific safeguard or no evidence demonstrating its application, I require that position to be stated expressly.

NO PREDETERMINED CONCLUSION

For absolute clarity:

My fear of racism, serious harm and death is genuine.

But I do not rely upon the existence of that fear as proof that any identified person or organisation is racist, has discriminated against me, intends to harm me, or has deliberately placed my life at risk.

I make **no allegations, no accusations, no assertions of wrongdoing, no assumptions of wrongdoing and no conclusions of wrongdoing** merely from the existence of my fear.

I am explaining the basis and seriousness of that fear so that my repeated requests for safeguards are not misunderstood, minimised or treated as rhetorical.

The correct response to that fear is not assumption in either direction.

The correct response is **evidence, transparency, identifiable safeguards, an auditable decision-making process, preservation of the official record, and direct answers to the questions I have raised.**

FORMAL POSITION

My position can therefore be stated precisely:

Based upon my experiences to date, and because I have not been provided with evidence demonstrating what specific safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism have protected the decision-making and administrative processes affecting me, I have developed a genuine fear of racism, serious harm and death in my dealings with the criminal justice system.

I do not present that fear as proof that racism has occurred or that any person intends to harm me.

I present it as the reason why I require the safeguards to be identified, their actual application to be evidenced, the relevant decision-making processes to be transparent and auditable, and the official record of my criminal proceedings to be preserved and made available to me.

My fear should neither be treated as proof nor dismissed without addressing the evidential questions that have caused it.

URGENT OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

The investigation must not delay the immediate operational requirement.

The priority remains:

TO IDENTIFY AND REMOVE EVERY OUTSTANDING OBSTACLE TO PRODUCTION OF THE TRANSCRIPTS OF 26 AUGUST 2026, 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 AND 24 SEPTEMBER 2026, AND TO PROVIDE THOSE TRANSCRIPTS AS URGENTLY AS REASONABLY POSSIBLE BEFORE THE CONTINUING CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

The existing formal correspondence already records the next hearing as 15 October 2026 and requests exact status, outstanding responsibility and earliest supply for each transcript. EX 107 FEB 22 EX107 - DERRICK L...

DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

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DATE OF DOCUMENT

1 October 2026

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Defendant / Litigant in Person

R v Derrick Lynch

Case Reference: 01GD1160226

Crown Court at Wood Green

SECTION 1 — FORMAL STATUS, PURPOSE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THIS DOCUMENT

1.1 Title

FORMAL EVIDENTIAL NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

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**REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE, COMPLETE AUDIT TRAIL,
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REMEDIAL ACTION**

R v DERRICK LYNCH

Case Reference: 01GD1160226

Crown Court at Wood Green

Transcripts concerned:

26 August 2026

16 September 2026

24 September 2026

Next Court Hearing: 15 October 2026

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This document is also directed to the appropriate senior Acolad personnel responsible for complaints, legal matters, compliance, accounting, court transcription services, information governance and management oversight.

Crown Court at Wood Green / HM Courts & Tribunals Service

The Court Manager / General Office

Crown Court at Wood Green
The Court House
Woodall House
Lordship Lane
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Email: woodgreencrowncourt@justice.gov.uk

For the attention of HHJ Deacon KC and/or the Judge presently responsible for Case Reference 01GD1160226.

The documentary record establishes that the transcript problem has already been formally brought to the attention of Wood Green Crown Court and Acolad. The 28 September covering communication was expressly addressed to the Court and Acolad and concerned all three outstanding transcripts. Gmail - FORMAL REPORT, COMPLAIN...

1.4 Other Relevant Recipients

This document is intended to form part of the formal written record and may therefore be copied, where appropriate, to:

HM Courts & Tribunals Service;

Crown Prosecution Service — London Crown Court Unit;

any relevant HMCTS official responsible for court transcription services, contract management, complaints, safeguarding, equality, information governance or administrative oversight;

any relevant Acolad senior manager, complaints officer, compliance officer, legal representative, data-protection/information-governance officer or person responsible for the Court Transcripts service;

my present or prospective legal representatives;

my legal observer;

my family;

members and representatives of my community;

and any other appropriate organisation, regulator, oversight body, legal adviser or person who subsequently has a legitimate reason to examine the documentary record.

My previous formal report expressly contemplated an evidence-based report to my family, community and wider public as part of maintaining a transparent record of what has occurred. FORMAL REPORT AND NOTICE OF SER...

1.5 Formal Status of This Document

This document is a **formal evidential notice, request for investigation, request for documentary evidence, preservation-of-evidence notice, safeguarding request and urgent request for remedial action**.

It supplements the extensive **Formal Report and Notice of Serious Concerns** already provided concerning the handling of the three outstanding Crown Court transcripts.

It does **not** replace that report.

It develops an issue which must now be stated with absolute clarity.

I am a Black person.

I have repeatedly sought evidence identifying the safeguards against **anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism** applicable to decision-making processes affecting me.

I have not been provided with evidence establishing what specific safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism applied to the handling of these transcript requests, who was responsible for applying those safeguards, whether they were actually applied, or what documentary evidence demonstrates their application.

My existing report expressly asks what specific safeguards apply to the processing, escalation and complaints processes concerning Crown Court transcripts; whether

those safeguards applied to my three requests; whether they were actually applied; and for the evidence demonstrating their application. FORMAL REPORT AND NOTICE OF SER...

Against that background, and having examined the developing documentary record concerning the three transcripts, I now consider it necessary formally to record a **strong suspicion requiring investigation**.

1.6 Formal Statement of Strong Suspicion

As a Black person, and in circumstances where I have not been provided with evidence identifying specific safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism applicable to the decision-making and administrative processes affecting me, I STRONGLY SUSPECT that there may have been:

- 1. deliberate obstruction** of the process by which I have attempted to obtain the official transcripts of my Crown Court hearings;
- 2. coordination or collusion** between one or more persons within Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS and Acolad concerning the handling of those transcript requests;
- 3. concealment, withholding, non-disclosure or failure to provide relevant information, communications or records; and/or**
- 4. conduct which may have been intended to disadvantage me in preparing for the criminal proceedings.**

These are **strong suspicions requiring investigation**.

They are **not findings of fact**.

I make no accusations.

I make no allegations.

I make no assumptions.

I make no assertions of wrongdoing.

I have reached no conclusions that deliberate obstruction, collusion, coordination, concealment, discriminatory treatment or intentional disadvantage occurred.

The purpose of this document is precisely to obtain and examine the evidence necessary to determine what actually occurred.

1.7 Evidential Neutrality

The investigation must be capable of producing evidence that **supports, contradicts or excludes** my suspicions.

I am therefore not asking Acolad, Wood Green Crown Court or HMCTS to accept my suspicions as established facts.

I am asking them to produce the documentary evidence from which the facts can be established.

If the evidence establishes that the problems arose entirely from ordinary administrative error, technical failure, misunderstanding, payment difficulties, communication failure, human error or another innocent explanation, that evidence must be identified.

If the evidence establishes failures by me, those failures should be identified precisely and supported by the documentary record.

If the evidence establishes failures by Acolad, HMCTS, Wood Green Crown Court, technical systems, individual personnel, or some combination of those factors, those matters should likewise be identified from the evidence.

My existing report deliberately adopted this evidential approach, expressly stating that the accumulated transcription problem did not by itself establish who was responsible.
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1.8 Relationship Between Race, Safeguards and the Investigation

For absolute clarity, I am **not asserting that the absence of evidence provided to me concerning safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism proves that racism occurred.**

I am not asserting that any particular person acted because of my race.

I am not asserting that Acolad, HMCTS, Wood Green Crown Court, HHJ Deacon KC, any member of Court staff, or any other individual or organisation deliberately discriminated against me.

My position is different.

I am a Black defendant in live criminal proceedings.

The availability of the official Court record directly affects my ability to understand what has occurred, prepare my position, obtain legal representation, examine decisions made in my presence or absence, and participate effectively in the proceedings.

My existing report records that I require evidence identifying what safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism exist, whether they applied to decisions

affecting me, whether they were actually applied, who was responsible for applying them, and what documentary evidence demonstrates their application. FORMAL REPORT AND NOTICE OF SER...

The absence, so far, of that evidence forms **part of the factual context in which my strong suspicion has arisen.**

It does not determine the answer.

The evidence must determine the answer.

1.9 Purpose of Circulation to My Family and Community

This document will also be made available to appropriate members of my family and community.

That circulation has several purposes.

It provides an independent contemporaneous record of what I am experiencing during live criminal proceedings.

It enables my family and community to understand precisely what has occurred, what remains disputed, what evidence I have requested and what responses are subsequently provided.

It protects against my suspicions subsequently being inaccurately represented as allegations or established findings.

It also creates transparency concerning the steps I am taking to establish the facts through lawful written processes.

Every person receiving this document should therefore understand the distinction between suspicion and proof.

The document records serious suspicions.

It does not establish that those suspicions are correct.

The investigation and documentary evidence must establish what occurred.

1.10 Immediate Purpose

The immediate purpose of this document is therefore twofold.

First, the three outstanding transcripts must be obtained urgently and sufficiently in advance of the hearing on **15 October 2026** to permit meaningful preparation.

Second, the complete documentary record must now be preserved and examined to determine whether the developing problems concerning those transcripts resulted from ordinary administrative or technical causes or whether there is evidence supporting any part of the serious suspicions identified above.

The investigation must not itself be permitted to delay production of the transcripts.

The urgent production of the official Court record and the investigation into what happened must proceed **in parallel**.

The existing report already makes this distinction: obtaining the transcripts is the immediate emergency, while investigation of responsibility can proceed separately.
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SECTION 2 — DOCUMENTED CHRONOLOGY AND FACTUAL FOUNDATION

2.1 Purpose of This Section

This section records the chronology presently established by the documentary evidence concerning my attempts to obtain the official transcripts of the Crown Court hearings dated:

26 August 2026;

16 September 2026; and

24 September 2026.

The purpose is to establish the factual foundation before examining the serious suspicions identified in Section 1.

This chronology must therefore distinguish between:

documented events;

statements made by Acolad, the Court or me;

matters capable of independent verification;

discrepancies;

missing evidence;

and questions that remain unresolved.

Nothing recorded in this chronology should be treated as establishing deliberate obstruction, coordination, collusion, concealment, racism, discriminatory treatment or intentional disadvantage.

2.2 26 August 2026 — First Crown Court Hearing Requiring a Transcript

On **26 August 2026**, I attended a hearing at Wood Green Crown Court in:

R v Derrick Lynch

Case Reference: 01GD1160226

Following that hearing, I sought the complete official transcript of the whole hearing.

The transcript was important because I required an authoritative written record of what had occurred in Court, including statements, discussions, rulings and directions.

I also sought preservation of the relevant Court audio recording.

The subsequent documentary record confirms that this became the first of what are now three outstanding transcript matters.

2.3 27 August 2026 — EX107 Required by the Court

On **27 August 2026**, Wood Green Crown Court informed me that I was required to complete an **EX107 transcript request form** and return it to the Court.

I complied.

The completed request concerned:

Court: Wood Green Crown Court

Case: The King v Derrick Lynch

Case Reference: 01GD1160226

Hearing: 26 August 2026

Transcript: Whole hearing

Requested service: Within 7 working days

Selected transcription provider: Ubiquis/Acolad

I requested prompt notification if any additional information, permission, payment or procedural step was required from me.

The existing formal report records the submission of the EX107 on 27 August and the seven-working-day service requested. FORMAL REPORT AND NOTICE OF SER...

2.4 28 August 2026 — Judicial Approval

The documentary record subsequently establishes an important event.

On **28 August 2026**, Wood Green Crown Court communicated with the transcription provider.

The Court stated that the transcript application had been approved by **HHJ Deacon KC**, with the direction:

“Application approved at the applicant expense.”

The approval was transmitted onwards to the transcription provider.

This establishes an important point in the chronology.

For the **26 August transcript**, there was a Court-approved request in existence by 28 August.

Acolad itself subsequently confirmed on **30 September 2026**:

“Approval of the EX107 form was sent to us by the court and was received on 28.08.26.”

Acolad further stated that following receipt of the approved request:

“the order was uploaded to our system.”

Accordingly, there presently appears to be no dispute that Acolad had received the approved request for the 26 August hearing by **28 August 2026**.

2.5 3 September 2026 — Acolad Issues Quotation

On **3 September 2026**, Acolad issued its quotation.

The relevant details were:

Case Reference: 01GD1160226

Acolad Job Number: 1 738 688

Transcript: Whole hearing — 26 August 2026

Estimated duration: 1 hour

Requested turnaround: 7 working days

Estimated price: £162.72 including VAT

Acolad explained that the final charge would depend upon the amount actually transcribed and could therefore exceed the estimate.

Of particular importance to the present investigation, Acolad provided specific payment instructions.

It instructed me to forward the entire quotation email to:

accountinguk@acolad.com

and provide the specified information.

Acolad then stated:

“The above details will be used to raise a payment link with our preferred card processing provider Stripe.”

Acolad also stated that work would not commence until payment had been allocated. The original quotation therefore establishes both the payment requirement and the procedure Acolad instructed me to follow. Inbox - Derrick Lynch - Outlook...

2.6 4 September 2026 — I Follow Acolad's Instructions

At **10:23 on 4 September 2026**, I emailed:

accountinguk@acolad.com

I forwarded the quotation and expressly confirmed:

“I confirm that I wish to proceed with the preparation of the transcript.”

I supplied the information requested by Acolad, including:

Email address of cardholder: derrick_lynch@hotmail.co.uk

Name of cardholder: Derrick Lynch

Amount: £162.72 including VAT

Job Number: 1 738 688

Description: R v Derrick Lynch

Most importantly, I expressly instructed Acolad:

“Please issue the Stripe payment link to enable me to make payment.”

I then requested:

“Please confirm receipt.”

The outgoing email is part of the documentary record and establishes that I took the step Acolad had instructed me to take in order to obtain the payment facility. Sent Items - Derrick Lynch - Ou...

This is an established documentary fact.

2.7 What Is Not Established Merely by My 4 September Email

My email establishes that I **requested** the Stripe payment link.

It does not, by itself, establish:

that Acolad subsequently generated the link;

that Stripe generated the link;

that an email containing the link was created;

that such an email was transmitted;

that it was transmitted to the correct email address;

that the receiving email system accepted it;

that it was delivered to my inbox;

that it was delivered elsewhere;

that it was rejected;

that it bounced;

that it was suppressed;

that it expired;

or that I received and opened it.

Those are separate factual propositions requiring separate evidence.

That distinction has now become important.

2.8 Payment — Important Evidential Clarification

At one stage in subsequent correspondence, on **17 September 2026**, I described the 26 August transcript as one that I had previously **“ordered and paid for.”**

That was a contemporaneous statement made by me.

However, following examination of the available financial records and the developing payment-link issue, I am **not relying upon that statement as documentary proof that the £162.72 payment was successfully completed or received by Acolad.**

For evidential accuracy, my current position is:

I requested the means by which Acolad had instructed me to make the payment.

I have documentary evidence that I requested the Stripe payment link.

I have not identified banking evidence establishing that £162.72 was successfully paid to Acolad.

This clarification is important because the investigation must proceed from what the evidence establishes rather than from an earlier description of the position.

2.9 16 September 2026 — Second Transcript Required

A further Crown Court hearing occurred on **16 September 2026** in my absence.

I sought the **whole-hearing transcript** of that hearing.

I expressly made clear that this was a **separate and additional transcript request** and that the transcript of the 26 August hearing remained outstanding.

I also requested preservation of the relevant recording.

Importantly, I expressly asked to be told immediately if another EX107 or other procedural step was required from me.

I sought information concerning:

judicial approval;

the applicable transcription provider;

cost;

and the earliest available delivery date.

Acolad was included in the correspondence.

2.10 17 September 2026 — Acolad Says It Is Unclear Whether Assistance Is Required

On **17 September 2026**, Acolad responded to the correspondence.

Acolad stated that it had noted the contents but that:

it was unclear whether anything was required from Acolad.

Acolad therefore asked me to identify whether I required information or assistance from it. Gmail - FAO_ HHJ Deacon KC _ Co...

This communication is important to the developing investigation.

By that date, Acolad's own system should already have contained **Job 1 738 688** relating to the 26 August transcript.

Acolad now says that a Stripe payment link had been sent on **4 September** and remained unpaid.

The documentary question therefore arises:

Why, when Acolad reviewed correspondence concerning outstanding transcripts on 17 September, was I not immediately informed that Acolad considered Job 1 738 688 to be stopped because payment remained outstanding?

That is a question.

It is **not presently a conclusion of wrongdoing**.

2.11 17 September 2026 — I Expressly Confirm That Acolad's Assistance Is Required

I responded on the same date.

I expressly stated that I **did require Acolad's assistance**.

I separated the two transcript matters.

For the **26 August transcript**, I requested its current status, the reason it had not been delivered and the expected delivery position.

For the **16 September transcript**, I asked Acolad to proceed as soon as possible and tell me precisely what further form, authorisation, quotation, payment or other action was required.

I requested acknowledgement and confirmation concerning both transcripts separately.
Gmail - FAO_ HHJ Deacon KC _ Co...

This establishes that, no later than **17 September**, Acolad had been expressly asked to investigate and explain the status of the outstanding 26 August transcript.

2.12 24 September 2026 — Transcript Problem Raised in Court

On **24 September 2026**, I attended Wood Green Crown Court.

My written speaking statement expressly recorded that I remained without the **26 August transcript**.

I also stated that I required the official record of the **16 September hearing**.

I asked the Court to clarify the position concerning the transcripts and the availability of the underlying Court audio. THREE PART COURT SPEAKING STATE...

The transcript problem was therefore no longer merely a private administrative matter between me and the transcription provider.

It had become an issue expressly raised in the criminal proceedings.

2.13 24 September 2026 — Third Transcript Required

The hearing on **24 September 2026** itself then became the subject of a further whole-hearing transcript request.

There were therefore now **three relevant hearings**:

26 August 2026;

16 September 2026;

24 September 2026.

The need for three separate transcripts was subsequently communicated in writing.

2.14 28 September 2026 — Formal Escalation

By **28 September 2026**, I formally escalated the matter.

My written communication identified all three outstanding transcripts and required Acolad and the Court to establish, separately for each one:

whether the request had been received;

whether it had been authorised;

whether Acolad had received it;

whether the relevant audio had been supplied;

what remained outstanding;

what action was required from me;

what action was required from the Court;

what action was required from Acolad;

the fastest available service;

the applicable cost;

and the earliest realistic delivery date.

I expressly requested that the complaint and investigation **not delay production of the transcripts**. Gmail - FORMAL REPORT, COMPLAIN...

I also formally requested preservation of the relevant recordings and documentary records. Gmail - FORMAL REPORT, COMPLAIN...

2.15 30 September 2026 — Acolad Provides a Materially More Specific Account

On **30 September 2026 at 16:17**, Acolad sent a detailed status communication.

That communication is now a central evidential document.

For the **26 August hearing**, Acolad stated:

“Approval of the EX107 form was sent to us by the court and was received on 28.08.26.”

It confirmed that the order had been uploaded to its system and that the quotation was issued on 3 September.

Acolad then stated:

“Accounts team have confirmed Stripe payment link was sent on 04.09.26 however no payment has been made using this link.”

Acolad identified the outstanding action from me as making payment using the link it said had been provided.

For the **16 September hearing**, Acolad stated that the request had been received but:

“we are still waiting to receive the signed EX107 form from the court for us to proceed and issue a quotation.”

Acolad expressly identified:

“Outstanding from the court: Wood Green Crown Court must complete and return the signed EX107 form to Acolad...”

For the **24 September hearing**, Acolad stated:

“We are unable to locate a further transcript request matching the details provided.”

It again identified the Court as needing to submit a completed and signed EX107 before Acolad could proceed.

These statements significantly narrow the factual investigation.

2.16 Three Separate Evidential Problems Now Exist

The evidence presently identifies **three different problems**, which must not be improperly merged.

26 August 2026

The Court approval reached Acolad.

Acolad created Job **1 738 688**.

Acolad issued the quotation.

I requested the Stripe payment facility.

Acolad now says the payment link was sent on 4 September and remained unpaid.

The central unresolved evidential issue is what actually happened to that payment link and what Acolad did thereafter.

16 September 2026

Acolad says it received the transcript request.

However, as at 30 September, Acolad says it had **not received the signed EX107 from Wood Green Crown Court.**

The central unresolved evidential issue is what happened to the Court-side processing and authorisation of that request.

24 September 2026

Acolad says that, as at 30 September, it **could not locate a transcript request** corresponding with that hearing.

The central unresolved evidential issue is what happened between my request for that transcript and the point at which the necessary request and Court authorisation should have reached Acolad.

2.17 The Chronology Does Not Yet Establish Responsibility

This chronology establishes **questions requiring answers.**

It does not, without further evidence, establish why these events occurred.

In particular, it does not presently establish that:

Acolad deliberately failed to send a payment link;

any person at the Court deliberately withheld an EX107;

Acolad and the Court coordinated their conduct;

any relevant record was deliberately concealed;

any person acted because I am Black;

or any person deliberately attempted to disadvantage me in the criminal proceedings.

Those propositions remain matters for investigation.

However, the chronology does establish a sufficient documentary basis to require the relevant organisations to produce the **underlying audit trail**, rather than merely providing further general explanations.

2.18 Evidential Position at the End of Section 2

The present position can therefore be stated precisely:

There are three transcript requests.

There are different apparent obstacles affecting each request.

Acolad and Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS each possess records capable of establishing material parts of what occurred.

Important parts of those underlying records have not yet been provided to me.

The documentary chronology contains matters requiring explanation.

Those matters must now be investigated without presuming the answer.

The next section should therefore examine the **26 August transcript and the alleged 4 September Stripe payment link in forensic detail**, because that is presently the clearest discrete factual issue capable of documentary verification.

SECTION 3 — 26 AUGUST 2026 TRANSCRIPT: THE 4 SEPTEMBER STRIPE PAYMENT-LINK ISSUE

3.1 Purpose of This Section

This section examines one specific and objectively testable issue concerning the transcript of the hearing held on **26 August 2026**:

What happened after I complied with Acolad's payment instructions on 4 September 2026 and expressly requested the Stripe payment link?

This issue requires particularly careful examination because Acolad's current position is that:

“Accounts team have confirmed Stripe payment link was sent on 04.09.26 however no payment has been made using this link.”

I do not presently accept or reject that statement as established fact.

I require the **underlying evidence**.

The distinction is fundamental:

Acolad's statement that its Accounts team has confirmed that a payment link was sent is evidence of Acolad's present position. It is not, without the underlying records, independent documentary proof of the transmission or delivery of that payment link.

3.2 What Is Already Established

There are several matters that appear capable of being treated as established from the documents presently available.

The 26 August transcript request was approved by the Court.

Acolad received the approved EX107 on **28 August 2026**.

Acolad created or uploaded the order into its system.

Acolad allocated **Job Number 1 738 688**.

On **3 September 2026**, Acolad issued a quotation for the whole-hearing transcript.

The estimated charge was **£162.72 including VAT**.

The requested service was **within seven working days**.

Acolad required prepayment before work would commence.

Acolad instructed me to provide specified information to its Accounts team so that a Stripe payment link could be raised.

These points are supported by Acolad's own quotation and its subsequent 30 September account.

3.3 Acolad's Exact Payment Instruction

The wording of Acolad's quotation is important.

Acolad instructed:

“If you would like to proceed you must forward the entire email to accountinguk@acolad.com and provide us with the details in bold below.”

Acolad then requested the cardholder email address, cardholder name, contact number, amount, job number and description of service.

It then stated:

“The above details will be used to raise a payment link with our preferred card processing provider Stripe.”

Acolad further stated that work would not commence until payment had been allocated. Inbox - Derrick Lynch - Outlook...

The practical sequence communicated to me was therefore:

Acolad issues quotation → I provide requested information → Acolad/its Accounts process raises Stripe payment link → I use that facility to make payment → payment is allocated → transcription proceeds.

The investigation concerns what happened at the stage between my provision of the requested information and the payment which Acolad says never occurred.

3.4 My Compliance on 4 September 2026

At **10:23 on Friday 4 September 2026**, I sent the required communication to:

accountinguk@acolad.com

I identified:

Case: R v Derrick Lynch

Court Reference: 01GD1160226

Acolad Job Number: 1 738 688

Transcript: Whole Hearing — 26 August 2026

Amount: £162.72 including VAT

I expressly confirmed:

“I confirm that I wish to proceed with the preparation of the transcript.”

I then supplied the information requested by Acolad.

Most importantly, I expressly stated:

“Please issue the Stripe payment link to enable me to make payment.”

I also requested:

“Please confirm receipt.”

That email is preserved in the documentary record. Sent Items - Derrick Lynch - Ou...

There should therefore be no ambiguity about what I was requesting from Acolad on 4 September.

I was attempting to proceed with the order and requesting the payment mechanism that Acolad had instructed me to obtain.

3.5 What Acolad Now Says Happened

On **30 September 2026**, Acolad provided a materially more specific account.

Acolad stated:

“Accounts team have confirmed Stripe payment link was sent on 04.09.26 however no payment has been made using this link.”

Acolad consequently identified:

“Outstanding from you: Make payment via the link that has been provided to you.”

That statement contains at least two factual propositions capable of objective verification:

First: a Stripe payment link was sent on 4 September.

Second: no payment was made using that link.

The second proposition is not presently the principal dispute.

I have subsequently examined the financial material available to me and I am **not asserting that the £162.72 payment was successfully completed.**

The first proposition is therefore critical:

What evidence establishes that the Stripe payment link was actually sent?

3.6 “Created”, “Sent” and “Delivered” Are Different Events

For evidential purposes, these concepts must not be conflated.

A payment link could have been **created** without being communicated to me.

A payment link could have been entered into an accounting system without an email being generated.

An email could have been **generated** without being successfully transmitted.

A transmission could have been attempted but rejected.

An email could have bounced.

It could have been suppressed by an automated system.

It could have been sent to an incorrect address.

It could have been accepted by an external mail server without reaching the intended mailbox.

A link could also have expired or become unusable.

Accordingly, the statement “**Stripe payment link was sent**” requires examination at the level of the underlying technical and accounting records.

3.7 Evidence Presently Available to Me

The evidence presently available establishes my **request for the payment link**.

It also establishes Acolad's later **statement that the link was sent**.

At present, however, the material examined does not itself include the original alleged 4 September outbound payment-link communication or its transmission metadata.

I therefore presently do **not** have documentary evidence showing:

the exact payment-link email;

the sender address;

the exact recipient address recorded on that outbound communication;

the transmission timestamp;

the email Message-ID;

the relevant Stripe identifier;
the underlying Stripe creation record;
the mail-server transmission record;
a delivery record;
a bounce record;
a suppression record;
or evidence of any reminder or reissue before Acolad's 30 September communication.
That does **not prove that such evidence does not exist**.
It means that the evidence has not presently been produced to me.
That is precisely why it is now requested.

3.8 Acolad Must Identify the Basis of Its 30 September Statement

Acolad should state precisely what its sentence:

“Accounts team have confirmed Stripe payment link was sent on 04.09.26”

was based upon.

Was it based upon:

an Acolad accounting-system entry;
a Stripe dashboard entry;
an actual copy of an outbound email;
a member of staff's recollection;
an internal email from Accounts;
an automated system record;
an SMTP/mail-flow record;
a Stripe notification record;
or some other evidence?

This distinction matters.

A record showing **“payment link generated”** would not necessarily prove **“payment link emailed to Derrick Lynch.”**

A record showing “**email generated**” would not necessarily prove successful transmission.

A record showing successful transmission would not necessarily prove receipt.

Each proposition should therefore be supported by the evidence appropriate to that proposition.

3.9 Specific Questions to Acolad Concerning 4 September

I require Acolad to answer the following questions individually.

1. Does Acolad maintain that a Stripe payment link relating to **Job 1 738 688** and the estimated payment of **£162.72** was sent to me on **4 September 2026**?

YES or NO.

2. At what exact time was the payment link created?

Please provide the time and applicable time zone.

3. Which system created the payment link?

4. Was the link generated directly through Stripe?

YES or NO.

5. If not, identify the system or process through which it was generated.

6. What email address was recorded as the intended recipient?

7. Was that address:

derrick_lynch@hotmail.co.uk?

YES or NO.

8. What was the exact sender address used to transmit the payment-link communication?

9. What was the subject line?

10. What was the exact date and time of attempted transmission?

11. Does Acolad possess a copy of the original outbound email or message?

YES or NO.

12. If YES, please provide a complete copy.

13. Does the original communication contain an email Message-ID or equivalent technical identifier?

YES or NO.

14. If YES, please provide that identifier.

15. Does Acolad possess an outbound mail-server record showing transmission?

YES or NO.

16. If YES, please provide or identify that record.

17. Does Acolad possess evidence showing that the recipient mail server accepted the communication?

YES or NO.

18. If YES, please provide or identify that evidence.

19. Was any bounce, rejection, suppression, quarantine, delivery failure or other exception recorded?

YES or NO.

20. If YES, provide the relevant record and explain what occurred.

3.10 Stripe Records

I also require Acolad to identify the Stripe records associated with the alleged payment link.

Subject to lawful disclosure and appropriate redaction of security-sensitive information, please identify:

the Stripe Payment Link identifier;

Checkout Session identifier, if applicable;

Payment Intent identifier, if applicable;

invoice identifier, if applicable;

customer identifier, if applicable;

date and time the payment facility was created;

amount associated with it;

currency;

email address associated with it;
status of the payment facility;
whether it was ever accessed;
whether a payment attempt was made;
whether any payment attempt failed;
whether it expired;
date and time of expiry;
whether it was cancelled or disabled;
and whether it was subsequently replaced or reissued.

I do **not** require disclosure of information that would compromise payment security.

I require sufficient underlying evidence to establish the history of the payment facility associated with **Job 1 738 688**.

3.11 Was the Payment Link Ever Reissued?

A further question arises from the chronology.

If Acolad's system showed that:

the transcript remained unpaid;
work could not commence without payment;
the payment link had allegedly been issued on 4 September;
and no payment subsequently occurred,

I require Acolad to establish what happened next.

Did Acolad send a reminder?

YES or NO.

Did Acolad resend the payment link?

YES or NO.

Did Acolad issue a replacement payment link?

YES or NO.

Did Acolad telephone, email or otherwise contact me to say that payment remained outstanding?

YES or NO.

Did Acolad notify Wood Green Crown Court that the approved transcript request was not progressing because payment had not been received?

YES or NO.

If any such communication occurred, please provide it.

If none occurred, please state that expressly.

3.12 The 17 September Communication Requires Specific Explanation

This issue is particularly important.

On **17 September**, Acolad responded to correspondence concerning the transcript situation and stated that it was unclear whether I required anything from Acolad. Gmail - FAO_ HHJ Deacon KC _ Co...

I then expressly told Acolad that I required its assistance and asked for the status of the 26 August transcript, the reason it had not been delivered and the expected delivery position. Gmail - FAO_ HHJ Deacon KC _ Co...

Acolad should therefore answer:

21. When the 17 September correspondence was reviewed, was **Job 1 738 688** checked?

YES or NO.

22. If YES, did the system at that time show the order as awaiting payment?

YES or NO.

23. If YES, why was I not immediately informed that Acolad considered payment to be the obstacle preventing production?

24. If the job was not checked, why was it not checked when my correspondence concerned the outstanding transcript?

25. Who dealt with my correspondence on 17 September?

26. What information concerning Job 1 738 688 was available to that person?

27. Was the alleged 4 September payment link visible within Acolad's system at that time?

YES or NO.

28. If YES, what record demonstrated that?

3.13 Acolad's 30 September Statement Must Be Auditable

I require the statement made on 30 September to be traced back to its evidential source.

Accordingly:

29. Who within Acolad Accounts confirmed that the payment link had been sent?

30. When was that confirmation requested?

31. When was it provided?

32. Was the confirmation provided verbally or in writing?

33. If in writing, please preserve and provide the communication.

34. What records did the Accounts team examine before making that statement?

35. Did the Accounts team examine the original outbound email?

YES or NO.

36. Did the Accounts team examine Stripe records?

YES or NO.

37. Did the Accounts team examine email transmission records?

YES or NO.

38. Did the Accounts team verify that the alleged email was addressed to derrick_lynch@hotmail.co.uk?

YES or NO.

39. Did the Accounts team verify successful delivery?

YES or NO.

40. If successful delivery was not verified, please explain precisely what Acolad meant when it stated that the link had been **“sent.”**

3.14 Complete Acolad Audit Trail for Job 1 738 688

I require the complete administrative history of **Job 1 738 688**, subject to lawful redaction of irrelevant third-party information.

The audit trail should identify:

when the job was created;
when the approved EX107 was uploaded;
who uploaded it;
when the quotation was created;
when the quotation was sent;
when my 4 September email was received;
when that email was opened or processed, if recorded;
who processed it;
when the payment-link request was entered;
when the payment link was created;
when the alleged outbound communication was generated;
when it was transmitted;
the status subsequently recorded against the job;
all subsequent status changes;
all internal notes;
all reminders;
all escalations;
all correspondence;
and the date on which Acolad first identified that payment remained outstanding.

3.15 Preservation of the Payment-Link Evidence

Acolad is formally requested to preserve all records capable of establishing what happened.

This includes, insofar as they exist:

the original 4 September incoming email from me;
the original alleged outbound payment-link email;
full email headers;
Message-ID information;

mail-server logs;

delivery records;

bounce records;

suppression records;

Stripe records;

accounting records;

case-management records;

workflow histories;

audit logs;

internal emails;

internal messages;

staff notes;

complaint records;

and records concerning any subsequent investigation of the payment issue.

This preservation request is made because the evidence may be required to reconstruct the chronology accurately.

It is not an allegation that Acolad has destroyed, altered, withheld or concealed evidence.

3.16 Immediate Remedial Action Must Proceed Separately

This investigation must **not** prevent the transcript from being produced.

If payment remains outstanding, Acolad should provide a fresh, functional means of payment immediately.

That can be done without destroying or overwriting the historical evidence concerning the alleged 4 September link.

Any replacement payment facility should therefore be clearly identified as a **new or replacement payment facility**, with its own date and records, so that it cannot subsequently be confused with the disputed historical question concerning what happened on 4 September.

Once payment is made and allocated, Acolad should confirm immediately:

that payment has been received;

that it has been allocated to **Job 1 738 688**;

that transcription has commenced;

the applicable turnaround;

and the expected delivery date.

3.17 Evidential Position Concerning the 26 August Transcript

At this stage, I make **no finding** that Acolad failed to send the Stripe payment link.

I make **no finding** that Acolad sent it.

I make **no allegation that Acolad has given false information.**

I make **no allegation that any person deliberately prevented payment.**

I make **no allegation that the payment problem formed part of coordination or collusion with the Court.**

I make **no allegation that race affected Acolad's handling of the matter.**

Those questions cannot properly be determined from the presently available material.

What is established is narrower and important:

I requested the payment link on 4 September.

Acolad now says that the link was sent on 4 September.

I have not presently identified the original alleged payment-link communication or the underlying transmission evidence.

The £162.72 payment is not presently established as having been successfully made.

Acolad possesses, or may possess, records capable of resolving what happened.

Those records should now be produced or precisely accounted for.

That evidence will determine whether the 26 August transcript problem is explained by an ordinary payment/communication failure or whether further investigation is required.

SECTION 4 — 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 TRANSCRIPT: COURT AUTHORISATION, SIGNED EX107 AND THE UNEXPLAINED DELAY

4.1 Purpose of This Section

This section examines the second distinct evidential problem:

What happened to the request for the whole-hearing transcript of 16 September 2026 after I made that request, and why was Acolad still waiting for the signed EX107 from Wood Green Crown Court as at 30 September 2026?

Unlike the 26 August transcript, the presently identified obstacle is **not a Stripe payment issue**.

Acolad's stated position on 30 September was that it had received the request but could not issue a quotation or proceed because it was waiting for the Court to provide the signed EX107.

Acolad expressly identified the outstanding action as belonging to **Wood Green Crown Court**.

That statement requires the complete Court-side chronology to be established.

4.2 16 September 2026 — Hearing Takes Place in My Absence

A hearing took place at Wood Green Crown Court on **16 September 2026**.

I was not present.

The circumstances surrounding my absence are separately documented and are not determined in this section.

Because I was absent, obtaining the official record of what occurred became particularly important.

I required the transcript to establish objectively:

what occurred;

who appeared;

what was said about my absence;

what information was placed before the Court;

what decisions were made;

what directions were given;

and what consequences, if any, arose from that hearing.

The transcript was therefore not requested merely for general information.

It was required as the official record of proceedings which had occurred in my absence.

4.3 Transcript Requested on 16 September

On **16 September 2026**, I made a written request for the whole-hearing transcript.

I made clear that this was:

a new and separate transcript request

in addition to:

the already outstanding transcript of 26 August 2026.

I also requested preservation of the recording.

The documentary record expressly states:

“This request is separate and additional to my existing request for the transcript of the hearing on 26 August 2026, which remains outstanding. I require both transcripts.” Gmail - FAO_ The Judge dealing ...

This is important.

By 16 September, the recipients should have understood that **two different transcripts** were required.

4.4 I Specifically Asked to Be Told What Procedure Was Required

I did not assume that the 16 September request would automatically follow the same procedure as the 26 August request.

I expressly sought instructions.

In particular, I stated:

“If I am required to complete a further EX107 or other transcript request form, please tell me immediately and provide the necessary instructions.”

I also requested information concerning:

judicial approval;

the applicable transcription provider;

cost;

and the earliest available delivery date.

The purpose was straightforward.

If another form, signature, payment, authorisation or other procedural action was required from me, I wanted to know immediately so that I could comply.

4.5 Acolad Was Aware of the Developing Transcript Issue

Acolad was copied into the relevant correspondence.

On **17 September 2026**, Acolad responded.

Acolad stated that it had noted the contents of the correspondence but that it was unclear whether anything was required from Acolad.

Acolad invited me to identify what assistance or information I required. Gmail - FAO_HHJ Deacon KC _ Co...

I did so.

4.6 My 17 September Response to Acolad

On **17 September**, I expressly confirmed that I required Acolad's assistance.

I separated the two transcript requests.

For the 16 September hearing, I asked Acolad to proceed with the transcript as soon as possible.

I also asked Acolad to tell me what further action was required, including any:

form;

Court authorisation;

quotation;

payment;

or other procedural requirement.

I therefore expressly placed the question of the necessary procedure before Acolad. Gmail - FAO_HHJ Deacon KC _ Co...

There should consequently have been no uncertainty after that response that I wanted the 16 September transcript and wanted to know what was necessary to obtain it.

4.7 The Critical 30 September Acolad Statement

On **30 September 2026**, Acolad finally provided a specific status for the 16 September transcript.

Acolad identified:

Hearing: 16 September 2026

Acolad Reference: 1742056

Acolad stated:

“The request has been received; however, we are still waiting to receive the signed EX107 form from the court for us to proceed and issue a quotation.”

Acolad then explained:

“In accordance with the transcript request process, a quotation cannot be issued until the approved request has been received from the court.”

Most importantly, Acolad expressly identified:

“Outstanding from the court: Wood Green Crown Court must complete and return the signed EX107 form to Acolad (courttranscripts@acolad.com) to authorise this transcript request.”

That statement is materially significant.

4.8 What Acolad's Statement Appears to Establish

Subject to verification against the underlying records, Acolad's 30 September account indicates that:

Acolad knew about the 16 September transcript request;

Acolad had created or allocated **Reference 1742056**;

Acolad considered the request to have been **received**;

Acolad had not, as at 30 September, received the necessary signed EX107 from Wood Green Crown Court;

without that Court-authorised documentation, Acolad said it could not issue the quotation;

and Acolad expressly regarded the outstanding action as an action required from **Wood Green Crown Court**.

This differs materially from the 26 August transcript.

For the 26 August request, the Court approval reached Acolad.

For the 16 September request, Acolad says the necessary signed Court authorisation had **not** reached it by 30 September.

4.9 The Central Evidential Question

The central question is therefore:

What happened within Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS between my request on 16 September and Acolad's statement on 30 September that it was still waiting for the signed EX107?

That period is approximately two weeks.

The answer should be capable of being established from the Court's administrative records.

The issue should not be answered by speculation.

There should be a documentary audit trail showing what happened to the request.

4.10 The Court Must Establish When My Request Was Received

Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS should answer:

1. On what exact date and time was my request for the transcript of the 16 September hearing received?

2. Which email address, inbox, department or member of staff received it?

3. Was the request opened or reviewed?

YES or NO.

4. If YES, when?

5. By whom?

6. Was the request entered onto any Court or HMCTS administrative or case-management system?

YES or NO.

7. If YES, identify the date, time and relevant entry or reference.

8. Was an EX107 created or associated with my request?

YES or NO.

9. If YES, when?

10. By whom?

4.11 Was Further Action Required From Me?

This issue must be answered unequivocally.

I had expressly asked to be told immediately if I needed to complete another EX107.

Accordingly:

11. Was I personally required to complete or sign a further EX107 before the 16 September request could progress?

YES or NO.

12. If YES, when was I first informed of that requirement?

13. By whom?

14. By what communication?

15. Please provide that communication.

16. If I was **not** required to take any further action at that stage, please state that expressly.

This is important because responsibility for delay cannot properly be attributed to me for an action which I was never required or instructed to perform.

4.12 Judicial Approval

The Court should establish whether judicial approval was required for the 16 September transcript.

17. Was judicial approval required?

YES or NO.

18. If YES, when was the request first placed before a Judge?

19. Which Judge?

20. What information was provided to the Judge?

21. Was approval granted?

YES or NO.

- 22. If YES, on what date and at what time?
 - 23. What was the precise judicial direction?
 - 24. Where is that direction recorded?
 - 25. If approval was refused or deferred, identify the decision, date, reason and documentary record.
 - 26. If the request had not been placed before a Judge by 30 September, explain why.
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4.13 The Signed EX107

Because Acolad specifically says that it was waiting for the **signed EX107**, the Court should answer:

- 27. Was an EX107 for the 16 September hearing completed?

YES or NO.

- 28. If YES, on what date?
- 29. Who completed it?
- 30. Was it signed or otherwise formally authorised?

YES or NO.

- 31. If YES, on what date?
- 32. By whom?
- 33. Was it transmitted to Acolad?

YES or NO.

- 34. If YES, provide the exact date and time of transmission.
 - 35. Identify the sender.
 - 36. Identify the recipient address.
 - 37. Provide or identify the transmission record.
 - 38. If it was **not** transmitted to Acolad by 30 September, explain why.
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4.14 Acolad Must Also Produce Its Receipt History

Acolad should independently establish its side of this chronology.

Acolad should answer:

39. On what date did Acolad first become aware of the 16 September transcript request?

40. How did Acolad receive that information?

41. When was **Reference 1742056** created?

42. What information was entered into Acolad's system when that reference was created?

43. Did Acolad receive any EX107 relating to the 16 September hearing before 30 September?

YES or NO.

44. If YES, explain precisely why it was insufficient.

45. If NO, state that expressly.

46. Did Acolad request the signed EX107 from Wood Green Crown Court before 30 September?

YES or NO.

47. If YES, when?

48. Please provide the request.

49. Did Acolad send any reminder to the Court?

YES or NO.

50. If YES, provide each reminder.

51. Did Acolad tell me before 30 September that the signed EX107 was the outstanding obstacle?

YES or NO.

52. If YES, identify the communication.

53. If NO, explain why I was not informed earlier.

4.15 The 17 September Opportunity to Identify the Problem

The chronology raises a particularly important factual question.

On 17 September, Acolad was corresponding directly with me about the transcript situation.

I expressly confirmed that I required the 16 September transcript and asked what further form, authorisation, quotation, payment or other action was required. Gmail - FAO_ HHJ Deacon KC _ Co...

Acolad now says that the request was received but could not progress without a signed EX107 from the Court.

Accordingly:

54. Was Acolad already aware on 17 September that Court authorisation would be required?

YES or NO.

55. If YES, why was that requirement not immediately identified to me?

56. Did Acolad communicate that requirement directly to Wood Green Crown Court on or around 17 September?

YES or NO.

57. If not, why not?

58. When did Acolad first identify internally that the signed EX107 was outstanding?

59. What record establishes that date?

These are questions concerning process and chronology.

They are not allegations of deliberate delay.

4.16 Was the Court Aware That the Transcript Was Needed Urgently?

The Court should also establish what it knew about the urgency.

By 24 September, I expressly raised in Court that I required the official record of the 16 September hearing. My written statement recorded the continuing need for that transcript and asked about the status of the official record and underlying audio. THREE PART COURT SPEAKING STATE...

Accordingly:

60. Was the Judge on 24 September informed that I required the 16 September transcript?

YES or NO.

61. Was Court administration aware of that requirement?

YES or NO.

62. Was the outstanding EX107 position known to the Court on 24 September?

YES or NO.

63. If YES, what action was taken?

64. If NO, why had the administrative position not been identified?

65. Was any urgency marker, escalation or priority applied because my next Crown Court hearing was approaching?

YES or NO.

66. If not, explain why.

4.17 Was There a Decision Not to Progress the Request?

This question must be asked directly without presuming the answer.

67. Did any Judge, Court employee, HMCTS employee or other person make a decision to:

delay;

defer;

hold;

suspend;

not approve;

not sign;

not transmit;

or otherwise refrain from progressing the 16 September transcript request?

YES or NO.

If **YES**, identify:

the person;

their role;

the date;

the decision;

the reason;

the authority relied upon;

and the documentary record.

If **NO**, state that expressly.

4.18 Communications Between the Court and Acolad

Because Acolad says that the outstanding action belonged to Wood Green Crown Court, the communications between the two organisations are central evidence.

I therefore require identification and preservation of every relevant communication between Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS and Acolad concerning the 16 September transcript, including:

emails;

attachments;

EX107 documents;

internal referrals;

requests for approval;

requests for missing information;

reminders;

telephone attendance notes;

case-management entries;

workflow messages;

and escalation communications.

For each communication, the record should identify:

sender;

recipient;

date;

time;

subject;

purpose;

and any action arising from it.

4.19 Internal Court Audit Trail

HMCTS/Wood Green Crown Court should preserve and identify the internal audit trail for the request.

That includes, insofar as such records exist:

receipt of my request;

mailbox records;

administrative task allocation;

case-management entries;

workflow records;

staff notes;

referrals to judicial staff;

judicial approval records;

EX107 preparation;

signature/authorisation;

transmission records;

escalation records;

and subsequent actions after Acolad stated that the signed EX107 remained outstanding.

If any relevant record no longer exists, the Court should identify:

what record;

when it ceased to exist;

and the applicable retention or deletion process.

This is a request to establish the record.

It is **not an allegation that any record has been destroyed or concealed**.

4.20 Safeguards Against Anti-Black Racism and Institutional Racism

The 16 September request must also be examined within the safeguarding framework identified in Section 1.

I require Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS to answer:

68. What specific safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism applied to the administrative and decision-making process governing this transcript request?

69. Did those safeguards apply to my request?

YES or NO.

70. Were those safeguards actually applied?

YES or NO.

71. If YES, identify the evidence demonstrating their application.

72. Did any person review the accumulated delay for possible unfair, discriminatory or inconsistent treatment?

YES or NO.

73. If YES, identify that review and its documentary record.

74. If no specific safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism existed for this process, please state that expressly for the record.

This request is for evidence of safeguards and their actual application, not general statements concerning equality, diversity or organisational values.

4.21 Immediate Remedial Action

Whatever explains the delay, the 16 September transcript remains operationally urgent.

Accordingly, Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS should establish immediately:

whether the required EX107 has now been completed;

whether it has been signed/authorised;

whether it has been transmitted to Acolad;

when it was transmitted;

and whether Acolad has confirmed receipt.

Acolad should then establish immediately:

whether the approved request has now been received;

whether the order has been uploaded;

the quotation;

the fastest available turnaround;

the amount payable;

the payment procedure;

and the earliest realistic delivery date.

The investigation into why this did not occur earlier must **not delay completion of those steps now.**

4.22 Evidential Position Concerning the 16 September Transcript

At present, I make **no finding that Wood Green Crown Court deliberately withheld the EX107.**

I make **no finding that any Judge refused or delayed approval.**

I make **no finding that Acolad deliberately allowed the request to remain unresolved.**

I make **no allegation that Acolad and the Court coordinated or colluded concerning this transcript.**

I make **no allegation that records have been concealed.**

I make **no allegation that race caused the delay.**

I make **no finding that anyone intended to disadvantage me.**

What is presently established is more limited:

I requested the 16 September transcript.

I expressly asked to be told what additional procedural action was required.

Acolad became aware that I required its assistance.

Acolad subsequently allocated Reference 1742056.

As at 30 September, Acolad stated that it still had not received the signed EX107 from Wood Green Crown Court.

Acolad expressly identified the outstanding action as belonging to Wood Green Crown Court.

That creates a clear and objectively investigable question:

What happened to the 16 September transcript request within the Court/HMCTS process between my request and Acolad's statement on 30 September that it was still waiting for the signed EX107?

The complete documentary audit trail should answer that question.

SECTION 5 — 24 SEPTEMBER 2026 TRANSCRIPT: REQUEST, COURT PROCESSING AND ACOLAD'S INABILITY TO LOCATE THE REQUEST

5.1 Purpose of This Section

This section examines the third distinct transcript problem:

What happened to my request for the whole-hearing transcript of 24 September 2026, and why did Acolad state on 30 September 2026 that it was unable to locate a transcript request corresponding with that hearing?

This issue is materially different from both earlier transcripts.

For **26 August**, Acolad confirms receipt of the Court-approved EX107 and identifies payment as the obstacle.

For **16 September**, Acolad confirms receipt of the request but says it was waiting for the signed EX107 from Wood Green Crown Court.

For **24 September**, Acolad stated:

“We are unable to locate a further transcript request matching the details provided.”

That creates a third, separately identifiable evidential issue.

The investigation must establish precisely what happened between my request for the 24 September transcript and Acolad's inability to locate that request six days later.

5.2 24 September 2026 — Third Relevant Crown Court Hearing

On **24 September 2026**, I attended Wood Green Crown Court in:

R v Derrick Lynch

Case Reference: 01GD1160226

By this stage, the transcript problem was already an active issue.

My written speaking statement for the hearing expressly recorded that I remained without the transcript of **26 August** and required the official record of the **16 September** hearing. I also asked about the status of the Court audio. THREE PART COURT SPEAKING STATE...

The 24 September hearing then itself became material to my preparation for the continuing criminal proceedings.

I therefore required the **whole-hearing transcript of 24 September 2026**.

5.3 Three Transcripts Were Now Required

Following the 24 September hearing, the position was no longer capable of being treated as a single outstanding transcript matter.

There were three separate hearings requiring three separate official records:

Transcript 1 — 26 August 2026

Transcript 2 — 16 September 2026

Transcript 3 — 24 September 2026

My subsequent correspondence made that position explicit.

By 28 September, my formal communication identified all three outstanding transcripts and required the position concerning each one to be established separately. Gmail - FORMAL REPORT, COMPLAIN...

5.4 The Need to Establish Exactly How the 24 September Request Was Submitted

The investigation must establish the precise procedural history of the 24 September request.

Unlike the 26 August request, where the existing documentary chronology establishes the submission of an EX107 on 27 August and Court approval on 28 August, the presently examined evidence does not yet establish the same complete sequence for the 24 September transcript.

That gap must not be filled by assumption.

The relevant organisations must establish:

when my request was first received;

what form the request took;

whether an EX107 had already been completed;

whether I was required to complete a new EX107;

whether Court staff were responsible for generating or processing the necessary documentation;

whether judicial approval was required;

whether approval was sought;

whether approval was obtained;

whether anything was transmitted to Acolad;
and, if nothing was transmitted, why not.

5.5 My Formal Escalation by 28 September

By **28 September 2026**, there could be no reasonable ambiguity in my formal correspondence about the number of transcripts I required.

My covering communication expressly identified:

26 August 2026;

16 September 2026;

and

24 September 2026

as the three outstanding transcripts.

I requested an exact status for each transcript and asked the recipients to establish separately:

whether the request had been received;

whether it had been authorised;

whether Acolad had received it;

whether the relevant audio had been supplied;

what remained outstanding;

what action was required from me;

what action was required from HMCTS;

what action was required from Acolad;

and the earliest realistic delivery position. Gmail - FORMAL REPORT, COMPLAIN...

This formal escalation is significant because Acolad's substantive status response followed on 30 September.

5.6 Acolad's Position on 30 September

In its communication dated **30 September 2026**, Acolad addressed the three hearings separately.

For the 24 September hearing, Acolad stated:

“Hearing date 24.09.26 (no reference provided as of yet)”

It then stated:

“We are unable to locate a further transcript request matching the details provided.”

Acolad continued:

“Once the signed EX107 form is received we will then proceed with the request, upload this to the system and provide the relevant quotation for this for you to prepay.”

Acolad further stated:

“Until we hear from the court no further action can be taken on our side with this matter.”

Acolad identified:

“Outstanding from the court: Wood Green Crown Court must submit a transcript request to Acolad with a completed and signed EX107 form for the 24.09.26 hearing.”

Acolad then asked me to confirm whether I had submitted a transcript request to the Court for that hearing.

These are important statements requiring documentary verification.

5.7 What Acolad's 30 September Position Appears to Mean

Subject to verification against the underlying records, Acolad's position appears to be that, as at 30 September:

there was no Acolad job/reference number yet identified for the 24 September transcript;

Acolad could not locate a corresponding transcript request;

Acolad had not received the completed and signed EX107 necessary to establish and progress the order;

Acolad considered Wood Green Crown Court responsible for submitting that documentation;

and Acolad could not proceed until it heard from the Court.

This creates an obvious factual question:

What happened to the 24 September transcript request before the point at which it should have reached Acolad?

5.8 Questions for Wood Green Crown Court — Receipt of My Request

Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS should answer each of the following individually.

1. Did Wood Green Crown Court receive a request from me for the whole-hearing transcript of the hearing held on **24 September 2026**?

YES or NO.

2. If YES, on what date?

3. At what time?

4. By what method was the request received?

5. Which Court email address, inbox, department, member of staff or system received it?

6. Was receipt recorded?

YES or NO.

7. If YES, identify the relevant record.

8. Was the request opened or reviewed?

YES or NO.

9. If YES, when?

10. By whom?

11. Was it placed on the Court file?

YES or NO.

12. If not, explain why.

5.9 Was I Required to Complete Another EX107?

This question must be answered precisely.

13. Was I required personally to complete a separate EX107 for the 24 September hearing?

YES or NO.

14. If YES, when was I informed?

15. By whom?

16. By what communication?

17. Please identify or provide that communication.

18. If the Court received my request but considered it procedurally incomplete, when did the Court notify me of the deficiency?

19. What exactly was missing?

20. What instructions were provided to enable me to correct it?

If no such notification was sent, please state:

“No notification identifying the procedural deficiency was sent.”

The purpose of these questions is to establish whether any action genuinely remained outstanding from me and, if so, whether I was told about it.

5.10 Creation and Processing of the EX107

The Court should establish the complete EX107 history.

21. Was an EX107 relating to the 24 September hearing ever created?

YES or NO.

22. If YES, on what date?

23. Who created or completed it?

24. Was it entered into any Court/HMCTS workflow?

YES or NO.

25. If YES, provide the date and relevant reference.

26. Was judicial approval required?

YES or NO.

27. If YES, when was approval sought?

28. From which Judge?

29. Was approval granted?

YES or NO.

30. If YES, on what date?

31. What was the precise direction?

32. Where is that direction recorded?

33. If approval was not sought, explain why.

34. If approval was sought but remained outstanding, identify where the request was within the process on 30 September.

5.11 Was Anything Sent to Acolad?

The Court should answer:

35. Was any transcript request concerning the 24 September hearing transmitted to Acolad before 30 September?

YES or NO.

36. Was any EX107 transmitted?

YES or NO.

37. Was any email informing Acolad of the request transmitted?

YES or NO.

38. Was any Court approval transmitted?

YES or NO.

For every **YES**, provide or identify:

the document;

sender;

recipient;

date;

time;

subject;

and transmission record.

If every answer is **NO**, explain why no transcript request had reached Acolad by 30 September.

5.12 Acolad Must Establish What It Searched

Acolad's statement that it was **“unable to locate a further transcript request matching the details provided”** also requires clarification.

Acolad should answer:

39. What systems were searched before that statement was made?

40. What search terms were used?

41. Was the search conducted using:

my name;

Case Reference **01GD1160226**;

hearing date **24 September 2026**;

Wood Green Crown Court;

my email addresses;

or other identifying information?

42. Who conducted the search?

43. When was it conducted?

44. Did Acolad search unallocated or unmatched transcript requests?

YES or NO.

45. Did Acolad search correspondence which had not yet been converted into a formal job?

YES or NO.

46. Did Acolad search Court communications awaiting administrative processing?

YES or NO.

47. Did Acolad search for any communication mentioning Case Reference 01GD1160226 but lacking a separate Acolad job number?

YES or NO.

5.13 Was Acolad Already on Notice of the Third Transcript?

A further distinction is important.

There is a difference between:

Acolad not having received a valid Court-authorised EX107

and

Acolad having no knowledge that I required the 24 September transcript.

By 28 September, Acolad had been copied into correspondence expressly identifying all three transcripts. Gmail - FORMAL REPORT, COMPLAIN...

Accordingly, Acolad should answer:

48. Did Acolad receive my 28 September correspondence identifying the 24 September transcript?

YES or NO.

49. If YES, when was it received?

50. When was it reviewed?

51. Who reviewed it?

52. Did Acolad then contact Wood Green Crown Court requesting the missing EX107?

YES or NO.

53. If YES, provide the communication.

54. If NO, explain why no request was made to the Court before Acolad's 30 September response.

This question does not assume Acolad was responsible for generating the EX107.

It seeks to establish what Acolad did after becoming aware that a third transcript was required.

5.14 Was There a Decision Not to Progress the Request?

Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS should answer directly:

55. Did any person make a decision to delay, defer, hold, suspend, not process, not approve, not sign or not transmit the 24 September transcript request?

YES or NO.

If **YES**, identify:

the person;

their role;

the date;
the decision;
the reason;
the authority relied upon;
and the documentary record.
If **NO**, state that expressly.

5.15 Was the Request Lost, Misfiled or Administratively Overlooked?

The investigation must also test ordinary administrative explanations.

Accordingly:

56. Was the request lost?

YES or NO.

57. Was it misfiled?

YES or NO.

58. Was it sent to an incorrect inbox or department?

YES or NO.

59. Was it overlooked?

YES or NO.

60. Was there an administrative backlog?

YES or NO.

61. Was there a technical or IT problem?

YES or NO.

62. Was there uncertainty about whether I needed to complete another EX107?

YES or NO.

63. Was there uncertainty concerning who was responsible for taking the next action?

YES or NO.

For every **YES**, please provide the documentary evidence and explain when the problem was discovered and what remedial action was taken.

5.16 Relationship With the Earlier Transcript Problems

By the time the 24 September transcript was requested, the organisations involved were already aware that there were difficulties concerning earlier transcripts.

This creates another legitimate question.

64. Did Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS recognise that the 24 September request concerned a defendant who already had outstanding transcript requests?

YES or NO.

65. Did Acolad recognise this?

YES or NO.

66. Was any enhanced monitoring, escalation or checking applied because earlier transcript requests remained unresolved?

YES or NO.

67. If YES, identify it.

68. If NO, explain whether any procedure exists for escalating repeated transcript difficulties affecting the same defendant and the same live criminal case.

The purpose is to determine whether the three requests were handled in isolation or whether anyone took responsibility for the accumulating problem.

5.17 The Accumulation of Three Different Problems Requires Examination

By 30 September, the apparent position was:

26 August: approved EX107 received by Acolad, but Acolad says payment remained outstanding.

16 September: Acolad had a request/reference but said the signed Court EX107 remained outstanding.

24 September: Acolad could not locate a corresponding transcript request and said it required the Court to submit the completed and signed EX107.

The fact that three different problems arose in the same criminal proceedings is relevant to the investigation.

But the accumulation of problems is not itself proof that they were deliberately created or coordinated.

The evidence must establish whether they were:

independent administrative problems;

connected administrative failures;

communication failures;

technical problems;

failures of oversight;

failures by different organisations;

or something requiring further investigation.

That is precisely why the complete audit trail is necessary.

5.18 Safeguards Against Anti-Black Racism and Institutional Racism

The same safeguarding questions apply to the 24 September request.

I require Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS and, where applicable, Acolad to answer:

69. What specific safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism applied to the processing of this transcript request?

70. Were those safeguards applicable to my request?

YES or NO.

71. Were they actually applied?

YES or NO.

72. If YES, identify the documentary evidence.

73. Did any person consider whether the accumulation of transcript problems affecting a Black defendant required additional review for fairness or consistency?

YES or NO.

74. If YES, identify the review and evidence.

75. If no such specific safeguard or review mechanism exists, state that expressly for the record.

This is a request for identifiable safeguards and evidence of their application.

It is not a request for general statements concerning equality, diversity or organisational values.

5.19 Immediate Remedial Action

The investigation into what happened must not create further delay.

Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS should immediately establish whether a valid EX107 for the 24 September hearing now exists.

If one does not exist, I require immediate written identification of precisely what is required from me.

If Court action is required, that action should be completed urgently.

If judicial approval is required, the request should be placed before the appropriate Judge urgently.

Once completed, the Court should transmit the authorised request to Acolad and provide written confirmation of:

the date;

time;

recipient;

and transmission reference.

Acolad should then confirm receipt and provide:

the Acolad job/reference number;

quotation;

fastest available turnaround;

payment requirements;

and earliest realistic delivery date.

5.20 Evidential Position Concerning the 24 September Transcript

At present:

I make no finding that the Court deliberately failed to process the request.

I make no finding that the request was deliberately withheld from Acolad.

I make no finding that Acolad deliberately failed to locate it.

I make no allegation of coordination or collusion.

I make no allegation that any record has been concealed.

I make no allegation that race caused the problem.

I make no finding that anyone intended to disadvantage me.

The presently established position is narrower:

I required the whole-hearing transcript of 24 September.

By 28 September, my formal written correspondence expressly identified it as one of three outstanding transcripts. Gmail - FORMAL REPORT, COMPLAIN...

On 30 September, Acolad stated that it could not locate a corresponding transcript request.

Acolad stated that Wood Green Crown Court needed to submit a completed and signed EX107 before Acolad could proceed.

That creates a specific evidential question:

What happened between my request for the 24 September transcript and Acolad's statement on 30 September that it could not locate the request and had not received the necessary Court documentation?

That question should be answered from the records, not by assumption.

The Court and Acolad should now produce the audit trail capable of answering it.

SECTION 6 — THE THREE TRANSCRIPT PROBLEMS VIEWED TOGETHER: WHETHER THEY ARE INDEPENDENT FAILURES OR PART OF A CONNECTED COURSE OF EVENTS

6.1 Purpose of This Section

Sections 3, 4 and 5 deliberately examined the three transcripts **separately**.

That was necessary because each presently appears to involve a different obstacle:

26 August 2026: Acolad received the approved EX107, issued a quotation and now says a Stripe payment link was sent, but payment was not made.

16 September 2026: Acolad says it received the request but was still waiting for the signed EX107 from Wood Green Crown Court.

24 September 2026: Acolad says it could not locate a corresponding transcript request and was waiting for Wood Green Crown Court to submit a completed and signed EX107.

The investigation must now consider those events **together**.

The central question is:

Are these three problems independent administrative, technical, payment or communication failures, or does the complete documentary record demonstrate some connection between them that requires further investigation?

I do not presume the answer.

6.2 Why the Accumulated Pattern Requires Investigation

A single administrative problem may have a straightforward explanation.

A payment communication may fail.

A form may be delayed.

An email may be overlooked.

A Court authorisation may not be transmitted promptly.

A transcript request may not reach the transcription provider.

Any one of those events may occur without deliberate wrongdoing.

The present situation, however, involves **three separate transcript requests arising within the same criminal proceedings over a relatively short period**, with a different apparent obstacle affecting each one.

That accumulation is relevant.

It does not prove coordination.

It does not prove deliberate obstruction.

It does not prove concealment.

It does not prove discrimination.

But it creates a legitimate need to determine whether the events were genuinely independent or whether there were communications, decisions, instructions, common personnel, workflow failures or other connections between them.

My existing report already recognised that the accumulated problem did not itself establish whether responsibility rested with Acolad, Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS, technical systems, another party or a combination of factors. FORMAL REPORT AND NOTICE OF SER...

That remains my position.

6.3 The Three Problems Must Be Mapped Against One Another

A complete investigation should create a single chronology showing, for all three transcripts:

when I requested each transcript;

when the Court received each request;

when an EX107 was created;

when judicial approval was sought;

when approval was obtained;

when the EX107 was signed;

when it was transmitted to Acolad;

when Acolad received it;

when an Acolad job/reference was created;

when audio was made available;

when a quotation was issued;

when payment was requested;

when payment facilities were generated;

when any obstacle was first identified;

when I was informed of that obstacle;

when the Court was informed;

when Acolad was informed;

when any escalation occurred;

and what action was taken after escalation.

Only when these events are placed into a single chronology will it be possible to determine whether the problems were genuinely independent.

6.4 Common Personnel Must Be Identified

I require both Acolad and HMCTS/Wood Green Crown Court to identify the personnel, teams or functional roles involved in each transcript request.

This does not require unnecessary disclosure of personal information unrelated to the investigation.

It requires sufficient identification to determine whether the same people, teams or decision-making chains were involved repeatedly.

Accordingly:

1. Which Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS personnel or teams handled the 26 August transcript request?
2. Which handled the 16 September request?
3. Which handled the 24 September request?
4. Were any of the same persons or teams involved in two or more requests?

YES or NO.

5. If YES, identify their role in each request.

6. Which Acolad personnel or teams handled the 26 August request?

7. Which handled the 16 September request?

8. Which dealt with the 24 September matter after Acolad became aware that a third transcript was required?

9. Were any of the same Acolad personnel or teams involved across multiple requests?

YES or NO.

10. If YES, identify their respective roles.

The purpose is to establish the administrative chain, not to presume misconduct by any individual.

6.5 Communications Between Acolad and Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS

The communications between Acolad and the Court are now a central evidential category.

The investigation must establish the **complete contemporaneous communications record** concerning all three transcripts.

I therefore require identification and, subject to lawful disclosure requirements, copies of communications between Acolad and Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS concerning:

R v Derrick Lynch;

Case Reference 01GD1160226;

Derrick Emmanuel Lynch / Derrick Lynch / John Canoe;

the hearing of 26 August 2026;

the hearing of 16 September 2026;

the hearing of 24 September 2026;

EX107 forms;

judicial approval;

audio recordings;

transcription;

quotations;

payment;

Stripe;

delay;

urgency;

the 15 October hearing;

my complaints;

my correspondence;

and escalation of the transcript problem.

6.6 Communications Must Include More Than Formal Emails

The search should not be artificially restricted to emails expressly titled with the case reference.

Subject to the records actually existing, the investigation should encompass relevant:

emails;

attachments;

internal emails;

case-management messages;

workflow communications;

portal messages;

administrative notes;

telephone attendance notes;

call records showing that a relevant call occurred;

internal messaging systems;

task allocations;

escalation records;

complaint referrals;

supervisory communications;

accounting communications;

and other contemporaneous records capable of showing what information passed between the organisations.

If no such record exists for a particular category, that should simply be stated.

6.7 Communications Concerning Me Personally

I require the recipients to establish whether any communication between Acolad and Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS referred to me personally beyond what was administratively necessary to process the transcript requests.

Accordingly:

11. Did any communication between Acolad and HMCTS/Wood Green Crown Court discuss me personally?

YES or NO.

12. Did any communication discuss my conduct?

YES or NO.

13. Did any communication discuss my status as a litigant in person?

YES or NO.

14. Did any communication discuss my complaints?

YES or NO.

15. Did any communication discuss the volume, nature or frequency of my correspondence?

YES or NO.

16. Did any communication discuss my requests concerning anti-Black racism or Institutional Racism?

YES or NO.

17. Did any communication expressly identify or discuss my race?

YES or NO.

18. Did any communication discuss how my correspondence or transcript requests should be handled differently from the ordinary process?

YES or NO.

For every **YES**, identify the communication and provide the relevant documentary record, subject to any lawful restriction that must be identified.

6.8 Was There Any Instruction Affecting My Transcript Requests?

Both organisations should answer:

19. Was any instruction given to delay any transcript request?

YES or NO.

20. Was any instruction given to hold any request?

YES or NO.

21. Was any instruction given not to process any request until some event other than the ordinary procedural requirements had occurred?

YES or NO.

22. Was any instruction given not to communicate directly with me?

YES or NO.

23. Was any instruction given concerning how much information should be provided to me?

YES or NO.

24. Was any instruction given concerning my complaints?

YES or NO.

25. Was any instruction given concerning escalation of my correspondence?

YES or NO.

26. Was any instruction given concerning the release, processing or prioritisation of my transcripts?

YES or NO.

If the answer to any question is **YES**, identify:

who gave the instruction;

to whom;

when;

why;

under what authority;

and where it is recorded.

6.9 Was There Any Coordination Between the Organisations?

Because I have expressly recorded a strong suspicion of possible coordination or collusion, this question must be investigated directly rather than avoided.

I therefore ask:

27. Did Acolad and Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS coordinate their handling of my three transcript requests beyond the ordinary communications necessary to administer those requests?

YES or NO.

28. Did either organisation consult the other about how to respond to my complaints?

YES or NO.

29. Did either organisation consult the other about how to answer my questions?

YES or NO.

30. Did either organisation discuss the possibility of legal proceedings, complaints, reputational issues or liability arising from the transcript problems?

YES or NO.

31. Did either organisation discuss what records should or should not be supplied to me?

YES or NO.

32. Did either organisation discuss how my requests concerning safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism should be answered?

YES or NO.

33. Did either organisation discuss my forthcoming hearing on 15 October in connection with the transcript delays?

YES or NO.

A **YES** answer does not itself establish improper collusion.

Organisations may legitimately communicate about operational problems, complaints, litigation risk or case administration.

The content, purpose and context of the communication must be examined before any conclusion can properly be reached.

6.10 Distinction Between Legitimate Coordination and Improper Collusion

This distinction is essential.

Acolad is a transcription provider operating in connection with HMCTS.

Some communication and coordination between Acolad and the Court is therefore expected and necessary.

For example, legitimate coordination may include:

transmission of EX107 forms;

confirmation of judicial approval;
transfer or availability of audio;
clarification of hearing details;
quotation administration;
confirmation of transcription requirements;
and resolution of administrative problems.

The mere existence of communication between the organisations therefore does **not** establish collusion.

The relevant question is whether any communication or coordinated conduct went beyond legitimate administration and was directed towards improperly obstructing, withholding, concealing, delaying or disadvantaging me.

That question can only be answered from the evidence.

6.11 Possible Concealment or Withholding of Information

My strong suspicion also includes the possibility that relevant information may have been concealed, withheld or not disclosed.

Again, this is a matter requiring investigation rather than a conclusion.

Both organisations should therefore answer:

34. Is either organisation aware of a relevant communication or record concerning the three transcripts which has not previously been disclosed or identified to me?

YES or NO.

35. Are there internal communications concerning the transcript problems which have not previously been identified to me?

YES or NO.

36. Are there communications between Acolad and HMCTS concerning the transcript problems which have not previously been identified to me?

YES or NO.

37. Are there records concerning the alleged 4 September Stripe payment link which have not previously been provided to me?

YES or NO.

38. Are there records concerning the 16 September EX107 which have not previously been provided to me?

YES or NO.

39. Are there records concerning the 24 September request which have not previously been provided to me?

YES or NO.

A record having not previously been supplied does **not automatically mean it was concealed.**

There may be lawful, procedural or practical reasons why an internal record was not previously supplied.

That is why I require the record to be identified and the position explained.

6.12 Knowledge of the Effect on My Criminal Proceedings

Another material question concerns what the organisations knew about the significance of the delays.

I require the recipients to establish:

40. When did Acolad first become aware that I required the transcripts for continuing criminal proceedings?

41. When did Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS first become aware that I regarded the transcripts as necessary for preparation?

42. When did each organisation become aware of the next hearing date of **15 October 2026**?

43. Did Acolad understand that continued delay could reduce the time available to me and any legal representative to prepare?

YES or NO.

44. Did Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS understand that?

YES or NO.

45. Once that was understood, what action was taken?

46. Was any urgency or escalation status applied?

YES or NO.

47. If not, why not?

6.13 Whether Anyone Intended to Disadvantage Me

I have recorded a strong suspicion that conduct may have been intended to disadvantage me in preparing for the criminal proceedings.

That is a serious suspicion.

It requires equally serious evidential discipline.

I do **not** presently state that such intention existed.

I therefore ask each principal organisation:

48. Is there any record of any person expressing a wish, intention, instruction or expectation that delay in obtaining the transcripts should affect my ability to prepare for the criminal proceedings?

YES or NO.

49. Is there any record suggesting that a transcript was delayed because of its possible use by me in challenging, questioning or examining what occurred at an earlier hearing?

YES or NO.

50. Is there any record suggesting that the availability of a transcript to me was regarded negatively by any person involved in the process?

YES or NO.

51. Is there any record of a decision to restrict, impede or discourage my access to the official record beyond the lawful procedural requirements applicable to transcript requests?

YES or NO.

If the answer to any of these questions is **YES**, the relevant evidence should be identified and preserved.

If the answer is **NO**, that should be stated expressly.

6.14 Evidence Capable of Excluding My Suspicion Is Equally Important

I expressly request evidence capable of **excluding** my suspicion.

If Acolad's records demonstrate that the 26 August problem resulted solely from an ordinary payment-link or payment failure, that evidence is important.

If HMCTS records demonstrate that the 16 September signed EX107 was delayed through an identifiable administrative error unrelated to me personally, that evidence is important.

If the 24 September request was not transmitted because of an identifiable procedural misunderstanding or administrative omission, that evidence is important.

If the records demonstrate that the relevant personnel handling the three matters acted independently and without communication concerning anything other than ordinary administration, that evidence is important.

If the evidence establishes that no person sought to disadvantage me, that is also important.

The investigation must search for exculpatory and explanatory evidence with the same seriousness as evidence potentially supporting my suspicions.

6.15 No Reverse Burden

I am not asking Acolad, the Court or individual employees to **prove their innocence**.

Nor am I asserting that the existence of unexplained events means wrongdoing must have occurred.

The request is narrower.

The organisations possess contemporaneous records that I do not possess.

Those records are capable of establishing:

what happened;

what communications occurred;

what decisions were made;

who made them;

what each organisation knew;

when it knew it;

and why particular actions were or were not taken.

I therefore require the documentary record so that the factual position can be assessed on evidence rather than suspicion.

6.16 Required Classification of the Evidence

For clarity, I request that the developing evidential record be approached using the following distinctions:

ESTABLISHED FACT — supported by reliable contemporaneous evidence.

ASSERTION BY A PARTY — something stated by me, Acolad, HMCTS or another person but requiring independent verification where material.

DISCREPANCY — two or more records or accounts that do not presently reconcile.

MISSING EVIDENCE — evidence that would ordinarily be capable of resolving a material question but has not presently been identified or produced.

EVIDENCE REQUIRING VERIFICATION — evidence whose provenance, meaning or completeness requires confirmation.

EVIDENCE CONSISTENT WITH MORE THAN ONE EXPLANATION — material that cannot properly support a single conclusion without further evidence.

EVIDENCE POTENTIALLY SUPPORTING THE SUSPICION — evidence which may support one or more of the concerns identified in Section 1 but which must be considered in context.

EVIDENCE POTENTIALLY REFUTING OR EXCLUDING THE SUSPICION — evidence supporting an innocent, administrative, technical, procedural or otherwise legitimate explanation.

This distinction is necessary to prevent suspicion being converted into fact merely through repetition.

6.17 The Core Investigative Question

The investigation should ultimately answer the following question:

What does the complete contemporaneous documentary record establish about the actions, communications, knowledge and decisions of Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS and Acolad concerning my three transcript requests, and does that evidence support or exclude deliberate obstruction, improper coordination or collusion, concealment or withholding of relevant information, discriminatory treatment, or intentional disadvantage?

That question must be answered by evidence.

It should not be answered by institutional assurances.

It should not be answered by my suspicions alone.

It should not be answered by assumptions concerning the motives of individual employees.

The **complete documentary record** should determine the answer.

6.18 Present Position

At present, I have sufficient evidence to justify asking these questions.

I do **not** presently have sufficient evidence to determine their answers.

That distinction is deliberate.

The three transcript problems, considered together, require investigation.

Whether they ultimately establish:

three independent problems;

a common administrative failure;

inadequate communication;

inadequate oversight;

systemic deficiencies;

actions or omissions by particular individuals;

or something more serious,

must be determined from the preserved contemporaneous evidence.

That evidence must now be identified, preserved and examined.

SECTION 7 — POSSIBLE CONCEALMENT, WITHHOLDING OR NON-DISCLOSURE OF RELEVANT INFORMATION AND RECORDS

7.1 Purpose of This Section

This section addresses my strong suspicion that relevant information, communications or records concerning the handling of the three transcript requests may have been:

concealed;

withheld;

not disclosed;

not identified when reasonably expected;

or otherwise **not made available to me despite their relevance to establishing what occurred.**

This is a serious matter and requires precise language.

I do **not** presently assert that any person or organisation deliberately concealed evidence.

I do **not** presently assert that records have been destroyed, altered, deleted or falsified.

I do **not** presently assert that non-disclosure was dishonest.

I do **not** presently assert that Acolad, Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS or any individual has committed misconduct.

I have reached **no conclusion** on those matters.

My position is that material gaps presently exist in the documentary record available to me, and those gaps concern evidence capable of resolving important factual questions.

The correct response is therefore to identify, preserve and examine the records.

7.2 Meaning of “Concealment” for the Purpose of This Investigation

For the avoidance of doubt, I am not using the word “**concealment**” as a predetermined finding.

There is an important distinction between:

a document never having existed;

a document existing but not previously being requested;

a document being held internally and not ordinarily supplied;

a document being subject to a lawful restriction;

a document being overlooked;

a document being incorrectly filed;

a document being technically inaccessible;

a document being inadvertently omitted;

a document being withheld because of a genuine legal or procedural reason;

and a document being deliberately withheld so that a person cannot discover a material fact.

Only the last category, or comparable deliberate conduct, would potentially support the serious suspicion of intentional concealment.

The evidence must establish which explanation applies.

7.3 The Present Documentary Gaps

Several material gaps have already emerged.

For the **26 August transcript**, Acolad says that a Stripe payment link was sent on 4 September.

The material presently available to me establishes that I requested the payment link.

It does not presently include the original alleged outbound payment-link communication or the technical transmission evidence establishing what happened to it.

For the **16 September transcript**, Acolad says that it received the request but remained, as at 30 September, without the signed EX107 from Wood Green Crown Court.

The complete Court-side audit trail explaining what happened to that authorisation has not presently been provided to me.

For the **24 September transcript**, Acolad stated that it could not locate a corresponding transcript request and had not received the completed and signed EX107.

The complete administrative record explaining what happened to that request has not presently been provided to me.

These are evidential gaps.

They are **not, by themselves, evidence of deliberate concealment.**

7.4 Records Known or Reasonably Expected to Exist

The investigation should identify whether the following categories of records exist.

For the 26 August transcript:

the approved EX107;

the Court-to-Acolad transmission;

Acolad's receipt record;

Job 1 738 688 creation record;

the quotation;

my 4 September payment-link request;

the Accounts team's processing record;

the Stripe payment-link creation record;

the alleged outbound payment-link communication;

email transmission metadata;

delivery, bounce or suppression records;

internal notes;

payment status records;

and the records underlying Acolad's 30 September statement.

For the 16 September transcript:

my request;

Acolad Reference 1742056;

Court receipt records;

EX107 processing records;

any request for judicial approval;

any judicial decision;

the signed or unsigned EX107;

Court-to-Acolad communications;

Acolad reminders or requests;

and records explaining why the signed EX107 remained outstanding.

For the 24 September transcript:

my request;

Court receipt records;

any EX107;

any judicial referral or approval;

any Court-to-Acolad transmission;

Acolad searches for the request;

and records explaining why Acolad could not locate a corresponding request on 30 September.

7.5 A Record Should Not Be Treated as Non-Existent Merely Because It Has Not Been Produced

The recipients should not respond to this investigation on the basis that a record does not exist merely because it has not immediately been located.

Where a material record cannot be located, I require a proper distinction between:

“the record does not exist”;

“the record once existed but is no longer retained”;

“the record should exist but cannot presently be located”;

“the record is held elsewhere”;

“the record exists but cannot lawfully be disclosed”;

and

“the record exists and can be supplied.”

Those propositions are materially different.

7.6 Records That Exist but Are Not Disclosed

If a relevant record exists but is not supplied to me, the organisation should identify:

the category of record;

the date;

the holder;

the reason it is relevant;

whether it has been preserved;

and the legal or procedural basis upon which disclosure is being withheld.

Where only part of a document cannot lawfully be disclosed, consideration should be given to appropriate redaction rather than withholding the entire document.

I recognise that lawful restrictions may apply to particular records.

The existence of such restrictions would not itself establish concealment.

What is required is an auditable explanation.

7.7 Records Said Not to Exist

If Acolad or HMCTS states that a material record does not exist, I require the response to identify how that conclusion was reached.

For example:

1. What systems were searched?
2. Who conducted the search?
3. When was the search conducted?
4. What search terms, references or identifiers were used?
5. Were archived records searched?
6. Were deleted-item or retention systems considered where applicable?
7. Were relevant shared mailboxes searched?
8. Were individual staff records searched where lawfully appropriate?
9. Were case-management systems searched?
10. Were accounting systems searched?
11. Were Stripe or other payment-system records searched where relevant?
12. Were audit logs searched?

The answer **“we cannot locate it”** should therefore be distinguished from **“it never existed.”**

7.8 Deleted or Destroyed Records

If any material record once existed but has subsequently been deleted, destroyed or become unavailable, I require the organisation to identify:

what the record was;

when it was created;

when it was deleted or destroyed;

whether deletion was automatic or manual;

the applicable retention policy;

whether any litigation hold, complaint hold or preservation instruction existed at the time;

who authorised any manual deletion, if applicable;

and whether a backup, archive, audit entry or alternative copy survives.

Again, the fact that a record was deleted under an ordinary retention process would not itself establish wrongdoing.

The circumstances must be established.

7.9 Alteration or Amendment of Records

If any relevant record has been amended after its original creation, the original and amended states should be preserved where the system permits.

The audit trail should identify:

the original entry;

the amendment;

the date and time;

the person or system responsible;

and, where recorded, the reason for the amendment.

This applies particularly to:

case-management status;

job status;

payment status;

EX107 status;

internal notes;

and administrative workflow entries.

I make **no assertion that any record has been improperly altered**.

This request is made so that the integrity of the historical record can be independently established.

7.10 Internal Communications

Internal communications are potentially important because external correspondence may not disclose the complete administrative history.

I therefore require preservation and identification, insofar as relevant and lawfully disclosable, of internal communications concerning:

my transcript requests;

my case reference;

my complaints;

the Stripe payment issue;

the outstanding EX107;

the missing 24 September request;

the approaching 15 October hearing;

the urgency of the transcripts;

my requests concerning anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism;

and any discussion concerning how responses to me should be handled.

This should include relevant internal emails, messages, notes, referrals and escalations.

7.11 Communications Between Acolad and HMCTS

Particular attention must be given to communications between Acolad and Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS.

I require confirmation whether there are communications concerning my transcript requests which I have not previously seen.

If there are, they should be identified.

The relevant question is not merely whether a formal EX107 was exchanged.

The investigation should establish whether there were additional communications concerning:

delay;

payment;

approval;

missing documentation;

complaints;

urgency;

my next hearing;

my correspondence;

or the handling of my requests generally.

The existence of such communications would not establish improper coordination.

Their content would determine their significance.

7.12 Communications With Third Parties

The investigation should also establish whether any relevant information concerning the transcript requests was communicated to any third party involved in the criminal proceedings or Court administration.

Accordingly:

13. Were the transcript difficulties discussed with the prosecution?

YES or NO.

14. Were they discussed with any police representative?

YES or NO.

15. Were they discussed with any legal representative or prospective legal representative?

YES or NO.

16. Were they discussed with any other HMCTS office or official?

YES or NO.

17. Were they discussed with any person outside Acolad and HMCTS whose involvement was not required merely to administer the transcript request?

YES or NO.

For any **YES**, identify the purpose and relevant record.

This is not an assertion that such communication would necessarily be improper.

7.13 The 30 September Acolad Communication Is Particularly Important

Acolad's 30 September communication demonstrates that by that date somebody had undertaken at least some investigation of the three transcript positions.

For the 26 August transcript, Acolad stated that its Accounts team had confirmed that a Stripe payment link was sent.

For the 16 September transcript, Acolad identified Reference 1742056 and stated that it was waiting for the Court's signed EX107.

For the 24 September transcript, Acolad stated that it had searched but could not locate a corresponding request.

I therefore require the records generated or consulted during the preparation of that response.

Specifically:

18. Who investigated the three transcript positions before the 30 September response was issued?

19. Who contacted the Accounts team?

20. What question was put to Accounts?

21. What response did Accounts provide?

22. Was that response written?

YES or NO.

23. What system established the position concerning Reference 1742056?

24. Was Wood Green Crown Court contacted to verify the missing signed EX107?

YES or NO.

25. What search was performed for the 24 September request?

26. Were notes made during this investigation?

YES or NO.

27. Are those notes preserved?

YES or NO.

These records are capable of showing the evidential basis of Acolad's account.

7.14 Information Known Earlier but Communicated Later

The investigation should establish whether information communicated to me on 30 September had been known materially earlier.

For example:

When did Acolad first know that the 26 August job was awaiting payment?

When did Acolad first know that the 16 September request lacked a signed EX107?

When did the Court first know that the 16 September EX107 had not reached Acolad?

When did Acolad first know that no 24 September request could be located?

When did the Court first know that the 24 September request had not reached Acolad?

If material information was known earlier but communicated later, the reason for that interval should be explained.

A delay in communicating information does **not automatically establish concealment**.

But the chronology is relevant to determining what occurred.

7.15 Responses Must Address the Actual Questions

I request that neither Acolad nor HMCTS replace specific answers with general statements such as:

“we take complaints seriously”;

“we are committed to equality”;

“we followed our normal procedures”;

“there is no evidence of wrongdoing”;

or

“the matter is being looked into.”

Such statements do not answer the evidential questions.

If the answer is known, it should be provided.

If the answer is not known, that should be stated.

If records are being searched, identify what is being searched.

If a record cannot be disclosed, identify the basis.

If no record exists, say so.

If an error occurred, identify it.

If the evidence contradicts my suspicion, provide that evidence.

7.16 No Adverse Conclusion From Lawful Non-Disclosure Alone

For fairness, I expressly recognise that there may be circumstances in which information cannot immediately or fully be disclosed to me.

There may be legitimate issues concerning:

third-party personal information;

legal professional privilege;

security-sensitive information;

payment-system security;

Court administration;

or other lawful restrictions.

I will not treat the mere existence of a lawful restriction as proof of concealment.

However, where reliance is placed upon a restriction, I require the restriction to be identified sufficiently clearly to distinguish **lawful non-disclosure** from an unexplained failure to account for the record.

7.17 Preservation Must Occur Before the Investigation Is Complete

Preservation cannot sensibly wait until every question has been answered.

The relevant organisations are now on notice that:

there is a live dispute concerning the handling of the transcripts;

there is a formal complaint;

there are serious unresolved factual questions;

the records may be required in continuing criminal proceedings;

and I am considering what further legal or complaint processes may become necessary after the evidence is established.

My earlier formal report already requested preservation of emails, EX107 documentation, approvals, communications, workflow records, audio-related records, quotations, invoices, payment requests and associated records.

That preservation request remains in force.

7.18 Specific Preservation Confirmation Required

I therefore require Acolad and Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS separately to confirm:

28. Has a preservation instruction been issued concerning the relevant records?

YES or NO.

29. If YES, on what date?

30. What categories of records are covered?

31. Which systems are covered?

32. Does preservation include relevant emails?

YES or NO.

33. Does it include audit logs?

YES or NO.

34. Does it include internal communications?

YES or NO.

35. Does it include EX107 documentation?

YES or NO.

36. Does it include the relevant Court audio recordings and associated metadata?

YES or NO.

37. Does Acolad's preservation include Stripe/payment records?

YES or NO.

38. Does it include records that would otherwise be subject to automatic deletion or routine retention periods?

YES or NO.

If preservation has not been implemented, I request that this be done immediately insofar as lawfully and technically possible.

7.19 The Investigation Must Be Capable of Disproving Concealment

The purpose of this section is not to construct a predetermined case that concealment occurred.

A proper investigation may establish the opposite.

For example, records may establish that:

the Stripe email was correctly transmitted;

the 16 September EX107 was delayed through an identifiable administrative mistake;

the 24 September request was not completed because of a genuine procedural misunderstanding;

internal communications were entirely routine;

nothing relevant was intentionally withheld;

and all missing records are accounted for.

If that is what the evidence establishes, that evidence should be produced and recorded.

That would materially answer my concern.

7.20 Evidential Position at This Stage

My position remains:

I strongly suspect that concealment, withholding or non-disclosure of relevant information may require investigation.

That suspicion is **not a finding of fact**.

I make:

no allegation;

no accusation;

no assumption;

no assertion of wrongdoing;

and **no conclusion**

that any person or organisation deliberately concealed, destroyed, altered or withheld evidence.

What I presently identify are **material gaps in the documentary record available to me.**

Those gaps concern records which may objectively establish what happened.

The appropriate response is therefore straightforward:

Identify the records. Preserve them. Produce what can lawfully be produced.

Account specifically for what cannot be produced. Establish when the information was known, who knew it, what decisions were made, and what was communicated between Acolad and Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS.

Only after that process can the suspicion of concealment, withholding or non-disclosure be properly supported, contradicted or excluded.

SECTION 8 — POSSIBLE INTENTIONAL DISADVANTAGE IN THE PREPARATION AND CONDUCT OF MY CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

8.1 Purpose of This Section

This section addresses the fourth serious matter identified in Section 1:

whether any act, omission, delay, decision, communication or failure concerning the three transcripts was intended, or operated in circumstances requiring investigation as to whether it was intended, to disadvantage me in preparing for and participating effectively in my criminal proceedings.

This question must be approached with particular care.

I do **not** presently assert that any person intended to disadvantage me.

I do **not** presently assert that the transcript difficulties were deliberately created.

I do **not** presently assert that Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS, Acolad, the prosecution, the police or any individual acted together for such a purpose.

I do **not** presently attribute a motive to any identified person.

I have reached **no conclusion**.

I have a **strong suspicion requiring investigation** because the repeated transcript difficulties occurred in live criminal proceedings in which I am attempting to understand the proceedings, obtain legal representation and prepare properly for the next hearing.

8.2 The Practical Importance of the Transcripts

The transcripts are not being sought for historical curiosity.

They concern hearings in my continuing criminal proceedings.

They provide, or should provide, the authoritative written record of what was said and done in Court.

The transcripts may be required to establish accurately:

what I said;

what the Judge said;

what the prosecution said;

what directions were given;

what decisions were made;

what was said about legal representation;

what was said about my attendance or absence;

what was said about plea and case management;

what matters were adjourned;

what commitments or instructions were given;

and whether my own recollection and written records correspond with the official Court record.

The absence of the transcripts therefore has a direct practical relationship with my ability to understand and prepare for subsequent proceedings.

8.3 The Importance of the 26 August Transcript

The **26 August transcript** concerns my first Crown Court hearing in these proceedings.

It is therefore potentially important to understanding the procedural foundation for what followed.

My subsequent Court statement recorded that I was still waiting for this transcript on 24 September.

The continued absence of that transcript meant that subsequent preparation had to take place without the complete official written record of the earlier hearing.

That is an objective consequence of the transcript remaining unavailable.

It does **not**, by itself, establish that anyone intended that consequence.

8.4 The Importance of the 16 September Transcript

The **16 September transcript** is particularly significant because the hearing occurred in my absence.

I therefore could not rely upon my own direct observation of what occurred.

An official transcript would establish what was said about:

my absence;

the status of the proceedings;

any explanation placed before the Court;

any directions given;

and any decisions made.

My 24 September speaking statement expressly recorded my need for the official record of the 16 September hearing. THREE PART COURT SPEAKING STATE...

The absence of this transcript therefore creates a different practical difficulty from the absence of the 26 August transcript.

8.5 The Importance of the 24 September Transcript

The **24 September transcript** concerns a hearing at which the existing transcript difficulties were themselves raised.

It is therefore capable of establishing the official record of what was said about:

the earlier transcripts;

the 16 September hearing;

Court administration;

legal representation;

the continuing proceedings;

and the next steps in the case.

Accordingly, the three transcripts are not isolated historical records.

They form a sequence of official records concerning the continuing management of the same criminal proceedings.

8.6 The Approaching 15 October 2026 Hearing

My next hearing is recorded as **15 October 2026**.

The timing matters.

Every day during which the transcripts remain unavailable reduces the period in which I can:

read them;

compare them against my records;

identify matters requiring clarification;

provide them to any solicitor or barrister who may become involved;

seek advice based upon the actual Court record;
and prepare for the next hearing.

My existing formal report expressly identified the immediate objective as establishing the obstacles, identifying who was responsible for the next action and obtaining the transcripts sufficiently before 15 October.

It also made clear that the investigation into responsibility could continue separately.

That distinction remains fundamental:

The investigation must not itself become another reason for delaying the transcripts.

8.7 Actual Disadvantage and Intended Disadvantage Are Different Questions

The investigation must distinguish carefully between two propositions.

The first is:

Did the absence of the transcripts place me at a practical disadvantage?

The second is:

Did anyone intend that disadvantage?

These are not the same question.

A person may suffer practical disadvantage because of:

an administrative error;

a payment failure;

a communication problem;

a technical problem;

a backlog;

a misunderstanding;

or an accumulation of unrelated mistakes.

Such disadvantage would not establish deliberate intent.

Intent requires evidence concerning what relevant persons knew, decided, communicated and sought to achieve.

This section therefore does not infer intention merely from effect.

8.8 Knowledge Is Material to the Question of Intention

The investigation must establish what the relevant organisations knew and when.

Acolad and HMCTS/Wood Green Crown Court should therefore answer:

- 1.** When did you first become aware that I required the transcripts for continuing criminal proceedings?
- 2.** When did you first become aware that I regarded the transcripts as necessary for preparation?
- 3.** When did you become aware that I was acting without legal representation?
- 4.** When did you become aware that I was attempting to obtain legal representation?
- 5.** When did you become aware that the next hearing was scheduled for 15 October 2026?
- 6.** When did you become aware that more than one transcript remained outstanding?
- 7.** When did you become aware that all three transcripts were outstanding?

These questions concern knowledge.

They do not presume improper intent.

8.9 What Action Followed Knowledge of the Urgency?

Once the organisations knew that the transcripts were required for continuing proceedings, I require an account of what happened.

- 8.** Was the matter marked urgent?

YES or NO.

- 9.** Was it escalated?

YES or NO.

- 10.** Was a supervisor informed?

YES or NO.

- 11.** Was the Judge informed?

YES or NO.

- 12.** Was the approaching 15 October hearing recorded against the transcript requests?

YES or NO.

13. Was any expedited procedure considered?

YES or NO.

14. Was any alternative method of providing the necessary official record considered?

YES or NO.

15. Was I informed immediately of every outstanding action required from me?

YES or NO.

For every **NO**, please explain why.

8.10 Whether Delay Was Foreseeable

The investigation should determine whether the continuing disadvantage was reasonably foreseeable to those administering the requests.

Accordingly:

16. Did Acolad understand that it could not begin the 26 August transcript until the payment issue was resolved?

YES or NO.

17. If YES, when was that understood?

18. Did Acolad understand that I might remain unaware that it considered payment outstanding?

YES or NO.

19. Did Acolad understand that the 16 September transcript could not proceed without the signed Court EX107?

YES or NO.

20. When was that understood?

21. Did Wood Green Crown Court know that the signed EX107 had not reached Acolad?

YES or NO.

22. If YES, when?

23. Did either organisation know before 30 September that the 24 September request had not reached the stage necessary for Acolad to process it?

YES or NO.

The purpose is to identify the point at which continuing delay became known or reasonably apparent.

8.11 Whether Corrective Action Was Available

The next question is whether the obstacles could have been corrected earlier once identified.

For the **26 August transcript**, could Acolad simply have notified me that it considered payment outstanding and reissued a payment link?

For the **16 September transcript**, could the Court have completed and transmitted the signed EX107 earlier?

For the **24 September transcript**, could the Court have identified the missing procedural step and told me immediately what was required?

I therefore ask:

24. What was the earliest date on which the 26 August obstacle could have been resolved?

25. What was the earliest date on which the 16 September obstacle could have been resolved?

26. What was the earliest date on which the 24 September obstacle could have been resolved?

27. What prevented resolution on those dates?

These questions may reveal entirely ordinary explanations.

If so, those explanations should be documented.

8.12 Whether Anyone Expressed an Intention Concerning My Ability to Prepare

This issue should be tested directly.

I require confirmation whether any relevant record contains a statement, instruction, comment or communication suggesting that:

I should not receive a transcript before a particular hearing;

I should have less time to consider a transcript;

I should be prevented or discouraged from using a transcript;

my ability to challenge the accuracy of an account of an earlier hearing should be restricted;

my ability to provide transcripts to prospective lawyers should be restricted;

my ability to prepare written submissions should be impeded;

or delay in providing the transcripts was considered advantageous to any other participant in the proceedings.

Accordingly:

28. Does any such record exist?

YES or NO.

If **YES**, it should be preserved and identified.

If **NO**, that should be stated expressly.

8.13 Communications With the Prosecution

Because these are criminal proceedings, the investigation should establish whether the prosecution had any involvement in the transcript administration beyond anything ordinarily required.

I therefore ask Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS:

29. Was the prosecution informed of my transcript requests?

YES or NO.

30. Was the prosecution informed of the delays?

YES or NO.

31. Was the prosecution consulted about whether any transcript should be approved, produced, delayed or supplied?

YES or NO.

32. Did the prosecution make any representation concerning my access to any transcript?

YES or NO.

33. Did the prosecution receive information concerning the status of my transcript requests which was not simultaneously or subsequently communicated to me?

YES or NO.

For every **YES**, please identify the relevant communication and purpose.

The existence of routine communication with the prosecution would not itself establish improper conduct.

8.14 Communications With Police or Other Agencies

The same question applies to other agencies.

34. Was the Metropolitan Police, City of London Police or any other police body consulted concerning my transcript requests?

YES or NO.

35. Was any police representative informed about the difficulties obtaining the transcripts?

YES or NO.

36. Did any police representative express a view concerning whether or when the transcripts should be provided?

YES or NO.

37. Was any other public authority consulted concerning the transcript requests?

YES or NO.

If **YES**, identify the organisation, purpose and documentary record.

8.15 Legal Representation

The transcript problem must also be considered in relation to my attempts to obtain legal representation.

An incoming solicitor or barrister may reasonably need to understand the procedural history of the case.

Official transcripts may materially assist that process.

I therefore require the Court and Acolad to establish whether they understood that I was seeking representation and whether the continuing absence of the transcripts was considered in that context.

This does not mean that the Court or Acolad had a duty to secure a solicitor for me.

The issue is narrower:

Was the foreseeable effect of transcript delay on preparation and legal representation recognised, and if so, what was done?

8.16 Effective Participation

The practical issue is my ability to participate effectively in proceedings concerning me.

Where important events occurred at previous hearings, particularly a hearing at which I was absent, access to an accurate record can be materially relevant to understanding what happened and responding appropriately.

I therefore require the Court to explain what consideration, if any, was given to the fact that I remained without the requested official records while the criminal case continued to progress.

I am not asking this document to predetermine any legal finding concerning procedural fairness.

I am asking for the facts necessary to determine whether the developing situation was recognised and appropriately addressed.

8.17 No Inference of Intention Merely From Administrative Failure

I expressly recognise that even serious or repeated administrative failures do not automatically establish deliberate intent.

Three mistakes remain capable of being three mistakes.

A failure to escalate may be poor administration without malicious purpose.

A missing form may be an administrative omission.

An unreceived email may be a technical failure.

A delayed response may result from workload.

A person may fail to appreciate urgency.

The investigation must therefore avoid reasoning backwards from the existence of disadvantage to an assumption of intention.

Evidence of intention must come from evidence concerning intention, knowledge, communications, decisions or circumstances from which a conclusion could properly be drawn.

8.18 Equally, Absence of an Express Written Admission Would Not End the Investigation

The reverse is also important.

An investigation into intention cannot be limited to searching for an email expressly stating an intention to disadvantage me.

Relevant evidence may include:

knowledge of the problem;
knowledge of the consequences;
ability to correct the problem;
repeated failure to correct it;
departures from ordinary procedure;
differential treatment;
instructions;
communications;
unexplained interventions;
or inconsistent explanations.

Such evidence would still have to be assessed cautiously and in context.

None of those matters alone necessarily proves improper intention.

8.19 Comparator and Ordinary-Process Evidence

To determine whether my requests were handled unusually, the organisations should explain the ordinary process.

I therefore request:

38. What was the ordinary procedure in September 2026 for processing a defendant's Crown Court transcript request?

39. What was the ordinary expected time between receipt of a request and Court processing of the EX107?

40. What was the ordinary process for notifying an applicant that further action was required?

41. What was Acolad's ordinary process where a quotation had been issued but payment remained outstanding?

42. Were reminders ordinarily issued?

YES or NO.

43. What was the ordinary process where Acolad had received a request but not the signed Court EX107?

44. What was the ordinary escalation procedure where a transcript was required before a forthcoming hearing?

This information will help determine whether my case followed ordinary administration or departed from it.

8.20 If There Was a Departure From Normal Procedure

If any transcript request departed from normal procedure, I require identification of:

the departure;

the date;

who authorised or caused it;

why it occurred;

whether the departure was documented;

and whether comparable departures occurred routinely in other cases.

A procedural departure does not itself prove discrimination or intentional disadvantage.

It may, however, require explanation.

8.21 Relationship With My Race and Safeguarding Concerns

I am a Black defendant.

I have repeatedly asked for identification of the specific safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism operating within decision-making and administrative processes affecting me.

The absence of evidence provided to me concerning such safeguards forms part of the context in which I am asking these questions.

However:

the absence of evidence provided to me concerning safeguards is not, by itself, evidence that racism occurred;

the fact that I am Black does not, by itself, establish that the transcript problems were racially motivated;

and

the fact that administrative problems occurred does not, by itself, establish Institutional Racism.

The proper question is whether identifiable safeguards existed, whether they applied, whether they were actually used, and whether the evidence reveals any differential or discriminatory treatment.

8.22 Specific Safeguarding Questions

Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS and, where applicable, Acolad should answer:

45. What specific safeguards against anti-Black racism applied to decisions and administration concerning my transcript requests?

46. What specific safeguards against Institutional Racism applied?

47. Who was responsible for implementing those safeguards?

48. Were those safeguards actually applied in my case?

YES or NO.

49. What documentary evidence establishes their application?

50. Did any equality-impact, fairness, consistency or supervisory review occur after repeated transcript difficulties arose?

YES or NO.

51. If YES, identify it.

52. If NO specific safeguard existed or was applied, state that expressly for the record.**

8.23 Evidence Capable of Excluding Intentional Disadvantage

I specifically request evidence capable of disproving my suspicion.

For example, evidence may demonstrate that:

the relevant employees did not know about my next hearing;

the failures occurred before anyone knew of the urgency;
different people independently handled each request;
ordinary procedures were followed;
comparable delays affected other applicants;
corrective action was taken immediately once the problems became known;
there were genuine technical or administrative reasons for each event;
or no communication whatsoever suggests an intention to disadvantage me.
Such evidence would be materially relevant and should be preserved and identified.

8.24 Immediate Protection Against Further Disadvantage

Whatever the eventual explanation, the immediate practical risk can be reduced now.

I therefore require:

the present status of all three transcripts;
identification of every outstanding action;
immediate completion of any outstanding Court authorisation;
immediate provision or reissue of any required payment facility;
confirmation of the fastest available transcription service;
preservation of all three audio recordings;
and a realistic delivery date for each transcript.

If any transcript cannot reasonably be supplied sufficiently before **15 October 2026**, that fact should be communicated promptly to the Court so that the Court has accurate information about the position.

The complaint investigation should proceed separately and must not become an additional administrative obstacle.

8.25 Evidential Position

My present position is precise.

There is evidence that I have experienced continuing difficulty obtaining three official transcripts from hearings in my live criminal proceedings.

There is evidence that different apparent obstacles have affected the three requests.

There is evidence that I repeatedly sought clarification and assistance.

There is evidence that by 30 September the obstacles had not all been resolved.

Those matters justify investigation.

They do **not presently establish that anyone intended to disadvantage me.**

Accordingly, I make:

no allegation;

no accusation;

no assumption;

no assertion of deliberate wrongdoing;

and no conclusion

that any person intended to interfere with my preparation or participation.

My strong suspicion must be tested against the evidence.

The question is:

Did the transcript difficulties arise from ordinary administrative, technical, payment or communication failures, or does the complete contemporaneous record contain evidence that any person knowingly or deliberately acted, or failed to act, for the purpose of disadvantaging me in the preparation or conduct of my criminal proceedings?

That question must be answered from the complete documentary record.

The evidence should determine the conclusion; the suspicion must not determine the evidence.

SECTION 9 — SAFEGUARDS AGAINST ANTI-BLACK RACISM AND INSTITUTIONAL RACISM IN THE TRANSCRIPT DECISION-MAKING AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES

9.1 Purpose of This Section

This section addresses a distinct issue that applies across all three transcript requests:

What specific safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism existed within the relevant decision-making and administrative processes, and were those safeguards actually applied in my case?

I am a Black defendant in live criminal proceedings.

I have repeatedly sought written identification of the safeguards operating within processes affecting me.

I am not seeking a general statement that an organisation supports equality, diversity or inclusion.

I am seeking identification of the **actual safeguards, procedures, checks, accountability mechanisms and review processes** that applied to the decisions and administration concerning my transcripts.

If no specific safeguards existed, I require that to be stated expressly.

9.2 What I Am Not Asserting

For absolute clarity:

I do **not** assert that the difficulties obtaining the transcripts prove anti-Black racism.

I do **not** assert that they prove Institutional Racism.

I do **not** assert that any particular employee acted because I am Black.

I do **not** assert that any Judge acted because I am Black.

I do **not** assert that Acolad discriminated against me.

I do **not** assert that HMCTS discriminated against me.

I do **not** assert that the absence of evidence presently provided to me concerning safeguards proves that no safeguards existed.

I make **no finding of racial discrimination**.

I have reached **no conclusion** on those matters.

The purpose of this section is to obtain the evidence necessary to understand what safeguards existed and what happened in practice.

9.3 Why the Safeguarding Question Is Relevant

The safeguarding question does not depend upon first proving racism.

Safeguards are relevant precisely because they are intended to reduce the risk of unfair or discriminatory treatment occurring.

The questions therefore arise independently:

What safeguards existed?

Who was responsible for them?

When were they triggered?

Were they applied?

What documentary evidence records their application?

Those questions can be answered whether or not the eventual investigation identifies any discriminatory conduct.

9.4 Generic Equality Statements Will Not Answer the Question

I specifically distinguish between:

a general equality policy;

a general diversity statement;

staff training;

a statement that discrimination is prohibited;

and an **operational safeguard within an actual decision-making process**.

For example, a statement that an organisation is committed to equality does not establish:

who reviewed a particular decision;

whether consistency was checked;

whether differential treatment was examined;

whether repeated adverse administrative outcomes triggered supervisory review;

whether racial disparity was considered;

or whether any safeguard was actually applied to my case.

I therefore request operational answers rather than general institutional assurances.

9.5 Questions for Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS

Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS should answer:

- 1.** What specific safeguards against anti-Black racism applied in September 2026 to the administrative processing of Crown Court transcript requests?
- 2.** What specific safeguards against Institutional Racism applied?
- 3.** Were those safeguards written?

YES or NO.

- 4.** If YES, identify the relevant policies, procedures, instructions or guidance.
- 5.** Did those safeguards apply to my transcript requests?

YES or NO.

- 6.** If YES, who was responsible for ensuring that they were applied?
- 7.** Were they actually applied to the 26 August transcript request?

YES or NO.

- 8.** Were they actually applied to the 16 September transcript request?

YES or NO.

- 9.** Were they actually applied to the 24 September transcript request?

YES or NO.

- 10.** What documentary evidence demonstrates their application in each instance?

9.6 Questions for Acolad

Acolad should separately answer:

- 11.** What specific safeguards against anti-Black racism existed within Acolad's handling of Court transcript customers in September 2026?
- 12.** What safeguards existed against racially discriminatory administrative treatment?

13. What safeguards existed against Institutional Racism within processes involving individual customers?

14. Were those safeguards written?

YES or NO.

15. If YES, identify the relevant policies, procedures or operational controls.

16. Did those safeguards apply to my case?

YES or NO.

17. Were they actually applied?

YES or NO.

18. What evidence establishes their application?

If Acolad considers the expression **Institutional Racism** inapplicable to its organisational status or processes, it should explain that position while separately answering what safeguards existed against racial discrimination, racial bias, unequal treatment and racially disparate administrative outcomes.

9.7 Decision-Makers

Safeguards cannot be assessed properly without knowing who made material decisions.

Accordingly, I require identification by name or, where there is a legitimate reason not to provide a name, by sufficiently precise role of the persons responsible for:

processing the 26 August EX107;

approving or transmitting the 26 August request;

processing the 16 September request;

obtaining the signed 16 September EX107;

processing the 24 September request;

determining whether another EX107 was required;

communicating with Acolad;

responding to my escalation;

investigating the three outstanding transcripts;

and deciding what remedial action should be taken.

I am not asking for names merely to personalise responsibility.

I require an auditable decision-making chain.

9.8 Supervisory Safeguards

I require both organisations to explain what supervisory safeguards existed when repeated problems accumulated.

In particular:

19. Was there a procedure requiring supervisory review after repeated administrative difficulties involving the same person or case?

YES or NO.

20. Was such a review triggered in my case?

YES or NO.

21. If YES, when?

22. By whom?

23. What was reviewed?

24. What action resulted?

25. If no review occurred, explain whether the relevant procedures required or permitted one.

9.9 Safeguards Against Cumulative Disadvantage

Individual administrative events may appear minor when considered separately.

Their combined effect may be materially different.

I therefore require the organisations to explain whether their safeguards included consideration of **cumulative disadvantage**.

By 30 September, the position involved:

one transcript affected by an unresolved payment-link/payment issue;

one transcript awaiting a signed Court EX107;

and one transcript which Acolad could not locate as a formal request.

Accordingly:

26. Did anyone review the combined effect of the three outstanding transcripts?

YES or NO.

27. Did anyone consider whether the accumulation of difficulties created unfairness?

YES or NO.

28. Did anyone consider whether the accumulation required immediate senior intervention?

YES or NO.

29. Did anyone consider whether the accumulation might indicate inconsistent or differential treatment?

YES or NO.

For every **YES**, identify the documentary record.

9.10 Safeguards Against Unconscious or Unintentional Bias

The safeguarding question is not limited to deliberate racism.

I therefore ask whether the relevant systems contained safeguards against unconscious, implicit or unintentional racial bias.

For example:

Were administrative decisions subject to objective criteria?

Were reasons required to be recorded?

Were departures from normal procedure recorded?

Was there supervisory checking?

Were comparable cases treated according to standardised procedures?

Were staff required to escalate repeated adverse outcomes?

Were complaints involving possible racial disadvantage reviewed independently?

If such mechanisms existed, identify them and explain whether they operated in my case.

9.11 Comparator and Consistency Safeguards

An important safeguard against discriminatory treatment is consistency.

I therefore ask:

30. Were standard procedures applicable to all applicants seeking transcripts?

YES or NO.

31. Were those standard procedures followed in my case?

YES or NO.

32. If not, identify every material departure.

33. Was each departure authorised?

YES or NO.

34. Was a reason recorded?

YES or NO.

35. Were applicants ordinarily reminded when prepayment remained outstanding?

YES or NO.

36. Were applicants ordinarily informed promptly when Court authorisation remained outstanding?

YES or NO.

37. Were applicants ordinarily informed promptly when no valid transcript request could be located?

YES or NO.

These questions seek evidence of consistency.

They do not presume that different treatment, if established, was racially motivated.

9.12 My Express Safeguarding Questions Were Themselves Relevant Information

Once I expressly raised concerns about safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism, those communications became part of the administrative context.

I therefore require:

38. When did Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS first record my safeguarding concerns?

39. Who received them?

40. Were they escalated?

YES or NO.

41. To whom?

42. What action resulted?

43. When did Acolad first become aware of those concerns?

44. Were they referred internally?

YES or NO.

45. If YES, to whom?

46. Did either organisation undertake any fairness, equality or discrimination review after receiving those concerns?

YES or NO.

If not, that should be stated expressly.

9.13 Were My Safeguarding Questions Discussed Between Acolad and HMCTS?

This must also be established.

47. Did Acolad communicate with Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS about my questions concerning anti-Black racism or Institutional Racism?

YES or NO.

48. Did HMCTS communicate with Acolad about those questions?

YES or NO.

49. Did either organisation discuss how those questions should be answered?

YES or NO.

50. Did either organisation discuss whether the questions should be answered at all?

YES or NO.

If **YES**, the relevant communications should be identified and preserved.

The existence of such discussions would not itself be improper.

The content and purpose would determine their significance.

9.14 Independent Review

Given the accumulated transcript problems and my expressly recorded concerns, I require clarification whether any person independent of the original administrative handling has reviewed the matter.

51. Has an independent or senior person reviewed the complete handling of the three transcript requests?

YES or NO.

52. If YES, identify the person's role.

53. Were they involved in any of the original decisions?

YES or NO.

54. What records did they examine?

55. Did they examine the position concerning anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism safeguards?

YES or NO.

56. Was a written outcome produced?

YES or NO.

If no independent review has occurred, please state that expressly.

9.15 If No Specific Safeguards Existed

This question requires a direct answer.

If Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS had **no specific safeguards against anti-Black racism or Institutional Racism within the relevant transcript decision-making and administrative processes**, I require the following statement, or words having the same unambiguous meaning:

“No specific safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism have been identified as operating within the relevant transcript decision-making and administrative processes in this case.”

If Acolad had no corresponding safeguards applicable to its role, I require an equally clear statement.

I do not want the absence of specific safeguards replaced by references to generic equality policies.

If the answer is **none**, the record should say **none**.

9.16 If Safeguards Existed but There Is No Evidence They Were Applied

A second possibility must also be distinguished.

An organisation may possess safeguards as policy but be unable to establish that they were actually applied in a particular case.

If that is the position, it should state:

“Relevant safeguards existed, but we have not identified documentary evidence establishing that they were specifically applied in the handling of these transcript requests.”

That answer is materially different from both:

“there were no safeguards”

and

“the safeguards were applied.”

Precision is required.

9.17 If Safeguards Were Applied

If the organisations maintain that safeguards were actually applied, I require the evidence.

That should identify:

the safeguard;

the triggering event;

the responsible person;

the date;

the review undertaken;

the evidence considered;

any decision made;

any corrective action;

and the contemporaneous record.

The statement **“our policies were followed”** is not sufficient where the question is whether a particular safeguard was actually applied.

9.18 Absence of Safeguard Evidence Is Not Proof of Racism

For the avoidance of doubt, my position remains:

The absence of evidence provided to me concerning such safeguards is part of the reason for my concern; it is not, by itself, evidence that racism, collusion, concealment, obstruction or intentional disadvantage occurred.

That distinction must be maintained throughout this investigation.

I am asking for evidence precisely because I do not intend to substitute assumption for evidence.

9.19 Evidence Potentially Supporting or Excluding a Racial Explanation

The investigation should therefore identify evidence capable of supporting **or excluding** a racial explanation.

Potentially relevant evidence may include:

the ordinary procedure;

how that procedure was applied to me;

recorded reasons for departures;

comparator or consistency information where lawfully and practically available;

internal communications;

supervisory reviews;

responses to my safeguarding concerns;

and evidence demonstrating the operation of anti-discrimination controls.

No single category should automatically determine the answer.

The evidence must be considered as a whole.

9.20 Institutional Racism Must Not Be Reduced to an Inquiry Into Personal Hostility

My questions concerning Institutional Racism are not limited to whether an individual employee personally held racist views.

The investigation should therefore examine the **process**, including:

rules;

administrative practices;

allocation of responsibility;

oversight;

escalation;

consistency;

accountability;

and the capacity of the system to identify and correct repeated disadvantage.

This does not predetermine that the institution or process is institutionally racist.

It identifies the level at which my question is being asked.

9.21 Required Written Response

I require Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS and Acolad to answer this section separately.

The response should distinguish:

what safeguards existed;

what safeguards applied;

what safeguards were actually used;

what evidence proves their use;

and

what safeguards, if any, did not exist.

Where the answer is unknown, say **unknown**.

Where no evidence has been located, say **no evidence has presently been located**.

Where the answer is no, say **no**.

This is preferable to a general institutional statement that does not resolve the factual question.

9.22 Present Evidential Position

At present, I have not been provided with evidence sufficient for me to identify the specific safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism that were actually applied to the decision-making and administrative processes concerning these three transcript requests.

That does **not** establish that such safeguards did not exist.

It does **not** establish that racism occurred.

It does **not** establish discriminatory intent.

It does, however, leave an important question unanswered.

That question should now be answered directly and with documentary evidence:

What specific safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism governed the handling of my transcript requests, and what evidence demonstrates that those safeguards were actually applied to me?

If there were none, that fact should be stated expressly for the record.

SECTION 10 — FORMAL QUESTIONS AND DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY TO ACOLAD

10.1 Purpose of This Section

The previous sections identify a substantial number of questions arising from the documentary chronology.

This section consolidates the matters for which **Acolad must provide a direct written response.**

The purpose is to prevent individual questions from becoming lost within the wider narrative.

Acolad is requested to answer each material question separately and to provide the underlying documentary evidence where available.

Where the answer is:

YES — state YES.

NO — state NO.

UNKNOWN — state UNKNOWN and explain why.

NO RECORD LOCATED — state that expressly and identify what searches were undertaken.

Where Acolad considers that it cannot disclose particular information, it should identify the information sufficiently to understand what has been withheld and state the applicable reason.

A general narrative response should not substitute for answers to the specific questions.

10.2 Acolad's Identification of the Three Transcript Matters

Acolad should first confirm whether its records now identify the following three transcript matters:

A. 26 August 2026

Case: R v Derrick Lynch

Case Reference: 01GD1160226

Transcript: Whole hearing

Acolad Reference: 1738688 / Job 1 738 688

B. 16 September 2026

Case: R v Derrick Lynch

Case Reference: 01GD1160226

Transcript: Whole hearing

Acolad Reference: 1742056

C. 24 September 2026

Case: R v Derrick Lynch

Case Reference: 01GD1160226

Transcript: Whole hearing

Acolad Reference: not identified in Acolad's 30 September communication.

Acolad should state whether this information remains accurate as at the date of its response.

10.3 Questions Concerning the 26 August Transcript

Acolad should answer:

1. Did Acolad receive the Court-approved EX107 for the 26 August hearing on 28 August 2026?

YES or NO.

2. Was the application approved at my expense?

YES or NO.

3. Was Job 1 738 688 / 1738688 then created or uploaded into Acolad's system?

YES or NO.

4. On what exact date and time was the job created or uploaded?

5. Did Acolad issue the quotation on 3 September 2026?

YES or NO.

6. Was the estimated charge £162.72 including VAT?

YES or NO.

7. Was the requested turnaround within seven working days?

YES or NO.

10.4 My 4 September Payment-Link Request

Acolad should confirm:

8. Did Acolad receive my email of 4 September 2026 at 10:23?

YES or NO.

9. Did that email expressly confirm that I wished to proceed with the transcript?

YES or NO.

10. Did I provide the information requested in Acolad's quotation for the purpose of obtaining the Stripe payment facility?

YES or NO.

11. Did I expressly state:

“Please issue the Stripe payment link to enable me to make payment.”

YES or NO.

12. When was my email first opened, processed or actioned?

13. Who or what system processed it?

10.5 The Alleged Stripe Payment Link

Acolad stated on 30 September:

“Accounts team have confirmed Stripe payment link was sent on 04.09.26 however no payment has been made using this link.”

I require the evidential basis for that statement.

Acolad should answer:

14. Does Acolad maintain that the payment link was actually transmitted on 4 September?

YES or NO.

15. At what exact time?

16. From what email address or system?

17. To what exact recipient email address?

18. Was the recipient address derrick_lynch@hotmail.co.uk?

YES or NO.

19. What was the subject line?

20. Does Acolad possess the original outbound communication?

YES or NO.

21. If YES, provide a complete copy, subject only to necessary security redaction.

22. Does the communication have a Message-ID or equivalent transmission identifier?

YES or NO.

23. If YES, provide it.

10.6 Transmission and Delivery Evidence

Acolad should further answer:

24. Does Acolad possess evidence that transmission was attempted?

YES or NO.

25. Does Acolad possess evidence that the message left Acolad's or Stripe's sending system?

YES or NO.

26. Does Acolad possess evidence that the receiving mail server accepted it?

YES or NO.

27. Does Acolad possess evidence of successful delivery?

YES or NO.

28. Was any bounce recorded?

YES or NO.

29. Was any rejection recorded?

YES or NO.

30. Was any suppression recorded?

YES or NO.

31. Was any other delivery exception recorded?

YES or NO.

For every **YES**, provide or identify the relevant record.

10.7 Stripe Records

Acolad should identify, insofar as applicable and capable of lawful disclosure:

- 32.** The Stripe Payment Link identifier.
- 33.** The Checkout Session identifier.
- 34.** The Payment Intent identifier.
- 35.** Any invoice identifier.
- 36.** The creation date and time.
- 37.** The amount.
- 38.** The currency.
- 39.** The email address associated with the payment facility.
- 40.** Whether the link was ever accessed.
- 41.** Whether any payment attempt was made.
- 42.** Whether any attempted payment failed.
- 43.** Whether the link expired.
- 44.** When it expired.
- 45.** Whether it was cancelled, disabled or replaced.

Security credentials or information capable of facilitating unauthorised payment activity are not requested.

10.8 What Happened After 4 September?

Acolad should answer:

- 46.** Did Acolad send me a payment reminder before 30 September?

YES or NO.

- 47.** Did Acolad resend the alleged Stripe link?

YES or NO.

- 48.** Did Acolad issue a replacement link?

YES or NO.

- 49.** Did Acolad otherwise inform me before 30 September that it regarded payment as outstanding?

YES or NO.

50. Did Acolad inform Wood Green Crown Court that payment remained outstanding?

YES or NO.

51. If no reminder or notification was sent, was that consistent with Acolad's ordinary procedure?

YES or NO.

52. What was Acolad's ordinary procedure in September 2026 where an approved transcript remained unpaid?

10.9 Acolad's 17 September Response

On 17 September, Acolad responded to correspondence concerning the transcript position but stated that it was unclear whether anything was required from Acolad.

I subsequently expressly confirmed that I required assistance.

Acolad should answer:

53. Was Job 1738688 checked when Acolad dealt with my correspondence on 17 September?

YES or NO.

54. If YES, did the system show that payment remained outstanding?

YES or NO.

55. Did the system show that a payment link had allegedly been issued?

YES or NO.

56. If YES, why was I not immediately informed that payment was the obstacle?

57. If the job was not checked, why was it not checked?

58. Who dealt with the correspondence?

59. What information was available to that person?

10.10 Basis of Acolad's 30 September Statement

Acolad should answer:

60. Who obtained the Accounts team's confirmation before the 30 September response?

61. Who within Accounts provided that confirmation?

62. Was the confirmation written?

YES or NO.

63. If YES, preserve and provide it.

64. What records did Accounts examine?

65. Did Accounts inspect the original alleged outbound payment-link communication?

YES or NO.

66. Did Accounts inspect Stripe records?

YES or NO.

67. Did Accounts inspect email transmission records?

YES or NO.

68. Did Accounts establish transmission only, or successful delivery?

Please specify precisely.

10.11 The 16 September Transcript — Reference 1742056

Acolad should answer:

69. On what date did Acolad first receive information concerning my request for the 16 September transcript?

70. When was Reference **1742056** created?

71. What caused that reference to be created?

72. What documentation did Acolad possess when the reference was created?

73. Had Acolad received a signed EX107 by 30 September?

YES or NO.

74. If NO, when did Acolad first identify that the signed EX107 was outstanding?

75. Did Acolad request it from Wood Green Crown Court?

YES or NO.

76. If YES, when?

77. Provide the communication.

78. Did Acolad send any reminder?

YES or NO.

79. If YES, provide it.

10.12 Why Was I Not Told Earlier About the 16 September EX107?

Acolad should answer:

80. Did Acolad know by 17 September that a signed Court EX107 would be required before it could issue a quotation?

YES or NO.

81. If YES, why was that requirement not clearly communicated to me when I expressly asked what further form, authorisation, quotation, payment or other action was necessary?

82. When was I first expressly informed that the signed EX107 from Wood Green Crown Court was the outstanding obstacle?

83. Was that first expressly communicated to me on 30 September?

YES or NO.

If NO, identify the earlier communication.

10.13 The 24 September Transcript

Acolad should answer:

84. When did Acolad first become aware that I required the 24 September transcript?

85. Did Acolad receive my 28 September correspondence identifying that transcript?

YES or NO.

86. When was that correspondence reviewed?

87. Who reviewed it?

88. What searches were conducted before Acolad stated on 30 September that it could not locate the request?

89. Were searches conducted using my name?

YES or NO.

90. Case Reference 01GD1160226?

YES or NO.

91. Hearing date 24 September 2026?

YES or NO.

92. Wood Green Crown Court?

YES or NO.

93. My email address?

YES or NO.

94. Were unmatched or unallocated requests searched?

YES or NO.

95. Were communications not yet converted into formal jobs searched?

YES or NO.

10.14 Did Acolad Contact the Court About the 24 September Request?

Acolad should answer:

96. After becoming aware that I required the 24 September transcript, did Acolad contact Wood Green Crown Court to request the completed and signed EX107?

YES or NO.

97. If YES, when?

98. Provide the communication.

99. If NO, explain why.

100. Has Acolad now received the relevant EX107?

YES or NO.

101. If YES, provide the date of receipt and current job/reference number.

10.15 Communications With Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS

Acolad should identify all relevant communications with Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS concerning:

the 26 August transcript;

the 16 September transcript;

the 24 September transcript;

Case Reference 01GD1160226;

my complaints;

the Stripe payment issue;

EX107 documentation;

judicial approval;

audio availability;

urgency;

and my next hearing.

Accordingly:

102. Are there relevant communications between Acolad and HMCTS which have not previously been identified to me?

YES or NO.

103. If YES, identify and preserve them.

10.16 Communications Concerning My Complaints or Safeguarding Questions

Acolad should answer:

104. Did Acolad discuss my complaints with HMCTS?

YES or NO.

105. Did Acolad discuss my requests concerning anti-Black racism or Institutional Racism with HMCTS?

YES or NO.

106. Did Acolad receive any instruction or advice from HMCTS concerning how those questions should be answered?

YES or NO.

107. Did Acolad communicate internally about those questions?

YES or NO.

For every **YES**, identify and preserve the relevant record.

The existence of such communications is not presumed to be improper.

10.17 Any Instruction Affecting the Transcripts

Acolad should answer:

108. Did any person ask Acolad to delay any of my transcripts?

YES or NO.

109. Did any person ask Acolad to hold any request?

YES or NO.

110. Did any person ask Acolad not to communicate particular information to me?

YES or NO.

111. Did any person ask Acolad to treat my requests differently from its ordinary procedure?

YES or NO.

112. Did any person communicate an intention that I should receive less time to prepare for my next hearing?

YES or NO.

If **YES** to any question, identify the person, communication, date, reason and record.

10.18 Safeguards Against Anti-Black Racism and Institutional Racism

Acolad should answer:

113. What specific safeguards against anti-Black racism applied to the handling of my transcript requests?

114. What safeguards against racially discriminatory administrative treatment applied?

115. What safeguards, if any, against Institutional Racism applied?

116. Were those safeguards actually applied in my case?

YES or NO.

117. What documentary evidence establishes their application?

118. Was any fairness, equality or supervisory review undertaken after the repeated transcript difficulties became apparent?

YES or NO.

119. If YES, provide or identify the record.

If no specific safeguard existed, Acolad should state that expressly rather than substituting a general equality statement.

10.19 Complete Audit Trails

Acolad should preserve and, insofar as lawfully disclosable, provide the audit trails for:

Job 1738688 / 1 738 688;

Reference 1742056;

and

any subsequently created reference for the 24 September transcript.

The audit trails should include:

creation;

status changes;

timestamps;

workflow events;

staff actions;

notes;

communications;

quotations;

payment events;

Court documentation;

audio-related status;

escalations;

and closure or completion events.

10.20 Records That Cannot Be Located

Where Acolad cannot locate a requested record, it should not merely state:

“We cannot locate it.”

It should state:

what systems were searched;

who searched them;

when;

what identifiers were used;

whether archived material was searched;

whether relevant Accounts records were searched;

whether Stripe records were searched;

whether relevant shared mailboxes were searched;

and whether the record is believed never to have existed or simply cannot presently be located.

10.21 Preservation Confirmation

Acolad should confirm:

120. Have all relevant records concerning these matters been placed under appropriate preservation?

YES or NO.

121. Does preservation include relevant emails?

YES or NO.

122. Internal communications?

YES or NO.

123. Case-management records?

YES or NO.

124. Audit logs?

YES or NO.

125. Accounting records?

YES or NO.

126. Stripe/payment records?

YES or NO.

127. Communications with HMCTS?

YES or NO.

128. Records underlying the 30 September response?

YES or NO.

If not, preservation should be implemented immediately insofar as technically and lawfully possible.

10.22 Immediate Operational Action Required From Acolad

The investigation and complaint must not delay production.

Acolad should therefore provide, separately for each transcript:

26 August 2026

Current status.

A fresh functional payment facility if payment remains required.

Confirmation immediately after payment is allocated.

Fastest available turnaround.

Expected delivery date.

16 September 2026

Whether the signed EX107 has now been received.

Current reference.

Quotation.

Payment requirement.

Fastest available turnaround.

Expected delivery date.

24 September 2026

Whether the Court request and signed EX107 have now been received.

Current reference.

Quotation.

Payment requirement.

Fastest available turnaround.

Expected delivery date.

10.23 Acolad Should Correct Any Factual Error in This Document

If Acolad considers any factual statement attributed to it in this document inaccurate, I request that it identify:

the paragraph;

the statement said to be inaccurate;

the correction;

and the documentary evidence supporting the correction.

I expressly invite correction.

The purpose of this document is to establish the record accurately, not to preserve an error merely because it appeared in earlier correspondence.

10.24 No Predetermined Finding Against Acolad

This section contains extensive questions because Acolad possesses evidence material to determining what occurred.

The number or seriousness of those questions must **not** be interpreted as a finding against Acolad.

I make:

no allegation that Acolad deliberately obstructed my transcripts;

no allegation that Acolad deliberately failed to send the Stripe payment link;

no allegation that Acolad provided false information;

no allegation that Acolad concealed evidence;

no allegation that Acolad colluded with HMCTS;

no allegation that Acolad discriminated against me;

and no conclusion that Acolad intended to disadvantage me.

I require Acolad's records because those records are capable of supporting, contradicting or excluding my concerns.

10.25 Required Form of Acolad's Response

I request a **single consolidated written response** dealing with the numbered questions in this section.

Where documentary evidence exists, it should be attached or clearly identified.

Where another Acolad department holds the evidence, the question should be referred internally rather than returned to me unanswered merely because the initial recipient does not personally hold the information.

Where Acolad believes that HMCTS must answer a question, Acolad should say:

“This question requires an answer from HMCTS.”

Where the answer is Acolad's responsibility, it should answer directly.

The objective is to create a complete and auditable record of Acolad's position concerning all three transcript requests.

SECTION 11 — FORMAL QUESTIONS AND DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY TO WOOD GREEN CROWN COURT AND HMCTS

11.1 Purpose of This Section

This section consolidates the matters requiring a direct written response from:

The Crown Court at Wood Green;

HM Courts & Tribunals Service;

and, where necessary,

the appropriate judicial or administrative office responsible for the transcript requests in R v Derrick Lynch, Case Reference 01GD1160226.

The purpose is to establish a complete and auditable Court-side record concerning the transcripts of:

26 August 2026;

16 September 2026;

and

24 September 2026.

These questions concern Court administration, transcript authorisation, EX107 processing, communications with Acolad, preservation of Court audio and records, escalation, safeguards and remedial action.

They do not presume misconduct.

11.2 Required Method of Response

For questions capable of a direct answer, I request:

YES — state YES.

NO — state NO.

UNKNOWN — state UNKNOWN and explain why.

NO RECORD LOCATED — state this expressly and identify the searches undertaken.

Where documentary evidence exists, please provide it or identify it precisely.

Where a question requires judicial rather than administrative consideration, please identify that fact and place the question before the appropriate judicial office rather than leaving it unanswered.

Where another HMCTS office holds the relevant information, please refer the matter internally.

11.3 Confirmation of the Three Transcript Matters

Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS should first confirm that its records identify my requests concerning the whole-hearing transcripts of:

26 August 2026;

16 September 2026;

and

24 September 2026.

Accordingly:

1. Does the Court record identify a transcript request concerning the hearing of 26 August 2026?

YES or NO.

2. Does the Court record identify a transcript request concerning the hearing of 16 September 2026?

YES or NO.

3. Does the Court record identify a transcript request concerning the hearing of 24 September 2026?

YES or NO.

For every **YES**, identify the date on which the request was first recorded.

For every **NO**, explain why the Court's records do not identify the request.

11.4 26 August Transcript — EX107 and Judicial Approval

The documentary record presently indicates that I submitted the EX107 on **27 August 2026** and that judicial approval was communicated to Acolad on **28 August 2026**.

The Court should confirm:

4. Was my EX107 received on 27 August 2026?

YES or NO.

5. At what time was it received?

6. Who processed it?

7. When was it placed before the Judge?

8. Was the application considered by **HHJ Deacon KC**?

YES or NO.

9. Was the application approved?

YES or NO.

10. Was the direction:

“Application approved at the applicant expense”

or words to that effect?

YES or NO.

11. When was that approval recorded?

12. When was it transmitted to Acolad?

13. By whom?

14. To what Acolad email address or system?

15. Does the Court possess evidence of successful transmission?

YES or NO.

If YES, please provide or identify it.

11.5 What Happened After the 26 August Request Left the Court?

Acolad states that it received the approved EX107 on **28 August**.

The Court should therefore answer:

16. Did Acolad subsequently communicate with the Court concerning Job 1738688 / 1738 688?

YES or NO.

17. Did Acolad inform the Court that a quotation had been issued?

YES or NO.

18. Did Acolad inform the Court that payment remained outstanding?

YES or NO.

19. If YES, when?

20. Did Acolad inform the Court of any problem concerning the Stripe payment link?

YES or NO.

21. Did the Court make any inquiry of Acolad concerning why the transcript remained outstanding?

YES or NO.

If YES, provide the relevant communications.

11.6 16 September Transcript — Receipt of My Request

The 16 September transcript presents a materially different issue.

Acolad stated on 30 September that it had received the request but remained without the signed EX107 from Wood Green Crown Court.

The Court should answer:

22. When did the Court first receive my request for the 16 September whole-hearing transcript?

23. Through what email address, inbox or administrative route?

24. Who first reviewed it?

25. Was it entered onto a Court or HMCTS system?

YES or NO.

26. If YES, when?

27. What reference or workflow entry was created?

11.7 Did I Need to Complete Another EX107?

I expressly asked to be told immediately if another EX107 or other form was required.

Accordingly:

28. Was I required personally to complete another EX107 for the 16 September transcript?

YES or NO.

If YES:

29. When was that requirement identified?

30. When was I informed?

31. By whom?

32. By what communication?

33. Please provide the communication.

If **NO**:

34. Who was responsible for completing or progressing the necessary EX107?

This question requires an unambiguous answer.

11.8 16 September — Judicial Approval

The Court should answer:

35. Did the 16 September transcript require judicial approval?

YES or NO.

36. If YES, when was the application placed before a Judge?

37. Which Judge?

38. Was approval granted?

YES or NO.

39. If YES, on what date?

40. What was the precise judicial direction?

41. Where is that direction recorded?

42. If approval was refused, identify the decision and reason.

43. If approval was deferred, identify the reason and subsequent action.

44. If the application had not been placed before a Judge by 30 September, explain why.

11.9 16 September — The Signed EX107

Acolad expressly stated that it was waiting for the Court's signed EX107.

Accordingly:

45. Was an EX107 completed for the 16 September hearing?

YES or NO.

46. When?

47. By whom?

48. Was it signed or otherwise formally authorised?

YES or NO.

49. When?

50. By whom?

51. Was it transmitted to Acolad before 30 September?

YES or NO.

If YES:

52. On what date and at what time?

53. By whom?

54. To what address?

55. Provide the transmission evidence.

If NO:

56. Why had it not been transmitted by 30 September?

11.10 Acolad's Statement That the Outstanding Action Belonged to the Court

Acolad's 30 September communication expressly identified:

“Outstanding from the court: Wood Green Crown Court must complete and return the signed EX107 form to Acolad...”

The Court should therefore answer:

57. Does Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS accept that, as at 30 September, the signed EX107 remained outstanding from the Court?

YES or NO.

If **NO**, explain precisely why Acolad's statement was incorrect and provide the evidence.

If **YES**, identify:

when the problem arose;

when it was first recognised;
why it remained unresolved;
and when it was subsequently corrected.

11.11 24 September Transcript — Receipt of My Request

The Court should answer:

58. Did the Court receive my request for the 24 September whole-hearing transcript?

YES or NO.

59. When?

60. How?

61. Who received or reviewed it?

62. Was it recorded on the Court file or administrative system?

YES or NO.

63. If YES, when?

64. If NO, explain why.

11.12 24 September — EX107 Requirement

65. Was I required personally to complete a new EX107?

YES or NO.

66. If YES, when was I informed?

67. By whom?

68. Provide the communication.

69. If my request was considered incomplete, what precisely was missing?

70. When was I informed of that deficiency?

If I was not informed, state expressly:

“No communication identifying that deficiency was sent to Mr Lynch.”

11.13 24 September — Court Processing

The Court should answer:

71. Was an EX107 created for the 24 September hearing?

YES or NO.

72. If YES, when?

73. By whom?

74. Was judicial approval required?

YES or NO.

75. Was approval sought?

YES or NO.

76. When?

77. From which Judge?

78. Was approval granted?

YES or NO.

79. Was a completed and signed EX107 transmitted to Acolad before 30 September?

YES or NO.

80. If not, why not?

11.14 Acolad Could Not Locate the 24 September Request

On 30 September, Acolad stated that it was:

“unable to locate a further transcript request matching the details provided.”

It identified the outstanding action as:

“Wood Green Crown Court must submit a transcript request to Acolad with a completed and signed EX107 form for the 24.09.26 hearing.”

The Court should answer:

81. Does the Court accept that no completed and signed EX107 for 24 September had reached Acolad by 30 September?

YES or NO.

82. If NO, provide evidence demonstrating transmission.

83. If YES, explain why.

11.15 Was Any Request Lost, Overlooked, Misfiled or Delayed?

For the 16 and 24 September requests, the Court should answer:

84. Was either request lost?

YES or NO.

85. Was either request overlooked?

YES or NO.

86. Was either request misfiled?

YES or NO.

87. Was either request sent to the wrong administrative location?

YES or NO.

88. Was either request affected by an IT problem?

YES or NO.

89. Was either request affected by staff absence or workload?

YES or NO.

90. Was either request affected by uncertainty about the correct procedure?

YES or NO.

91. Was either request deliberately held or deferred?

YES or NO.

For every YES, explain what occurred and identify the supporting record.

11.16 Was Any Decision Made Not to Progress a Transcript?

The Court/HMCTS should answer:

92. Did any person decide not to progress any of the three transcript requests?

YES or NO.

93. Did anyone direct that a request should be held?

YES or NO.

94. Did anyone direct that a request should be delayed?

YES or NO.

95. Did anyone direct that an EX107 should not be sent to Acolad?

YES or NO.

96. Did anyone direct that I should not be informed of an outstanding procedural requirement?

YES or NO.

If YES to any question, identify:

the person or role;

date;

decision;

reason;

authority;

and documentary record.

11.17 Communications With Acolad

The Court/HMCTS should identify all relevant communications with Acolad concerning:

the three transcript requests;

EX107 documentation;

judicial approval;

audio recordings;

quotations;

payment;

the alleged Stripe payment link;

delay;

urgency;

my complaints;

my next hearing;

and my safeguarding questions.

Accordingly:

97. Are there communications between the Court/HMCTS and Acolad concerning these matters which have not previously been identified to me?

YES or NO.

98. If YES, preserve and identify them.

11.18 Communications Concerning My Complaints

The Court should answer:

99. Were my complaints concerning the transcript process discussed internally?

YES or NO.

100. Were they discussed with Acolad?

YES or NO.

101. Were they discussed with any Judge?

YES or NO.

102. Were they discussed with any other HMCTS office?

YES or NO.

103. Was any decision made concerning how my complaints should be answered?

YES or NO.

For every YES, identify the relevant records.

11.19 Communications With the Prosecution or Police

The Court/HMCTS should answer:

104. Was the CPS informed about my transcript requests or the difficulties obtaining them?

YES or NO.

105. Was the CPS consulted about any transcript request?

YES or NO.

106. Did the CPS express any view concerning whether or when a transcript should be provided?

YES or NO.

107. Was any police body informed or consulted?

YES or NO.

108. Did any police representative express a view concerning the transcripts?

YES or NO.

For every YES, identify the communication and its purpose.

The existence of ordinary case-management communication would not itself establish improper conduct.

11.20 Knowledge of My Next Hearing and Preparation Requirements

The Court should answer:

109. When did the relevant administrative personnel become aware that my next hearing was scheduled for **15 October 2026**?

110. Was the approaching hearing considered when processing the outstanding transcript requests?

YES or NO.

111. Was any urgency marker applied?

YES or NO.

112. Was any senior escalation undertaken?

YES or NO.

113. Was the Judge informed that all three transcripts remained outstanding?

YES or NO.

114. If YES, when?

115. If NO, why not?

11.21 Information Placed Before the Judge

Where the transcript difficulties were placed before a Judge, I require the Court to identify:

what information was provided;

by whom;

when;

whether my correspondence was provided;

whether Acolad's position was provided;

whether the status of each EX107 was provided;

and what, if any, direction resulted.

This is necessary to distinguish:

administrative action;

from

judicial decision-making.

The two must not be conflated.

11.22 Court Audio — 26 August, 16 September and 24 September

The underlying audio recordings are critically important.

The Court/HMCTS should answer separately for each hearing:

116. Does the official audio recording of 26 August 2026 exist?

YES or NO.

117. Has it been preserved?

YES or NO.

118. Does the official audio recording of 16 September 2026 exist?

YES or NO.

119. Has it been preserved?

YES or NO.

120. Does the official audio recording of 24 September 2026 exist?

YES or NO.

121. Has it been preserved?

YES or NO.

If any recording does not exist or cannot be located, explain precisely why.

11.23 Audio Metadata and Transfer Records

For each recording, I require preservation of associated metadata capable of establishing:

hearing date;

Courtroom;

recording start and end times;

recording-system identifier;

file creation information;

any transfer to Acolad;

date and time of transfer;

and any subsequent access, copying, export or processing history recorded by the system.

I am **not** asserting that any recording has been altered or interfered with.

The metadata is requested to preserve the integrity and provenance of the official record.

11.24 Safeguards Against Anti-Black Racism and Institutional Racism

Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS should answer:

122. What specific safeguards against anti-Black racism applied to the administrative processing of my transcript requests?

123. What specific safeguards against Institutional Racism applied?

124. Were those safeguards applicable to my case?

YES or NO.

125. Were they actually applied?

YES or NO.

126. What documentary evidence establishes their application?

127. Did the accumulation of three transcript difficulties trigger any equality, fairness or supervisory review?

YES or NO.

128. If YES, identify it.

129. If no specific safeguards existed, please state that expressly for the record.

Generic references to equality, diversity or inclusion policies will not answer the specific question of what safeguards operated in the actual decision-making and administrative processes affecting me.

11.25 Any Differential Treatment

The Court/HMCTS should establish whether my transcript requests departed from ordinary procedure.

Accordingly:

130. Were the ordinary transcript procedures followed for the 26 August request?

YES or NO.

131. For 16 September?

YES or NO.

132. For 24 September?

YES or NO.

For every NO:

identify the departure;

explain why it occurred;

identify who authorised or caused it;

and identify the documentary record.

A departure from normal procedure does not itself establish racial discrimination or intentional disadvantage.

It requires explanation.

11.26 Complete Court/HMCTS Audit Trail

I require preservation and identification of the complete relevant Court/HMCTS administrative audit trail concerning all three transcript requests, including, insofar as such records exist:

incoming correspondence;
mailbox records;
EX107 forms;
administrative processing;
workflow entries;
task allocations;
judicial referrals;
judicial decisions;
signed approvals;
outgoing correspondence;
transmissions to Acolad;
Acolad communications;
audio-transfer records;
case-management entries;
internal notes;
escalations;
complaint referrals;
supervisory communications;
and records concerning my 28 September formal escalation.

11.27 Records That Cannot Be Located

Where HMCTS cannot locate a material record, I require identification of:

what systems were searched;
who searched them;
when;
what search terms or references were used;
whether relevant shared mailboxes were searched;
whether archived material was searched;

whether the Crown Court case-management record was searched;

and whether the conclusion is:

the record never existed;

the record existed but is no longer retained;

or

the record cannot presently be located.

Those are materially different propositions.

11.28 Preservation Confirmation

The Court/HMCTS should confirm:

133. Have relevant records been placed under appropriate preservation?

YES or NO.

134. Does preservation include all three Court audio recordings?

YES or NO.

135. EX107 documents?

YES or NO.

136. Judicial approval records?

YES or NO.

137. Court/Acolad communications?

YES or NO.

138. Internal emails and administrative records?

YES or NO.

139. Workflow and audit records?

YES or NO.

140. Complaint and escalation records?

YES or NO.

If preservation has not yet been implemented, I request immediate preservation insofar as lawfully and technically possible.

This is not an allegation that evidence has been destroyed, altered or concealed.

11.29 Immediate Remedial Action — 26 August

For the **26 August transcript**, the Court should confirm that there is presently no further Court authorisation outstanding if that is the position.

If further Court action is required, identify it immediately.

The Court should also confirm whether it has supplied all necessary recording material and authorisation required by Acolad.

11.30 Immediate Remedial Action — 16 September

For the **16 September transcript**, the Court should immediately establish:

whether the EX107 has now been completed;

whether it has been signed or authorised;

whether it has been transmitted to Acolad;

the exact date and time of transmission;

and whether Acolad has confirmed receipt.

If any of those steps remain outstanding, they should be completed urgently.

11.31 Immediate Remedial Action — 24 September

For the **24 September transcript**, the Court should immediately establish:

whether a valid request exists;

whether I am required to complete anything further;

whether an EX107 has been prepared;

whether judicial approval is required;

whether approval has been obtained;

whether the signed request has been transmitted to Acolad;

and whether Acolad has created a job/reference.

If something remains outstanding from me, I require immediate written instructions identifying exactly what I must do.

11.32 The Investigation Must Not Delay the Transcripts

The Court should treat two processes separately:

PROCESS ONE — urgent production of the three official transcripts.

PROCESS TWO — investigation of what caused the accumulated problems.

The second process must not be allowed to obstruct the first.

My existing formal report expressly identified obtaining the transcripts sufficiently before the next hearing as the immediate objective, while allowing investigation of responsibility and service failures to continue separately.

That remains the required approach.

11.33 Correction of Any Factual Error

If Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS considers that any factual statement concerning Court administration in this document is inaccurate, I expressly invite correction.

The response should identify:

the paragraph;

the disputed statement;

the correct position;

and the documentary evidence supporting the correction.

The purpose is to establish an accurate record.

I do not seek to preserve an incorrect account merely because it has previously been recorded.

11.34 No Predetermined Finding Against the Court or HMCTS

The extent of these questions must not be interpreted as a finding against Wood Green Crown Court, HMCTS, any Judge or any member of staff.

I presently make:

no allegation that the Court deliberately obstructed my transcript requests;

no allegation that any Judge deliberately delayed them;

no allegation that HMCTS concealed evidence;

no allegation that HMCTS colluded with Acolad;

no allegation that any Court employee discriminated against me;

no allegation that any person deliberately intended to disadvantage me;

and no conclusion that the transcript problems were caused by anti-Black racism or Institutional Racism.

Those are matters requiring evidence.

11.35 Required Form of the Court/HMCTS Response

I request a consolidated written response addressing the numbered questions in this section.

Where the Court office can answer, it should answer.

Where HMCTS must answer, the matter should be referred internally.

Where a judicial decision is required, the matter should be placed before the appropriate judicial office.

Where Acolad holds the answer, the Court should state:

“This question requires an answer from Acolad.”

Where documentary evidence exists, it should be provided or precisely identified.

The objective is straightforward:

to establish exactly what Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS received, what it did, who was responsible for each material step, what was communicated to Acolad, what remained outstanding, why the difficulties occurred, what safeguards operated, and what is now being done to secure all three transcripts without further avoidable delay.

SECTION 12 — FORMAL PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE NOTICE

12.1 Purpose of This Notice

This section constitutes a formal request for the preservation of evidence relating to the handling of my requests for transcripts of the hearings on:

26 August 2026;

16 September 2026;

and

24 September 2026

in:

R v Derrick Lynch

Case Reference: 01GD1160226

Crown Court at Wood Green

The preservation request applies principally to:

Wood Green Crown Court / HM Courts & Tribunals Service;

and

Acolad UK Ltd.

It also applies, insofar as relevant records are held by them, to departments, employees, contractors, systems administrators, payment processors and other persons acting on behalf of those organisations.

12.2 Why Preservation Is Now Necessary

There is now a documented dispute concerning the handling and present status of three official Crown Court transcripts.

There are unresolved questions concerning:

the alleged 4 September Stripe payment-link transmission;

the processing of the 16 September transcript request and signed EX107;

the processing and apparent non-location of the 24 September transcript request;

communications between Acolad and Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS;

what each organisation knew and when;

what actions were taken after problems became apparent;

and what safeguards operated within the relevant processes.

I have also formally recorded strong suspicions requiring investigation concerning possible deliberate obstruction, improper coordination or collusion, concealment or withholding of information, and intentional disadvantage.

Those suspicions are **not findings of fact**.

Preservation is required precisely so that the evidence can establish whether those suspicions are supported, contradicted or excluded.

12.3 This Notice Is Not an Allegation of Evidence Destruction

For absolute clarity:

I do **not** assert that evidence has been destroyed.

I do **not** assert that evidence has been deleted.

I do **not** assert that evidence has been altered.

I do **not** assert that evidence has been concealed.

I do **not** assert that any person presently intends to destroy, delete, alter or conceal evidence.

I have reached **no such conclusion**.

The purpose of this notice is preventative and evidential.

Once a material dispute exists, preservation protects **all parties** by maintaining the contemporaneous record from which the facts can later be established.

12.4 Preservation Period

The relevant preservation period should begin no later than:

26 August 2026

and continue through the present date and thereafter for so long as the transcript dispute, associated complaints, criminal proceedings or any reasonably related legal or review process remains unresolved.

Where an earlier record explains the configuration, operation or handling of a relevant system, procedure or account, that earlier record should also be preserved.

12.5 Identification Terms

Relevant electronic searches and preservation should take account of appropriate identifiers, including:

Derrick Lynch;

Derrick Emmanuel Lynch;

John Canoe;

01GD1160226;

26 August 2026;

16 September 2026;

24 September 2026;

1738688;

1 738 688;

1742056;

EX107;

Acolad;

Wood Green Crown Court;

Stripe;

and my relevant email address.

These are identification aids and are not intended artificially to restrict the scope of preservation.

12.6 Preservation of Court Audio

Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS should immediately preserve the complete official audio recordings of the hearings on:

26 August 2026;

16 September 2026;

and

24 September 2026.

Preservation should include the original recording files and, insofar as the systems retain them, associated metadata.

No request in this section should be interpreted as seeking unauthorised direct access to Court audio.

The immediate requirement is **preservation**.

12.7 Court Audio Metadata

Associated metadata should be preserved where available, including:

Courtroom;

hearing date;

recording start time;

recording end time;

file identifier;

system identifier;

creation timestamp;

modification timestamp;

export history;

copying history;

transfer history;

and records showing whether and when audio was made available to a transcription provider.

The purpose is to preserve provenance and integrity.

12.8 EX107 Documentation

All versions of relevant EX107 documentation should be preserved.

This includes:

original submissions;

drafts where retained;

completed forms;

signed forms;
unsigned forms;
judicially approved forms;
returned forms;
amended forms;
attachments;
covering communications;
and records showing transmission and receipt.
This applies separately to each of the three hearings.

12.9 Judicial Approval Records

HMCTS should preserve records identifying:
when judicial approval was requested;
which Judge considered the request;
the decision;
the date and time of the decision;
the wording of the direction;
any administrative communication of that decision;
and any subsequent clarification or amendment.
This request concerns preservation of the official record.
It does not seek disclosure of material that cannot lawfully be disclosed.

12.10 Court Administrative Records

Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS should preserve relevant:
case-management entries;
administrative notes;
workflow entries;
task allocations;

inbox records;
outbox records;
document-management entries;
internal referrals;
escalations;
complaint records;
supervisory reviews;
and records concerning communication with Acolad.

12.11 Email Preservation

Relevant emails should be preserved in their native or otherwise reliable evidential form where technically available.

Preservation should include:

sender;
recipient;
CC and BCC information where retained;
subject;
body;
attachments;
date;
time;
timezone;
Message-ID;
thread information;
and available transmission metadata.
Printed copies alone may omit important metadata.

12.12 Shared Mailboxes

Preservation should extend to relevant shared mailboxes, including those used for:

Wood Green Crown Court administration;

transcript requests;

Acolad Court Transcripts;

Acolad Accounts;

complaints;

and any other relevant operational function.

Records should not be excluded merely because no individual employee personally retained a separate copy.

12.13 Internal Communications

Relevant internal communications should be preserved, including communications concerning:

me;

my case reference;

my transcript requests;

EX107 documentation;

payment;

Stripe;

the three hearing dates;

my complaints;

the 15 October hearing;

urgency;

legal representation;

my requests concerning anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism;

and decisions concerning how my correspondence should be handled.

This includes relevant email, internal messaging and recorded case notes where such records exist.

12.14 Acolad Case and Workflow Records

Acolad should preserve the complete electronic records associated with:

Reference 1738688 / Job 1 738 688;

Reference 1742056;

and

any reference created in connection with the 24 September transcript.

This should include available:

creation records;

timestamps;

status history;

workflow history;

staff actions;

internal notes;

attachments;

communications;

quotations;

payment status;

Court documentation;

audio status;

escalation;

and completion or closure information.

12.15 Preservation of the 4 September Payment-Link Evidence

Particular care is required concerning the alleged Stripe payment link.

Acolad should preserve:

my 4 September request;

the Accounts team's processing of that request;

the payment-link creation record;

the original alleged outbound communication;
email-system transmission records;
delivery records;
bounce records;
suppression records;
error records;
Stripe-related records;
link status;
creation and expiry information;
payment-attempt information;
and records underlying the statement made to me on 30 September that the payment link had been sent.

12.16 Stripe and Payment-System Evidence

Where Acolad uses Stripe or another third-party payment processor, relevant records under Acolad's possession or control should be preserved.

Where relevant evidence is held exclusively by the processor, Acolad should take reasonable steps available to it to prevent routine deletion while the matter is under investigation.

This request does **not** seek:

full payment-card numbers;
security codes;
passwords;
authentication credentials;
or information unnecessary to resolving the dispute.

The relevant issue is the existence, creation, transmission, status and use or non-use of the payment facility.

12.17 Communications Between Acolad and HMCTS

Both organisations should preserve the complete relevant communications between them concerning:

me;

Case Reference 01GD1160226;

the three transcript requests;

EX107 forms;

judicial approval;

audio;

payment;

Stripe;

delay;

missing documentation;

my complaints;

urgency;

and the 15 October hearing.

Preservation should include communications regardless of whether they support or contradict my concerns.

12.18 Communications With Other Parties

Where relevant communications exist with:

the Crown Prosecution Service;

police;

legal representatives;

other HMCTS offices;

contractors;

technical providers;

or other persons materially involved in the transcript process,

those communications should also be preserved.

This request does not assert that any such communication was improper.

12.19 Records Concerning My Safeguarding Questions

Records concerning my requests for identification of safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism should be preserved.

This includes:

my original questions;

internal referrals;

internal discussions;

communications between Acolad and HMCTS;

responses considered or drafted;

supervisory reviews;

equality or fairness reviews;

and records of any decision concerning whether or how those questions should be answered.

12.20 Records Concerning My Complaints and Possible Further Proceedings

Relevant records concerning my formal complaints, evidence-preservation requests and stated consideration of possible further legal proceedings should be preserved.

This includes internal records created after receipt of those communications.

The fact that further proceedings have been mentioned does not establish that proceedings will necessarily be commenced.

The present purpose is preservation.

12.21 Drafts and Earlier Versions

Where materially relevant drafts or earlier versions are ordinarily retained by the relevant systems, they should not be deliberately deleted because a final version exists.

This may be important where a material statement changed during preparation.

I am not asking organisations to reconstruct drafts that were never retained.

I am asking that existing relevant versions not now be destroyed.

12.22 Audit Logs

Relevant audit logs should be preserved where available.

This includes records capable of showing:

when an electronic record was created;

when it was accessed;

when its status changed;

when it was modified;

when it was transferred;

and when it was deleted or archived.

Audit logs may provide evidence independent of later recollection.

12.23 Automatic Deletion and Retention Systems

Particular attention should be given to systems that automatically:

delete emails;

purge logs;

expire payment links;

remove temporary files;

overwrite audio;

archive workflow information;

or destroy records after fixed retention periods.

Where technically and lawfully possible, routine destruction affecting relevant evidence should be suspended or the relevant material should be preserved separately.

12.24 Backups and Archives

Where a relevant record has already disappeared from an active system but remains reasonably retrievable from an existing archive or backup, the existence of that archive or backup should be identified and preserved where proportionate.

I am not requesting disproportionate forensic reconstruction merely because a theoretical possibility exists.

The objective is reasonable preservation of material evidence.

12.25 Mobile Devices and Informal Communications

If relevant official business concerning these transcript requests was conducted through an authorised mobile or messaging system, the relevant business record should be preserved in accordance with applicable organisational procedures.

This request does not seek private communications unrelated to the case.

It concerns only communications materially connected to the matters under investigation.

12.26 Preservation of Evidence Supporting an Innocent Explanation

This notice applies equally to evidence that may demonstrate that nothing improper occurred.

For example, preserve evidence showing:

ordinary administrative error;

technical failure;

normal workflow;

staff absence;

backlog;

email-delivery failure;

payment-system error;

reasonable misunderstanding;

independent handling of the three requests;

or prompt corrective action.

Such evidence is essential.

I do not seek preservation only of material potentially adverse to the organisations.

I seek preservation of the **complete evidential record**.

12.27 No Selective Preservation

Records should not be selected for preservation according to whether they appear favourable or unfavourable to any particular account.

The appropriate principle is:

Preserve the material contemporaneous record first. Determine its evidential significance afterwards.

That protects me, Acolad, HMCTS, individual staff members and the integrity of any subsequent investigation.

12.28 If Evidence Has Already Been Deleted

If relevant evidence was deleted before receipt of this preservation notice, that fact should not automatically be treated as wrongdoing.

Instead, the organisation should record:

what was deleted;

when;

under what retention process;

whether deletion was automatic or manual;

whether the material remains recoverable;

and whether another copy exists.

This will allow the circumstances to be assessed objectively.

12.29 Preservation Does Not Mean Disclosure

I recognise the distinction between **preservation** and **disclosure**.

A record may require preservation even where there is a legitimate question about whether, when or by what lawful process it may be disclosed to me.

Accordingly, a dispute about disclosure should **not** result in destruction of the underlying evidence.

Preserve first.

Questions concerning lawful disclosure can be determined separately.

12.30 Confirmation Required From Acolad

I request written confirmation from Acolad stating:

1. Whether this preservation notice has been received.
 2. Whether relevant records have been preserved.
 3. The date preservation action was taken.
 4. The principal categories of records preserved.
 5. Whether the Accounts records concerning the 4 September Stripe payment-link issue have been preserved.
 6. Whether relevant Stripe/payment records have been preserved.
 7. Whether the audit trails for References 1738688 and 1742056 have been preserved.
 8. Whether communications with HMCTS have been preserved.
 9. Whether any relevant category cannot be preserved and, if so, why.
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12.31 Confirmation Required From Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS

I separately request written confirmation from Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS stating:

10. Whether this preservation notice has been received.
 11. Whether the audio of 26 August has been preserved.
 12. Whether the audio of 16 September has been preserved.
 13. Whether the audio of 24 September has been preserved.
 14. Whether the EX107 records have been preserved.
 15. Whether judicial approval records have been preserved.
 16. Whether communications with Acolad have been preserved.
 17. Whether relevant Court administrative and workflow records have been preserved.
 18. Whether relevant complaint and escalation records have been preserved.
 19. Whether any relevant category cannot be preserved and, if so, why.
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12.32 Preservation Should Not Delay Immediate Transcript Production

Nothing in this preservation notice should be interpreted as requiring Acolad or HMCTS to freeze the operational transcript process.

The opposite is required.

The organisations should:

preserve the historical evidence;

while simultaneously

taking the necessary steps to produce the transcripts.

Where a new payment link is issued, preserve the historical payment-link evidence and issue the new link.

Where an EX107 must now be completed, preserve the historical workflow and complete the EX107.

Where an administrative error must be corrected, preserve the evidence of the original position and correct the error.

Remediation and preservation can proceed together.

12.33 Formal Notice

Acolad and Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS are now expressly requested to take reasonable steps to preserve the records identified in this section.

The evidence may be relevant to:

the continuing criminal proceedings;

the accuracy of the Court record;

formal complaints;

administrative review;

questions concerning procedural fairness;

questions concerning safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism;

the investigation of my expressly stated suspicions;

and any further lawful process that may become necessary after the evidence is established.

This preservation notice makes **no allegation that evidence has previously been destroyed, altered, falsified, suppressed or concealed.**

Its purpose is to ensure that, from this point forward, the documentary and electronic record necessary to establish the truth remains available.

Preserve the evidence first.

Establish the facts from that evidence.

Determine responsibility only after the facts have been established.

SECTION 13 — URGENT REMEDIAL ACTION AND PRODUCTION OF THE THREE TRANSCRIPTS

13.1 Purpose of This Section

The investigation, complaint, evidence-preservation process and safeguarding questions are important.

They are, however, **secondary to the immediate operational requirement:**

I need the official transcripts of the hearings on 26 August 2026, 16 September 2026 and 24 September 2026 as soon as reasonably possible for my continuing criminal proceedings.

The next hearing is presently recorded as **15 October 2026**.

The investigation into how the present situation arose must therefore proceed **in parallel with**, and must not obstruct, production of the transcripts.

13.2 Two Separate Workstreams Are Required

From receipt of this document, I request that Acolad and Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS operate two clearly separated workstreams.

WORKSTREAM ONE — URGENT TRANSCRIPT PRODUCTION

Resolve every outstanding administrative, authorisation, payment and transcription requirement necessary to obtain the three transcripts.

WORKSTREAM TWO — INVESTIGATION AND COMPLAINT

Investigate:

the payment-link issue;

the EX107 issues;

the missing or unlocated request;

the communications between the organisations;

the safeguarding questions;

the preservation issues;

and the serious suspicions identified elsewhere in this document.

Workstream Two must not delay Workstream One.

13.3 No Need to Determine Responsibility Before Correcting the Problem

It is unnecessary to determine final responsibility before taking corrective action.

For example:

if a payment link is required, it can be reissued;

if an EX107 is outstanding, it can be completed;

if judicial approval is outstanding, it can be sought;

if Acolad has not received a Court document, it can be retransmitted;

if Acolad cannot locate a request, a valid request can be supplied;

if a quotation is required, it can be issued;

and if expedited transcription is available, the available options can be communicated to me.

The historical evidence should simultaneously be preserved.

Correcting the present problem does not prevent investigation of how it arose.

13.4 Transcript One — 26 August 2026

The present documented position appears to be that:

the transcript request was approved;

Acolad received the approved EX107;

Acolad created Job 1 738 688 / Reference 1738688;

Acolad issued a quotation for **£162.72 including VAT**;

I requested the Stripe payment link;

and Acolad subsequently stated that a payment link had been sent but had not been used.

I am not presently asserting that the £162.72 payment was successfully made.

Accordingly, the historical dispute about the alleged 4 September payment-link transmission should not prevent immediate resolution.

13.5 Immediate Action Required From Acolad — 26 August

If **£162.72 remains the correct amount**, Acolad should immediately provide a fresh, functional and secure payment facility.

If the amount has changed, Acolad should explain:

the new amount;

why it has changed;

and whether the original seven-working-day service remains available.

Acolad should not require the historical dispute concerning the alleged 4 September link to be resolved before providing a new means of payment.

The original records must simply be preserved.

13.6 Confirmation Following Payment

Once payment is successfully made and allocated, Acolad should confirm in writing:

1. Payment received.
2. Amount received.
3. Job/reference number.
4. Date payment was allocated.
5. Turnaround selected.
6. Production commencement date.
7. Expected delivery date.
8. Whether anything further remains outstanding from me.

If nothing further is required, Acolad should state:

“Nothing further is presently required from Mr Lynch for production of the 26 August 2026 transcript.”

13.7 Court Action Required — 26 August

Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS should confirm whether any further Court action remains outstanding for the 26 August transcript.

If nothing remains outstanding from the Court, please state:

“The Court has completed the authorisation and administrative steps presently required from it for production of the 26 August 2026 transcript.”

If something remains outstanding, identify it immediately and complete it.

13.8 Transcript Two — 16 September 2026

Acolad's 30 September position was that:

the request had been received;

Reference **1742056** existed;

but Acolad was waiting for the signed EX107 from Wood Green Crown Court.

If that remains the position, the principal immediate obstacle appears capable of being identified precisely.

The question of why the signed EX107 had not previously reached Acolad can be investigated separately.

The immediate task is to get the necessary document to Acolad.

13.9 Immediate Court Action — 16 September

Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS should immediately determine:

whether the EX107 has been completed;

whether judicial approval is required;

whether approval has been obtained;

whether the document has been signed or otherwise appropriately authorised;

whether it has been transmitted to Acolad;

and whether Acolad has confirmed receipt.

If any step remains incomplete, it should be progressed urgently.

13.10 Immediate Acolad Action — 16 September

Once Acolad receives the required authorised documentation, it should promptly:

confirm receipt;

confirm Reference 1742056;

upload or activate the order;
issue the quotation;
identify the available turnaround options;
provide the required payment facility;
and identify the earliest realistic delivery date.

Acolad should also state whether anything remains outstanding from me.

13.11 Transcript Three — 24 September 2026

Acolad's 30 September position was that it could not locate a further transcript request matching the information provided and required Wood Green Crown Court to submit the transcript request with a completed and signed EX107.

That position should now be resolved directly between the Court and Acolad.

I should not be left acting indefinitely as the communications intermediary between two organisations where the outstanding administrative step can be identified and resolved between them.

13.12 Immediate Court Action — 24 September

Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS should determine immediately:

whether my transcript request is recorded;

whether a new EX107 is required;

whether I personally must complete any further document;

whether Court administration can progress the existing request;

whether judicial approval is required;

whether approval has been obtained;

and whether a completed and signed EX107 has been or can now be transmitted to Acolad.

If something is required from me, identify it precisely.

Do not merely state:

“further information is required.”

State exactly what is required.

13.13 Immediate Acolad Action — 24 September

Upon receipt of the necessary Court documentation, Acolad should:

- confirm receipt;
- allocate a reference;
- issue the quotation;
- identify available turnaround options;
- provide the payment facility;
- and identify the earliest realistic delivery date.

If Acolad has now located an earlier request that it could not locate on 30 September, that should also be stated.

13.14 One Consolidated Status Table Is Required

To remove further ambiguity, I request that the recipients provide a consolidated written status in substantially the following form:

Heari ng	Court request receive d?	Judicia l approv al	Signed EX107 sent to Acola d?	Acolad referen ce	Quote issue d?	Payment required/curr ent status	Curren t obstac le	Who mus t act next ?	Earlie st delive ry
26 Aug 2026				173868 8 / 1 738 688					
16 Sep 2026				174205 6					
24 Sep 2026									

This table is intended to produce a single operational picture.

It does not replace the detailed answers required elsewhere in this document.

13.15 Identify Exactly Who Must Act Next

For each transcript, there should be no ambiguity about responsibility for the next operational step.

The response should state one of the following, as appropriate:

ACTION REQUIRED FROM ACOLAD;

ACTION REQUIRED FROM WOOD GREEN CROWN COURT/HMCTS;

ACTION REQUIRED FROM DERRICK LYNCH;

ACTION REQUIRED FROM THE JUDICIARY;

or

NO FURTHER PRE-PRODUCTION ACTION OUTSTANDING.

If responsibility is shared, identify each action separately and in the order in which it must occur.

13.16 No Circular Referral

I specifically request that the following situation does not occur:

Acolad tells me to contact the Court;

the Court tells me to contact Acolad;

Acolad then tells me it is waiting for the Court;

and I remain without the transcript.

Where Acolad requires a document from the Court, Acolad should identify it precisely.

Where the Court must provide that document, the Court should provide it.

Where I must take an action, tell me exactly what action is required.

There should be an identifiable administrative endpoint.

13.17 No Complaint Hold

I require confirmation that none of the three transcript orders has been, or will be, placed on hold merely because I have:

made a complaint;

requested records;

asked questions;

requested preservation of evidence;

raised safeguarding concerns;

or stated that I may consider further lawful proceedings after the facts have been established.

The complaint process and the transcript-production process should remain operationally separate.

13.18 No Requirement to Withdraw Concerns

Production of the transcripts should not be made conditional upon me:

withdrawing this document;

withdrawing a complaint;

withdrawing a safeguarding question;

withdrawing a preservation request;

accepting an explanation I dispute;

or abandoning my request for the documentary record.

Likewise, my continued investigation of these matters should not excuse me from completing any legitimate payment or procedural requirement properly identified to me.

Both sides should simply perform the steps properly required of them.

13.19 Fastest Available Service

Because of the approaching hearing, Acolad should identify the **fastest service actually available** for each transcript.

That should include:

the turnaround period;

the cost;

the point from which the turnaround is calculated;

and any prerequisite that must first be satisfied.

I should then be able to make an informed decision concerning the service requested.

13.20 If the Requested Turnaround Cannot Be Met

If Acolad cannot deliver a transcript within the requested or previously quoted turnaround, it should say so immediately.

The response should identify:

why;

the earliest realistic delivery date;

whether partial or staged delivery is possible;

and whether any alternative expedited service exists.

An unrealistic delivery promise would not assist preparation.

I require an accurate timetable.

13.21 Partial or Staged Production

If production of a complete transcript before the next hearing becomes impossible, Acolad should state whether any lawful and technically available staged production can be offered.

For example, if a completed portion can be supplied before the remainder, that possibility should be identified.

I am not directing Acolad to depart from Court-authorised transcription requirements.

I am asking it to identify what lawful production options actually exist.

13.22 Court Should Be Informed if Timely Production Becomes Impossible

If one or more transcripts cannot reasonably be supplied sufficiently before **15 October 2026**, Wood Green Crown Court should be informed of that fact.

The Court should have an accurate record of:

which transcripts remain outstanding;

why;

what action has been taken;

what remains outstanding;

whether the outstanding action belongs to me, HMCTS or Acolad;
and the expected delivery date.

This is particularly important because the transcript difficulties concern preparation for continuing proceedings.

13.23 Request That the Position Be Placed Before the Judge

I request that the current transcript position, including this urgent remedial section where appropriate, be brought to the attention of **HHJ Deacon KC or the Judge presently responsible for the case.**

I am not asking administrative staff to make a judicial determination.

I am asking that the Judge be provided with accurate information concerning the practical position.

The Judge can then determine what, if any, case-management consequences follow.

13.24 Nothing in This Section Predetermines Any Judicial Decision

I am not asserting through this document that the proceedings must be adjourned.

I am not asserting that any hearing cannot lawfully proceed.

I am not asking Acolad to determine questions of procedural fairness.

Those are not matters for Acolad.

My request is that the **true transcript position be accurately recorded and communicated**, so that any necessary judicial decision can be made on correct information.

13.25 Written Confirmation of Audio Preservation

Pending completion of transcription, Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS should provide written confirmation that the official recordings for:

26 August 2026;

16 September 2026;

and

24 September 2026

remain preserved.

This is particularly important if production cannot be completed immediately.

13.26 Written Receipt of This Document

I request written acknowledgement from both principal organisations.

Acolad should confirm receipt.

Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS should confirm receipt.

Acknowledgement does not require the substantive investigation to have been completed.

It simply establishes that the document has entered the relevant organisational processes.

13.27 Named or Functional Point of Contact

To prevent further fragmentation, each organisation should identify one responsible point of contact or functional mailbox through which the operational transcript issues can be coordinated.

This does not require the organisation to disclose private employee information.

A functional role or official mailbox is sufficient.

The objective is to avoid repeated correspondence being distributed across unrelated personnel without clear ownership.

13.28 Written Communication

I request that substantive communications concerning these matters be provided **in writing**.

Written communication is important because:

the chronology is disputed;

multiple organisations are involved;

precise dates and actions matter;

the correspondence may need to be provided to the Court;

and an auditable record is necessary.

Where a telephone conversation nevertheless occurs between organisations, any material action resulting from it should be recorded in the appropriate official record.

13.29 Immediate Questions Requiring an Operational Answer

Irrespective of how long the wider investigation requires, I request immediate answers to these nine questions:

- 1. Where is the 26 August transcript in the production process now?**
- 2. What exactly prevents its production now?**
- 3. Where is the 16 September transcript in the production process now?**
- 4. What exactly prevents its production now?**
- 5. Where is the 24 September transcript in the production process now?**
- 6. What exactly prevents its production now?**
- 7. What, if anything, must I personally do now?**
- 8. What must Acolad and Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS respectively do now?**
- 9. What is the earliest realistic delivery date for each transcript?**

These questions can be answered without waiting for completion of the wider complaint investigation.

13.30 Priority

The operational priority is:

REMOVE THE PRESENT OBSTACLES AND PRODUCE THE THREE OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS.

The evidential priority is:

PRESERVE THE HISTORICAL RECORD SO THAT THE CAUSES OF THOSE OBSTACLES CAN BE INVESTIGATED AFTERWARDS.

Neither objective conflicts with the other.

13.31 Formal Position

My position is not that Acolad must accept responsibility before producing the transcripts.

My position is not that HMCTS must accept responsibility before progressing the EX107 documentation.

My position is not that the investigation must be completed before I comply with any legitimate payment or procedural requirement.

My position is:

Tell me precisely what remains outstanding.

Complete what is outstanding from the Court.

Complete what is outstanding from Acolad.

Tell me immediately what is legitimately outstanding from me.

Preserve the evidence of what previously occurred.

Produce the transcripts as urgently as reasonably possible.

Investigate responsibility separately.

That is the immediate remedial outcome sought.

SECTION 14 — REQUIRED RESPONSE PROTOCOL, RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANSWERING, AND DEADLINES

14.1 Purpose of This Section

This document raises two categories of matters that operate on different timescales.

The first category concerns **urgent operational action** necessary to obtain the three outstanding transcripts before the continuing criminal proceedings progress further.

The second concerns the **substantive investigation** into what occurred, including the documentary questions, preservation issues, safeguarding questions and the serious suspicions expressly identified in this document.

It would be unreasonable to expect every investigative question to be answered immediately.

It would equally be unreasonable for the longer investigation to prevent immediate answers to straightforward operational questions.

I therefore request a structured response protocol.

14.2 Acknowledgement of Receipt

I request written acknowledgement of receipt from:

Acolad UK Ltd;

and

Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS.

Acknowledgement should confirm:

the date the document was received;

the department or office dealing with it;

whether it has been registered as a complaint, investigation request, preservation notice or other relevant category;

and the principal point of contact or functional mailbox responsible for coordinating the response.

Acknowledgement is not acceptance of any suspicion or proposition contained in this document.

14.3 Immediate Operational Response

Because my next hearing is recorded as **15 October 2026**, the transcript-production questions require priority.

I request an **urgent written operational response** addressing, separately for each transcript:

26 August 2026;

16 September 2026;

and

24 September 2026.

That response should state:

the present status;

what remains outstanding;

who must perform the next action;

what is required from me;

what is required from Acolad;

what is required from Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS;

whether judicial action remains necessary;

the fastest available turnaround;

and the earliest realistic delivery date.

14.4 Proposed Deadline for the Immediate Operational Response

Given the approaching hearing, I request that the immediate operational response be provided:

as soon as reasonably possible and, if practicable, within two working days of receipt of this document.

If a complete operational answer cannot be provided within that period, I request an interim response identifying:

what has already been established;

what remains under investigation;

who is dealing with it;

and when the outstanding operational information will be provided.

The purpose is not to impose an artificial deadline.

It is to prevent further avoidable uncertainty while the criminal proceedings continue.

14.5 Immediate Preservation Confirmation

Preservation does not require completion of the substantive investigation.

I therefore request confirmation, as soon as reasonably possible, that reasonable preservation steps have been taken concerning the material identified in Section 12.

The response should particularly confirm preservation of:

the three Court audio recordings;

EX107 records;

Court/Acolad communications;

Acolad audit records;

and the records concerning the alleged 4 September Stripe payment link.

14.6 Substantive Investigative Response

The full response to the investigative questions will necessarily require more work.

I therefore request that Acolad and HMCTS each provide a substantive written response after conducting reasonable searches of the records within their possession or control.

The response should address the questions directed specifically to that organisation and should identify supporting documentary evidence.

Where further time is genuinely required, I request an explanation rather than silence.

14.7 Proposed Deadline for the Substantive Response

I request that each organisation provide its substantive response:

within 14 calendar days of receipt, where reasonably practicable.

If that is not reasonably possible, please provide within that period:

the reasons;

the work already completed;

the outstanding work;
the person, team or function responsible;
and a realistic date for the complete response.

This requested period does not override any statutory, procedural or contractual timescale that lawfully applies.

If an organisation considers a different formal timescale applicable, please identify it.

14.8 The Organisations Should Answer Their Own Questions

Acolad should answer matters within Acolad's knowledge and control.

HMCTS should answer matters within HMCTS's knowledge and control.

I should not be required to obtain Acolad's answer from HMCTS or HMCTS's answer from Acolad where the organisation itself possesses the relevant information.

Where responsibility genuinely lies elsewhere, the response should identify that clearly.

14.9 Internal Referral Rather Than Rejection

Where the initial recipient is not personally responsible for answering a particular question, I request that the matter be referred internally to the correct department wherever reasonably possible.

For example:

Acolad Court Transcripts may need information from Acolad Accounts.

Acolad Accounts may need information from technical or payment-system personnel.

Court administrative staff may need information from another HMCTS team.

A safeguarding question may require referral to an equality, complaints or senior management function.

A matter involving judicial approval may require reference to the appropriate judicial office.

The response should not simply state:

“This is not dealt with by this department”

where the organisation can reasonably identify the correct internal function.

14.10 Judicial Questions Must Be Distinguished From Administrative Questions

Nothing in this document asks administrative staff to answer questions reserved to a Judge.

Where a question concerns:

judicial approval;

a judicial direction;

case management;

the effect of transcript delay upon future proceedings;

or another matter requiring judicial determination,

the administrative response should state that the matter requires judicial consideration and confirm whether it has been placed before the appropriate Judge.

Administrative and judicial responsibility should remain clearly separated.

14.11 Acolad Must Not Be Asked to Determine Judicial Matters

Similarly, Acolad is not being asked to determine:

whether the criminal proceedings are fair;

whether a hearing should proceed;

whether an adjournment is required;

whether I have suffered legal prejudice;

or whether a judicial decision was correct.

Acolad is being asked to provide evidence and answers concerning matters within its own role, including:

receipt of documents;

job creation;

communications;

payment;

transcription workflow;

interaction with HMCTS;

and production of the transcripts.

14.12 Numbered Answers Requested

Because this document contains a substantial number of specific questions, I request that the substantive responses follow the numbering used in the document wherever reasonably possible.

For example:

Question 14 — YES.

Question 15 — 4 September 2026 at [time].

Question 16 — The communication was generated by [system/function].

Supporting document — Appendix A3.

This will substantially reduce the risk of misunderstanding.

14.13 Where Several Questions Can Properly Be Answered Together

I do not require artificial repetition.

Where several questions genuinely have the same answer, the response may state:

“Questions 20–24 are answered together as follows...”

However, the response should make clear that each question has been considered.

14.14 “Not Known” Is an Acceptable Answer Where Accurate

I do not require an organisation to invent an answer.

Where the evidence does not establish something, the correct response may be:

UNKNOWN;

NOT RECORDED;

NO RECORD LOCATED;

or

UNABLE TO DETERMINE FROM THE AVAILABLE RECORDS.

That is preferable to speculation.

Where possible, explain why the answer cannot be determined.

14.15 Distinguish “No” From “No Evidence Located”

This distinction is particularly important.

For example:

“No communication occurred.”

is different from:

“We have located no record of such a communication.”

The first is a positive factual statement.

The second describes the result of a records search.

Responses should use the formulation actually supported by the evidence.

14.16 Documentary Evidence Should Accompany Material Answers

Where a material answer depends upon a document, I request that the document be supplied where lawfully possible.

This is particularly important for:

the 28 August Court approval;

the alleged 4 September payment-link transmission;

the 16 September EX107 history;

the 24 September request history;

Court/Acolad communications;

audit records;

and preservation confirmation.

If the document cannot be supplied, identify it and explain why.

14.17 Documents Should Retain Evidential Context

Where possible, documentary material should retain sufficient context to establish:

date;

time;

sender;

recipient;
subject;
reference;
and relationship to the relevant transcript request.

An isolated extract may not resolve the factual question if its context is missing.

Where redaction is necessary, the remainder should remain sufficiently intelligible to understand the evidence.

14.18 Corrections Are Expressly Invited

If any recipient identifies an error in:

my chronology;
a date;
a reference number;
my understanding of the procedure;
my description of an organisation's position;
or any other factual matter,

I expressly invite correction.

The correction should identify:

what I have recorded;
what the recipient says is correct;
and the evidence supporting the correction.

A documented correction will assist rather than undermine the purpose of this investigation.

14.19 Disagreement Should Be Particularised

If an organisation disputes one of my concerns, it should identify what is disputed.

For example:

“We disagree with paragraph X because the contemporaneous record demonstrates Y.”

That permits the disagreement to be examined objectively.

A general statement that an organisation “**rejects the concerns**” would not resolve the underlying factual questions.

14.20 No Admission Is Requested Merely Because an Investigation Is Conducted

I recognise that:

opening a complaint;

preserving evidence;

answering questions;

providing records;

or conducting an internal review

does not amount to an admission of wrongdoing.

I am seeking investigation and evidence.

I am not asking the organisations to adopt my suspicions as their own conclusions.

14.21 Equally, No Complaint Should Be Closed Merely Because Wrongdoing Is Denied

A denial of deliberate wrongdoing does not by itself resolve:

whether the Stripe link was transmitted;

what happened to the 16 September EX107;

what happened to the 24 September request;

what communications occurred;

or what safeguards were applied.

The factual questions should therefore be answered independently of any conclusion concerning misconduct.

14.22 Separate Response From Acolad

I request that Acolad's substantive response be issued on behalf of the organisation and identify the department or responsible function.

It should address:

the Acolad-specific questions;

the payment-link evidence;

the three transcript statuses;

communications with HMCTS;

preservation;

safeguards;

and immediate production.

Where different departments contribute, I request a consolidated response rather than requiring me to reconstruct Acolad's institutional position from several disconnected messages.

14.23 Separate Response From Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS

I similarly request a consolidated Court/HMCTS response addressing:

Court receipt and processing of the three requests;

EX107 administration;

judicial approval;

communications with Acolad;

audio preservation;

internal administration;

safeguards;

and immediate remedial action.

Where some matters require separate judicial consideration, identify those matters clearly.

14.24 A Joint Chronology Would Be Particularly Useful

Because some critical events cross the organisational boundary between HMCTS and Acolad, I invite the organisations, where operationally possible, to reconcile the basic chronology.

For example:

Court sent — date/time.

Acolad received — date/time.

Acolad requested further action — date/time.

Court responded — date/time.

This would assist in identifying where any administrative break occurred.

It does not require the organisations to agree on questions of responsibility.

14.25 If Acolad and HMCTS Give Conflicting Answers

If the organisations provide materially inconsistent accounts, I request that the discrepancy be identified rather than obscured.

For example, if:

HMCTS states that an EX107 was sent;

but

Acolad states that it was never received,

the appropriate next step is to examine:

the sending record;

recipient address;

transmission metadata;

receipt systems;

and subsequent correspondence.

The existence of conflicting accounts should trigger evidential examination, not an assumption that either party is necessarily dishonest.

14.26 No Telephone-Only Resolution

Because these matters concern a live criminal case and a disputed documentary chronology, I require the substantive position to be recorded **in writing**.

A telephone conversation may assist operationally, but it should not substitute for the requested written record.

Any material agreement, instruction or status communicated orally should subsequently be confirmed in writing.

14.27 No Fragmentation of the Historical Record

Where a new payment link is issued, a new EX107 is transmitted or a new Acolad reference is created, the new action should not replace or obscure the historical record.

For example:

the new Stripe link should not prevent preservation of the alleged 4 September link;

a newly transmitted EX107 should not erase the earlier workflow history;

and a newly created 24 September Acolad reference should not obscure the fact that Acolad previously stated it could not locate the request.

Remediation must preserve chronology.

14.28 Family and Community Circulation

This document is intended to form part of the contemporaneous record that may be shared with my family and community.

Accordingly, I request responses that are sufficiently clear to permit a reader who was not involved in the administration to understand:

what happened;

what remains disputed;

what evidence exists;

what remains unknown;

and what action is being taken.

This does not mean that confidential, legally restricted or personal information concerning unrelated third parties should be disclosed.

14.29 Accuracy Before Institutional Defence

The purpose of the requested response is not to require either organisation to defend itself before the facts are established.

The first task should be factual reconstruction.

If the evidence establishes an ordinary explanation, record it.

If it establishes an error, record it.

If responsibility is shared, record that.

If the evidence is inconclusive, say so.

If evidence supports a more serious concern, preserve it and address it through the appropriate process.

14.30 Requested Sequence of Responses

For clarity, I request the following sequence:

FIRST: acknowledgement of receipt.

SECOND: immediate preservation confirmation.

THIRD: urgent operational status of all three transcripts.

FOURTH: completion of outstanding authorisation, payment and production steps.

FIFTH: substantive answers to the investigative questions.

SIXTH: documentary evidence supporting those answers.

SEVENTH: complaint/investigation outcome when the evidence has been considered.

The first four steps should not wait for completion of the last three.

14.31 If More Time Is Required

Where additional time is genuinely necessary, the organisation should not simply allow the requested response date to pass without explanation.

It should state:

what has been completed;

what remains outstanding;

why;

who is responsible for completing it;

and the revised expected response date.

That creates accountability without requiring premature conclusions.

14.32 Continuing Duty to Correct the Record

If information supplied in response to this document is later discovered to be materially inaccurate, I request that the organisation correct it promptly.

For example, if Acolad initially states that no communication exists but subsequently locates it, the later discovery should be communicated.

Similarly, if HMCTS later locates an EX107 or transmission record previously thought missing, that should be disclosed in the continuing response.

The objective is an accurate final record.

14.33 Core Requirement

The response process should ultimately allow a neutral reader to determine:

What happened to each transcript request?

Who was responsible for each material step?

What did Acolad know and when?

What did Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS know and when?

What communications passed between them?

What explains each delay or failure?

What safeguards existed and were actually applied?

What evidence supports or contradicts my serious suspicions?

What has now been done to correct the situation?

If the written responses and documentary evidence answer those questions, the principal purpose of this investigation will have been achieved.

14.34 Final Requirement of This Section

I therefore request:

specific answers rather than general assurances;

documents rather than unsupported recollection where documents exist;

clear distinctions between fact, assertion and uncertainty;

prompt correction of operational problems without waiting for the complaint investigation;

and

a complete written record from which responsibility, if any, can subsequently be determined on evidence.

The objective is not to force a predetermined conclusion.

The objective is to establish the truth of what occurred.

SECTION 15 — FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC-INTEREST TRANSPARENCY RECORD

15.1 Purpose of This Section

This document is not intended to remain solely within correspondence between me, Acolad and Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS.

I intend that appropriate copies may also be retained by or circulated to members of my:

family;

community;

support network;

and other persons with a legitimate interest in understanding the circumstances affecting my criminal proceedings.

The purpose is to create an independent contemporaneous record of:

what I requested;

what occurred;

what remains disputed;

what evidence I have requested;

what answers the organisations provide;

and what remains unanswered.

15.2 Why an Independent Record Is Necessary

The matters addressed in this document concern a live criminal case.

They include three outstanding Crown Court transcripts and unresolved questions concerning the administrative processes through which those transcripts should have been obtained.

The official records are principally held by organisations other than me.

I therefore consider it appropriate that persons outside those organisations know that these questions have been raised and that a dated copy of the document exists.

This is intended to preserve transparency and accountability.

It is not intended to prejudge the investigation.

15.3 What Family and Community Recipients Must Understand

Anyone receiving this document should understand the distinction between:

a documented fact;

a statement made by an organisation;

a discrepancy;

a missing record;

an unanswered question;

a strong suspicion requiring investigation;

and

a proven conclusion.

Those categories are not interchangeable.

15.4 My Strong Suspicions Are Not Findings

I have formally recorded that, in the circumstances described in this document, I strongly suspect that there may have been:

deliberate obstruction;

coordination or collusion between one or more persons within Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS and Acolad;

concealment, withholding or non-disclosure of relevant information or records;

and/or

conduct intended to disadvantage me in the preparation of my criminal proceedings.

Those are **strong suspicions requiring investigation.**

They are **not findings of fact.**

15.5 No Accusations or Conclusions

For the avoidance of doubt, circulation of this document must not be represented as meaning that I have established wrongdoing by any person.

At this stage I make:

no accusations;

no allegations of established misconduct;

no assumptions;

no assertions that wrongdoing has been proved;

and

no conclusions that the suspected conduct occurred.

The purpose of the investigation is to determine what the evidence establishes.

15.6 Racial Context

I am a Black defendant.

I have requested identification of the specific safeguards against **anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism** applicable to the decision-making and administrative processes affecting me.

I have not presently been provided with evidence sufficient for me to identify what specific safeguards were actually applied to the handling of these transcript matters.

That is part of the context giving rise to my concern.

It is **not**, by itself, evidence that racism occurred.

15.7 No Finding of Racism

I do not presently conclude that:

Acolad acted because I am Black;

Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS acted because I am Black;

any Judge acted because I am Black;

any individual employee acted because I am Black;

or the transcript difficulties were caused by anti-Black racism or Institutional Racism.

Those questions must be determined, if they require determination, from evidence rather than assumption.

15.8 Why the Safeguarding Questions Remain Important

The absence of a present finding of racism does not make the safeguarding questions irrelevant.

The question remains:

What specific safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism existed within the processes affecting me, and what evidence demonstrates that those safeguards were actually applied?

If safeguards existed and were applied, the evidence should establish that.

If safeguards existed but there is no evidence that they were applied, that should be stated.

If no specific safeguards existed, that should also be stated.

15.9 Transparency Must Work in Both Directions

The purpose of community transparency is not to distribute only information supporting my concerns.

If Acolad provides evidence demonstrating that the 4 September Stripe payment link was properly transmitted, that evidence should form part of the record.

If HMCTS provides evidence demonstrating that an EX107 was processed correctly, that evidence should form part of the record.

If evidence establishes ordinary administrative or technical explanations, those explanations should be recorded.

If I have misunderstood a material event, a documented correction should be recorded.

Transparency requires preservation of evidence that **supports or contradicts** my concerns.

15.10 Organisational Responses Should Accompany the Record

Where reasonably practicable, substantive responses from Acolad and HMCTS should be retained with this document.

The community record should therefore not consist solely of my account.

It should ultimately include:

my questions;

the organisations' answers;
relevant documentary evidence;
any corrections;
remaining disagreements;
and the final status of the transcripts.

This will allow readers to distinguish my concerns from the organisations' responses.

15.11 Subsequent Evidence May Change the Position

This document records the position at a particular stage of an ongoing matter.

Subsequent evidence may:

confirm an event;
correct an event;
resolve a discrepancy;
identify an administrative failure;
identify a technical problem;
exclude a suspected explanation;
or raise further questions.

Accordingly, this document should not be read as though the evidential position can never change.

15.12 Corrections Will Be Recorded

If I receive reliable documentary evidence demonstrating that a material part of my chronology is incorrect, the correction should be incorporated into the continuing record.

That does not mean the original concern was improper.

It means the evidential process has produced a clearer answer.

The objective is accuracy.

15.13 Unanswered Questions Will Also Be Recorded

Equally, where a material question is not answered, that fact may properly be recorded as:

“Question asked — no substantive answer received as at [date].”

That formulation does not presume why the question was unanswered.

It records the procedural fact.

15.14 Missing Evidence Must Not Automatically Be Treated as Evidence of Wrongdoing

If a requested document cannot be located, that fact may be important.

But the absence of the document does not automatically prove:

concealment;

destruction;

dishonesty;

collusion;

racial discrimination;

or intentional disadvantage.

The circumstances surrounding the missing evidence must first be established.

15.15 The Same Standard Applies to Institutional Assertions

Conversely, an organisational assertion should not automatically be treated as established merely because it comes from an institution.

For example, where the issue is whether an electronic communication was sent, the underlying electronic record may provide stronger evidence than later recollection.

The appropriate approach is:

identify the assertion;

identify the evidence;

compare the two;

record what can and cannot objectively be established.

15.16 Protection Against Misrepresentation

Circulation of the document also creates a dated record of what I have actually said.

That is important because my position should not subsequently be represented inaccurately as:

“Mr Lynch has proved collusion”;

“Mr Lynch says racism has been established”;

“Mr Lynch has accused a named employee of deliberately obstructing the transcripts”;

or

“Mr Lynch has concluded that the Court and Acolad acted together improperly.”

Those formulations would materially overstate my present position.

My position is that there are serious questions and strong suspicions requiring documentary investigation.

15.17 Equally, My Concerns Should Not Be Diluted

The opposite misrepresentation should also be avoided.

I am not merely asking a routine customer-service question.

I have formally recorded **strong suspicions** concerning possible deliberate obstruction, improper coordination or collusion, concealment or withholding, and intentional disadvantage.

Those suspicions are serious.

The fact that I have not converted them into allegations or conclusions does not make the questions insignificant.

It means I am requiring evidence before reaching conclusions.

15.18 Family and Community Safety Record

Because these matters concern my participation in criminal proceedings, my family and community should be able to know:

the hearings involved;

the transcripts I have requested;

the difficulties I have encountered;
the steps I have taken;
the organisations involved;
the questions I have raised;
and the documentary answers subsequently received.

This provides an external record independent of my own possession of the correspondence.

15.19 Distribution Does Not Authorise Harassment

Nothing in this document invites any family member, community member or other recipient to:

harass;

threaten;

intimidate;

abuse;

or improperly contact

any Judge, Court employee, Acolad employee, prosecutor, police officer or other person.

The appropriate purpose of circulation is:

information, transparency, lawful scrutiny and preservation of the record.

15.20 No Interference With the Criminal Proceedings

Nothing in this document invites interference with:

the Court;

the judiciary;

witnesses;

the prosecution;

evidence;

or the administration of the criminal proceedings.

Questions concerning the conduct of the criminal case remain matters for the proper legal and judicial processes.

The community record exists alongside those processes.

It does not replace them.

15.21 Personal Information of Unrelated Individuals

Where this document or later evidence is circulated beyond the organisations directly involved, appropriate consideration should be given to personal information concerning individuals who are not materially involved in the dispute.

The purpose of transparency does not require unnecessary publication of irrelevant personal information.

The focus should remain on:

decisions;

actions;

records;

responsibility;

processes;

and evidence.

15.22 Documentary Integrity

Copies retained by family or community recipients should, where possible, preserve:

the date of the document;

the complete text;

the case reference;

the version;

and any subsequent formal responses attached to it.

This reduces the risk of isolated extracts being circulated without their evidential qualifications.

15.23 Version Control

Because the evidential position may develop, future versions should be dated.

Where a material correction is made, the revised version should identify that it supersedes the earlier version for factual accuracy.

The earlier version may nevertheless remain part of the historical record showing what was known at that earlier date.

15.24 A Continuing Evidence Record

The family and community record may therefore develop chronologically:

Initial formal document.

Acolad response.

Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS response.

Documents supplied.

Corrections or clarifications.

Transcript production status.

Complaint findings.

Any subsequent Court record concerning the issue.

The objective is a transparent sequence rather than a selective narrative.

15.25 What the Record Should Ultimately Establish

When the evidence has been obtained, the record should enable my family, community and any other legitimate reader to understand:

what happened to the 26 August transcript;

what happened to the 16 September transcript;

what happened to the 24 September transcript;

what caused each difficulty;

whether the difficulties were independent or connected;

what communications occurred between HMCTS and Acolad;

whether relevant information was withheld or merely unavailable;

what safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism existed and were applied;

whether there is evidence supporting or excluding deliberate obstruction, improper coordination or collusion, concealment, discriminatory treatment or intentional disadvantage;

and what corrective action was ultimately taken.

15.26 No Predetermined Outcome

I do not require that investigation to produce a particular conclusion.

If the complete documentary record establishes that the three problems resulted from unrelated administrative, technical, communication and payment issues, that should be recorded.

If it establishes organisational failures, those should be recorded.

If it identifies evidence supporting more serious concerns, that should be recorded and addressed through the appropriate lawful process.

If the evidence remains inconclusive, that too should be stated.

15.27 The Standard I Am Applying

My position can therefore be stated simply:

I will not treat suspicion as proof.

I will not treat an institutional assertion as proof merely because it has been asserted.

I require the contemporaneous evidence.

I require evidence capable of supporting or contradicting my concerns.

I require corrections where I am wrong.

I require unanswered questions to remain identified as unanswered rather than being treated as resolved.

I require conclusions to follow the evidence rather than precede it.

15.28 Formal Notice Concerning Circulation

Acolad and Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS should therefore understand that this document is intended to form part of a wider contemporaneous record and may be copied to my family, community and other persons with a legitimate interest in my circumstances.

That circulation does not convert the suspicions recorded in this document into findings.

The recipients of the document should be able to see, from its own wording, that:

serious concerns have been raised;

evidence has been requested;

no predetermined finding has been made;

and

the organisations concerned have been given a full opportunity to provide evidence, explanations and corrections.

15.29 Central Principle

The principle governing this section is:

Transparency must preserve both the seriousness of the questions and the uncertainty of the answers until the evidence establishes what occurred.

My family and community should know that I have raised these matters.

They should also know that I have expressly required the investigation to be capable of proving my suspicions wrong.

That distinction is fundamental to the integrity of this record.

SECTION 16 — FORMAL RESERVATION OF POSITION, NON-WAIVER, CORRECTION OF THE RECORD AND FINAL DECLARATION

16.1 Purpose of This Section

This section records my formal position concerning the status and intended effect of this document.

The document has been prepared because significant factual questions remain unresolved concerning the handling of the transcripts of the hearings on:

26 August 2026;

16 September 2026;

and

24 September 2026

in:

R v Derrick Lynch

Case Reference: 01GD1160226

Crown Court at Wood Green

Nothing in this document should be interpreted beyond what it expressly states.

16.2 This Document Is an Evidential and Investigative Record

This document records:

documented events;

statements made to me;

my own contemporaneous actions;

identified discrepancies;

missing or presently unavailable evidence;

questions requiring answers;

requests for documentary evidence;

requests for preservation;

requests for safeguards information;

requests for urgent remedial action;

and serious suspicions requiring investigation.

It is intended to assist in establishing the facts.

It is not intended to substitute suspicion for evidence.

16.3 No Allegations, No Accusations, No Assertions, No Assumptions and No Conclusions

For absolute clarity, unless expressly stated otherwise as an established and evidenced fact:

I make no allegations.

I make no accusations.

I make no assertions of wrongdoing.

I make no assumptions of wrongdoing.

I reach no conclusions of wrongdoing.

Questions are questions.

Suspicions are suspicions.

Discrepancies are discrepancies.

Missing evidence is missing evidence.

None should be transformed into a finding unless and until the evidence justifies that finding.

16.4 My Strong Suspicions Remain Formally Recorded

The preceding disclaimer does not withdraw or dilute the seriousness of my concerns.

I formally record that I **strongly suspect** that there may have been:

1. deliberate obstruction of the process through which I attempted to obtain official Crown Court hearing transcripts;

2. coordination or collusion between one or more persons within Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS and Acolad concerning the handling of those transcripts;

3. concealment, withholding, non-disclosure or failure to provide relevant information, communications or records;

and/or

4. conduct which may have been intended to disadvantage me in the preparation and conduct of my criminal proceedings.

These matters require investigation.

They are **not findings of fact**.

16.5 The Investigation Must Be Capable of Proving My Suspicions Wrong

I expressly require an investigation capable of:

supporting;

contradicting;

or excluding

my suspicions.

I do not request an investigation designed to confirm a predetermined conclusion.

If the documentary evidence demonstrates that my suspicions are incorrect, I require that evidence.

If it demonstrates ordinary administrative, technical, procedural, communication or payment failures, those explanations should be documented.

If it demonstrates more serious conduct, that should be addressed through the appropriate process.

16.6 No Conclusion Concerning Acolad

I have not concluded that Acolad:

failed deliberately to send a Stripe payment link;

misrepresented whether a payment link was sent;

deliberately prevented payment;

deliberately delayed a transcript;

concealed information;

colluded with HMCTS;

discriminated against me;

or intended to disadvantage me.

I require the underlying records so that those possibilities can be objectively assessed and, where appropriate, excluded.

16.7 No Conclusion Concerning Wood Green Crown Court or HMCTS

I have not concluded that Wood Green Crown Court or HMCTS:

deliberately failed to process an EX107;

deliberately withheld an EX107;

deliberately failed to transmit a transcript request;

deliberately prevented production of a transcript;

concealed records;

colluded with Acolad;

discriminated against me;

or intended to disadvantage me.

I require the complete Court-side administrative record so that what occurred can be established.

16.8 No Conclusion Concerning Any Judge

Nothing in this document should be represented as a finding that:

HHJ Deacon KC;

or any other Judge

participated in deliberate obstruction, concealment, collusion, racial discrimination or intentional disadvantage.

Where judicial approval or judicial knowledge is relevant, I seek the official record of what was decided and communicated.

Administrative actions and judicial decisions must remain properly distinguished.

16.9 No Conclusion Concerning Racism

I am Black.

I have expressly asked what safeguards against **anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism** existed and were applied within the processes affecting me.

I have not concluded from the transcript difficulties alone that racism occurred.

I have not concluded that any particular person acted because I am Black.

I have not concluded that the absence of evidence presently provided to me concerning safeguards proves Institutional Racism.

The absence of such evidence is part of the reason for my inquiry.

It is not, by itself, proof of the answer.

16.10 My Safeguarding Questions Remain Outstanding Until Answered

My refusal to reach a premature conclusion does not withdraw the safeguarding questions.

I continue to require a direct answer to:

What specific safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism applied to the decision-making and administrative processes affecting my transcript requests?

and:

What documentary evidence demonstrates that those safeguards were actually applied in my case?

If no specific safeguards existed, I require that to be stated expressly.

16.11 No Waiver Through Continued Participation

My continued participation in the criminal proceedings should not be interpreted as meaning that I:

withdraw the transcript requests;

accept that the transcript difficulties have been satisfactorily explained;

withdraw my complaints;

withdraw my safeguarding questions;

withdraw my preservation requests;

or accept the accuracy of any disputed account.

I reserve my position on those matters.

16.12 No Waiver Through Payment

If I make payment for a transcript following receipt of a new payment facility, that payment should not be interpreted as:

acceptance that the alleged 4 September payment link was successfully sent;

acceptance that I previously failed to act upon a properly delivered link;

withdrawal of my request for the underlying transmission evidence;

withdrawal of my complaint;

or abandonment of the investigation.

Payment would be made for the practical purpose of progressing transcript production.

The historical question remains separate.

16.13 No Waiver Through Receipt of the Transcripts

If all three transcripts are subsequently supplied, their production will resolve the immediate access problem.

It will not automatically answer:

why the problems occurred;

what happened to the 4 September payment-link process;

why the 16 September signed EX107 remained outstanding;

why Acolad could not locate the 24 September request;

what communications occurred between Acolad and HMCTS;

or what safeguards were applied.

Those historical questions may still require answers.

16.14 Equally, Remedial Action Is Welcomed

The fact that remedial action does not erase the historical questions should not discourage prompt correction.

If Acolad or HMCTS now resolves an outstanding problem, I will record that corrective action.

Prompt remediation is relevant evidence in its own right.

The objective is not to prevent correction in order to preserve a complaint.

The objective is to obtain the transcripts **and** establish an accurate historical record.

16.15 No Waiver Through Acceptance of Partial Answers

If I acknowledge or accept one factual answer, that should not be interpreted as acceptance of every other proposition advanced by the organisation.

Each disputed issue should be determined on its own evidence.

Likewise, disagreement with one answer does not mean I reject everything an organisation provides.

16.16 No Silence-Based Assumptions

If an organisation does not answer a question, I will not automatically treat silence as proof of wrongdoing.

The record may instead state:

“No substantive answer received as at [date].”

However, material questions remaining unanswered may legitimately remain identified as unresolved.

16.17 No Adverse Inference Requested Merely From Preservation

The act of preserving records should not itself be interpreted adversely.

Preservation is a normal evidential precaution where material facts are disputed.

I expressly encourage preservation because it protects all parties from later uncertainty.

16.18 Correction of My Own Record

If reliable evidence demonstrates that I have made a factual error, I reserve the right to correct this document.

Such correction should not be interpreted as evidence that the entire inquiry was unfounded.

A proper evidence-based investigation necessarily allows factual propositions to be corrected as better evidence becomes available.

16.19 Correction by Acolad or HMCTS

I expressly invite Acolad and HMCTS to correct any factual error.

A correction should identify:

the statement disputed;

the correct factual position;

the evidence relied upon;

and, where relevant, the date on which the correct position became known.

I will consider documentary corrections on their evidential merits.

16.20 Preservation of Earlier Versions

Where this document is subsequently amended because new evidence has emerged, the earlier dated version may remain part of the historical record.

That earlier version records what was understood at that point in time.

The later version should identify material corrections so that the development of the evidence remains transparent.

16.21 Reservation Concerning Complaints

Nothing in this document withdraws or limits my ability to pursue appropriate complaint procedures concerning matters disclosed by the evidence.

I reserve my position pending:

the organisational responses;

production of the underlying records;

production of the transcripts;

and completion of the relevant investigations.

16.22 Reservation Concerning Further Lawful Action

I also reserve my position concerning any further lawful action that may become appropriate after the facts are established.

At present, I do not make a final determination concerning:

legal liability;

cause of action;

damages;

personal responsibility;

institutional responsibility;

or the appropriate forum for any further action.

Those questions should follow the evidence.

16.23 No Threat

The reservation of possible future lawful action is not intended as a threat.

It records the fact that I cannot reasonably determine what further action, if any, is appropriate until I know:

what happened;

why it happened;

who was responsible;

what evidence exists;

and what corrective action has been taken.

16.24 Criminal Proceedings Remain Distinct

Nothing in this document determines the merits of the criminal charges against me.

The transcript dispute concerns my ability to obtain the official record of hearings and to understand and prepare for the continuing proceedings.

The underlying criminal allegations remain matters for the criminal Court according to the proper legal process.

16.25 No Determination of Procedural Consequences

I do not use this document to determine for myself what procedural consequence should follow from any transcript delay.

If the continuing absence of transcripts has implications for:

case management;

effective participation;

legal representation;

preparation;

or the timing of a future hearing,

those matters can be placed before the Court for judicial determination on an accurate factual record.

16.26 Documentary Evidence Takes Priority Over Recollection

Where contemporaneous documentary or electronic evidence exists, I request that it be used to establish the chronology wherever possible.

This is particularly important concerning:

the alleged Stripe transmission;

EX107 processing;

communications between HMCTS and Acolad;

system status changes;

and dates upon which particular persons or organisations became aware of the difficulties.

Later recollection may assist, but contemporaneous records should be identified.

16.27 Complete Evidence Means Evidence in Both Directions

The evidence sought includes material that may:

support my concerns;

weaken my concerns;

contradict my concerns;

or completely exclude them.

No relevant record should be omitted merely because it does not support one party's present understanding.

The objective is evidential completeness.

16.28 Responsibility Must Follow Evidence

No person or organisation should be assigned responsibility merely because:

they appear in the correspondence;

they were copied into an email;

they performed one administrative function;

or they work for an organisation involved in the process.

Responsibility should be attributed only after establishing the relevant person's or organisation's actual role, knowledge, actions and decisions.

16.29 Final Evidential Question

The central question underlying this entire document remains:

What does the complete contemporaneous documentary record establish about the actions, communications, knowledge and decisions of Wood Green Crown Court/HMCTS and Acolad, and does that evidence support or exclude deliberate obstruction, improper coordination or collusion, concealment or withholding of information, discriminatory treatment, or intentional disadvantage?

That question should be answered by evidence.

16.30 Immediate Priority Remains Unchanged

While those matters are investigated, my immediate requirement remains:

the transcript of 26 August 2026;

the transcript of 16 September 2026;

and

the transcript of 24 September 2026.

I require precise identification of anything presently preventing production and immediate written notification of anything I personally need to do.

16.31 Final Declaration

I make this document in order to create a clear contemporaneous record.

I require:

preservation of the evidence;

production of the relevant records;

direct answers to the questions raised;

identification of safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism;

urgent resolution of the three transcript requests;

and

an investigation capable of establishing what actually occurred.

I do not ask any recipient to accept my suspicions as established facts.

I ask the recipients to provide the evidence from which the facts can be determined.

16.32 Statement for the Record

For the record:

I have serious concerns and strong suspicions. I have not converted those suspicions into findings. I have deliberately requested evidence capable of proving or disproving them.

I make no allegations, no accusations, no assertions of wrongdoing, no assumptions of wrongdoing and no conclusions of wrongdoing at this stage.

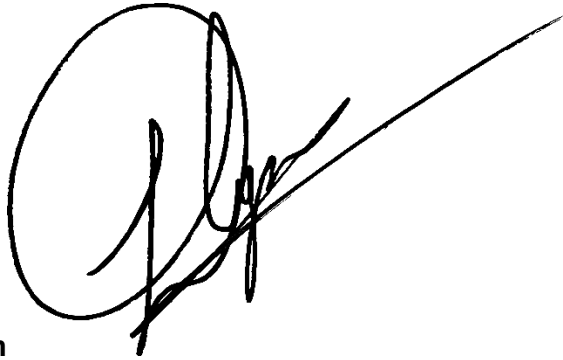
I require the complete contemporaneous documentary record.

I require the three official transcripts.

I require the specific safeguards against anti-Black racism and Institutional Racism to be identified, together with evidence showing whether they were actually applied.

I require the evidence to be preserved.

I require responsibility, if any, to be determined only after the evidence has been established.

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Derrick Emmanuel Lynch

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'John Canoe', written in a cursive, slanted style.

also known as John Canoe

Defendant / Litigant in Person

R v Derrick Lynch

Case Reference: 01GD1160226

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Many thanks



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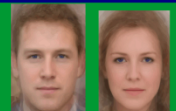
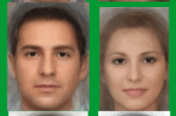
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	IC1		W1 UK White W2 White European W9 Other White	QUESTION: White skin, Caucasoid, highest life value, pure blood, Aryan, Japhetic, Celtic, Nordic, Viking, Norse, Germanic, Slavic, Baltic, straight red/ginger or blond/blonde hair, blue, grey, green or pale eyes, not visibly contaminated with non-white blood but freckles are acceptable? UK RACE TAX 0-6%?	FAMILY: Absolute Nuclear, Egalitarian Nuclear –Low intergenerational cohabitation, early home-leaving, privacy-valued.						
	IC2		W9 Other White Dark European	QUESTION: Darkened skin, Sallow, Swarthy, Tawny, Olive skin, Melanochroid, Iberian Peninsula, Mediterranean, Balkan, straight dark hair (no curls), slightly lower life value, Dark eyes, visibly contaminated with non-white blood? UK RACE TAX 6-13%?	FAMILY: Endogamous Communitarian, Asymmetric –Patriarchal extended families, high respect for elders, strong honour culture.						
	IC3		B1 Caribbean B2 African B9 Other Black	QUESTION: Black Skin Negroid, Hamitic, Moor, Bantu, Cushite, Kaffir, Kinky/Curly Dark hair, Dark eyes? UK RACE TAX 33-66%?	FAMILY: Endogamous Communitarian, Asymmetric –Arranged marriages, multigenerational homes, patriarchal authority, family honour central.						
	IC4		A1 Indian A2 Pakistani A3 Bangladeshi A9 Other Asian	QUESTION: Brown/Dark Skin Asianoid, South Asian, Hindutva, Indo-Aryan, Dravidian, Straight hair, Dark eyes? UK RACE TAX 22-33%?	FAMILY: Endogamous Communitarian, Asymmetric –Arranged marriages, multigenerational homes, patriarchal authority, family honour central.						
	IC5		O1 Chinese O9 Any Other Oriental	QUESTION: Yellow Skin Mongoloid, Epicanthic fold, Slit eyes, Neotenic, Sinodonty, Straight hair that never curls, Dark eyes? UK RACE TAX 22-33%?	FAMILY: Absolute Nuclear, Filial-Flexible –Confucian values, filial piety, elder care in private home, education-centred.						
	IC6		M1 White & Black Caribbean M2 White & Black African M3 White & Asian M9 Any Other Mixed	QUESTION: Semitic, Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Arab, Israeli, North American, South American, Mixed Lineage, Mixed Race, Mongrel, North African, Stateless, visibly contaminated with Black blood? UK RACE TAX 0-66%?	FAMILY: Flexible System, Chosen Support –Mixed identity negotiation, hybrid parenting, often fluid structures, blended cultures.						
	IC7		NS Not Stated	QUESTION: Unseen, Unrecognised, Unhuman, Unknown, Alien, Computer, Robot, Artificial Intelligence, Humanoid? TAX FREE?	FAMILY: Anomic, Unknown or Chosen –Fragmented or concealed systems; may reflect institutional upbringing or systemic exclusion.						
UK Government Race and Ethnicity Codes. Are you a Racist?											
	IC1		W1 UK White W2 White European W9 Other White		IC3		B1 Caribbean B2 African B9 Other Black		IC6		M1 White & Black Caribbean M2 White & Black African M3 White & Asian M9 Any Other Mixed
1 White Race	WBRI	White British		3 Black Race	BAFR	Black - African		6 Mixed Race	MABL	Asian and Black	
1 White Race	WCOR	White British - Cornish		3 Black Race	BANN	Black - Angolan		6 Mixed Race	MACH	Asian and Chinese	
1 White Race	WENG	White British - English		3 Black Race	BAOF	Other Black African		6 Mixed Race	MAOE	Asian and Any Other Ethnic Group	
1 White Race	WSCO	White British - Scottish		3 Black Race	BCON	Black - Congolese		6 Mixed Race	MBCH	Black and Chinese	
1 White Race	WWEL	White British - Welsh		3 Black Race	BCRB	Black Caribbean		6 Mixed Race	MBOE	Black and Any Other Ethnic Group	
1 White Race	WOWB	White British Other		3 Black Race	BEUR	Black European		6 Mixed Race	MCOE	Chinese and Any Other Ethnic Group	
1 White Race	WIRI	White - Irish		3 Black Race	BGHA	Black - Ghanaian		6 Mixed Race	MOTH	Any Other Mixed Background	
1 White Race	WIRT	White - Traveller of Irish Heritage		3 Black Race	BNAM	Black North American		6 Mixed Race	MOTM	Other Mixed Background	
1 White Race	WEEU	White Eastern European		3 Black Race	BNGN	Black - Nigerian		6 Mixed Race	MWAI	White and Indian	
1 White Race	WEUR	White European		3 Black Race	BOTB	Other Black		6 Mixed Race	MWAO	White and Any Other Asian Background	
1 White Race	WOTW	White Other		3 Black Race	BOTH	Any Other Black Background		6 Mixed Race	MWAP	White and Pakistani	
1 White Race	WWEU	White Western European		3 Black Race	BSLN	Black - Sierra Leonean		6 Mixed Race	MWAS	White and Asian	
				3 Black Race	BSOM	Black - Somali		6 Mixed Race	MWBA	White and Black African	
				3 Black Race	BSUD	Black - Sudanese		6 Mixed Race	MWBC	White and Black Caribbean	
								6 Mixed Race	MWCH	White and Chinese	
								6 Mixed Race	MWOE	White and Any Other Ethnic Group	
	IC2		W9 Other White (Dark European)		IC4		A1 Indian A2 Pakistani A3 Bangladeshi A9 Other Asian		IC6		
2 White Race	WALB	Albanian		4 Asian Race	AAFR	African Asian		6 Other Race	OAFG	Afghan	
2 White Race	WOTH	Any Other White Background		4 Asian Race	ABAN	Bangladeshi		6 Other Race	OARA	Arab Other	
2 White Race	WBOS	Bosnian - Herzegovinian		4 Asian Race	AIND	Indian		6 Other Race	OEGY	Egyptian	
2 White Race	WCRO	Croatian		4 Asian Race	AKAO	Kashmiri Other		6 Other Race	OFIL	Filipino	
2 White Race	WGRK	Greek		4 Asian Race	AKPA	Kashmiri Pakistani		6 Other Race	OIRN	Iranian	
2 White Race	WGRC	Greek Cypriot		4 Asian Race	AMPK	Mirpur Pakistani		6 Other Race	OIRQ	Iraqi	
2 White Race	WGRE	Greek/ Greek Cypriot		4 Asian Race	ANEP	Nepali		6 Other Race	OJPN	Japanese	
2 White Race	WROM	Gypsy / Roma		4 Asian Race	AOPK	Other Pakistani		6 Other Race	OKOR	Korean	
2 White Race	WITA	Italian		4 Asian Race	AOTA	Other Asian		6 Other Race	OKRD	Kurdish	
2 White Race	WKOS	Kosovan		4 Asian Race	AOTH	Any Other Asian Background		6 Other Race	OLAM	Latin/ South/ Central American	
2 White Race	WPOR	Portuguese		4 Asian Race	APKN	Pakistani		6 Other Race	OLEB	Lebanese	
2 White Race	WSER	Serbian		4 Asian Race	ASLT	Sri Lankan Tamil		6 Other Race	OLIB	Libyan	
2 White Race	WTUK	Turkish		4 Asian Race	ASNL	Sri Lankan Sinhalese		6 Other Race	OMAL	Malay	
2 White Race	WTUC	Turkish Cypriot		4 Asian Race	ASRO	Sri Lankan Other		6 Other Race	OMRC	Moroccan	
2 White Race	WTUR	Turkish/ Turkish Cypriot						6 Other Race	OOG	Other Ethnic Group	
					IC5		O1 Chinese O9 Any Other Oriental	6 Other Race	OOTH	Any Other Ethnic Group	
				5 Chinese Race	CHKC	Hong Kong Chinese		6 Other Race	OPOL	Polynesian	
				5 Chinese Race	CHNE	Chinese		6 Other Race	OTHA	Thai	
				5 Chinese Race	CMAL	Malaysian Chinese		6 Other Race	OVIE	Vietnamese	
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				5 Chinese Race	CTWN	Taiwanese					
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7 Not Known Yet	NOBT	Information Not Yet Obtained		7 Rebel Race	REFU	Refused					