

**Tribunals Service
Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel (CICAP)**

PRACTICE DIRECTION

Issued by the Chairman, CICAP

Disclosure of reports from expert witnesses

1. Medical and other expert reports obtained by or on behalf of appellants and by Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (the Authority) must be disclosed promptly to the other party.
2. Failure by or on behalf of the appellant promptly or at all to disclose to the Authority a specialist report in the possession of the appellant or appellant's representative may result in the Panel not admitting such evidence and/or deciding to withhold or reduce an award under paragraph 13 (c) of the Scheme (failure to give reasonable assistance in connection with the application).
3. The Panel encourages the use of single experts jointly instructed by the Authority and appellant.
4. Where, following an appeal, the Presenting Officer's Unit of the Authority refuses to agree to a request by or on behalf of an appellant to commission a specialist report from a jointly instructed expert, written application for directions should be made to CICAP, stating all supporting facts and matters relied on.

17 August 2006
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Chairman, CICAP