

CASE CATEGORY ASSESSMENT SHEET

FRAUD

BLOCK A

Please note, information provided under one criterion cannot be used in support of another.

Criteria	Notes / Comments
1. The defendant's case is likely to give rise to national publicity and widespread public concern	
2. The defendant's case requires highly specialised knowledge	
3. The defendant's case involves a significant international dimension	
4. The defendant's case requires legal, accountancy and investigative skills to be brought together	

BLOCK B

Criteria	Notes / Comments
1. The value of the fraud as described in the indictment and/or the prosecution case statement/summary exceeds: a) £10m b) £2m	
2. The volume of prosecution documentation exceeds: a) 30,000 pages b) 10,000 pages Please refer to Annex 5 for further information on this criteria	
3. The total costs of representing the defendant(s) is likely to exceed: a) £500k b) £250k Please provide a full breakdown of your estimated costs. Use a separate sheet if necessary.	
4. The length of the trial is estimated at: a) Over 3 months	

Category 1: 4 criteria from Block A are met, and 4 a's from Block B.

Category 2: 2 criteria from Block A are met and at least 2 a's or b's from Block B.

Category 3: All other Very High Cost Fraud Cases.

Category 4: *non-fraud Very High Cost Cases only*

Actual category assessment:

Date of category assessment:

NON-FRAUD

BLOCK A

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Criteria	Notes / Comments
1. Pursuant to statute, the case must be a class 1 or 2 offence	
2. The maximum sentence for the offence is imprisonment for life or over 30 years, as per statute	
3. The case is likely to attract national interest	
4a) Where the offence is of a violent or sexual nature, there must be multiple victims. b) If the offence is of a violent or sexual nature and there is only a sole victim, there must be something significant about the crime. c) If the case involves drugs, their total value is estimated by the prosecuting authority to exceed £10m. d) The case in which the main offence with which the defendant is charged, whether at common law or under any statutory enactment, is primarily founded on allegations of terrorism as defined in the Terrorism Act 2000.	

BLOCK B

Criteria	Notes / Comments
1. The volume of prosecution documentation exceeds: a) 10 000 pages b) 5000 pages Please refer to Annex 5 for further information on this criteria	
2. The total costs of representing the defendant(s) is likely to exceed: a) £400k b) £200k Please provide a full breakdown of your estimated costs. Use a separate sheet if necessary.	

Category 1: Terrorism cases uplifted from category 2

Category 2: For cases not involving drugs:
4 criteria from Block A are met and 2 (a) factors from Block B

OR

For serious drugs cases:
3 criteria from Block A and 2 (a) factors from Block B must be met

Category 3: 3 criteria from Block A are met and at least 1 (a) or (b) factor from Block B

Category 4: All other Very High Cost Cases

If the case is primarily founded on allegations of terrorism, apply an uplift of one category.

Actual category assessment:

Date of category assessment: