



**SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY 21 MAY 2018 AT 12:00pm  
IN THE OFFICE OF  
THE NORTHERN IRELAND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION,  
TEMPLE COURT, 39 NORTH STREET, BELFAST, BT1 1NA**

**Present:**

(In person)

Les Allamby, Chief Commissioner  
Helen Ferguson  
Paul Mageean  
Eddie Rooney  
Graham Shields

(By telephone)

John McCallister  
Helena Macormac

**In Attendance:**

Colin Caughey, Director (Legal, Research and Investigations, and Advice to Government)  
Rebecca Magee (Personal Assistant)  
Rhyannon Blythe (Senior Legal and Research Officer)  
Sara Donnelly, Legal and Research Officer  
Claire Martin, Director (communications, information and education, public and political affairs)

**Apologies:**

David Russell, Chief Executive

**1. JT Case**

- 1.1 Commissioners were updated on the current position in relation to the JT case namely a decision to destroy

DNA in this case and to bring forward a policy on arrangements for retention of DNA without conceding on any further substantial points contained in the initial Order 53 application for judicial review. Commissioners were advised that a decision on instructions to the barrister needed to be made at this meeting as Counsel required urgent instruction before the review hearing tomorrow.

- 1.2 Commissioners discussed in detail the update to the case and what options were available going forward.
- 1.3 Commissioners agreed to settle the case. Commissioners decided that settles terms should indicate to the PSNI that Article 8 and the Human Rights Act should be fully considered when formulating the new policy, and that a timeline be agreed for producing and publishing the policy and that the new policy will be made fully available to those affected by the policy.
- 1.4 Commissioners agreed to press/publicity on this case.

*Meeting closed at 12:50*