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Dear Stakeholder,

As you will know, HMCTS has announced ten 'Nightingale Courts' to start to alleviate the pressure on courts and tribunals resulting from the pandemic. I am very pleased to inform you that Prospero House, at 241 Borough High Street, London SE1 1GA, will formally open as a 'Nightingale Court' site on Monday 3rd August 2020.

Prospero House will carry out non-custodial crime work, and will serve as an annex of nearby Southwark Crown Court. The opening of this site will help boost the capacity of Southwark Crown Court, enabling an additional three jury trials to sit on top of its current operational capability. This will help reduce delays and deliver speedier justice for victims.

Hearings will be listed into the site on a temporary basis and as a direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The site can accommodate three courtrooms and their respective ancillary areas. Now that the site is operational we will regularly review the need for its continued use.

I would like to thank you for your contributions in bringing us to this point and for your support in establishing Prospero House as a 'Nightingale Court'.

Please cascade this information to your colleagues and other interested parties at a national and regional level, as appropriate. To speak to us about the potential use of other venues, or to ask the team any other questions, please email please email ACTCHub@justice.gov.uk.

For further details of the [ten 'Nightingale Court' sites](#) please visit GOV.UK.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Killham'.

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