

Human Rights Act

As far as the Human Rights Act is concerned, Article 6 refers to the *Right to a fair trial, the entitlement to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law and judgment shall be pronounced publicly*". The Act relates to public bodies (of which the Methodist Church is not one) and requires them (like courts, police, local authorities, hospitals and publicly funded schools) and other bodies carrying out public functions to respect and protect your human rights. The Act does not therefore apply; nevertheless the principles of Article 6 are reflected in Part 11 Standing Order 1102 (1).