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DRAFT SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2013 No.**

**The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Rules  
of Procedure in Children's Hearings) Rules 2013**

**PART 12**

**Pre-hearing panels and determination of matters  
which may be referred to pre-hearing panels**

**Provision of information relating to matter referred under section 79 (referral of certain  
matters for pre-hearing determination) of the Act to the children's hearing**

**53.—(1)** Where any person mentioned in rule 52(2)(a) to (e) wishes to make written representations or give any report or other document for the consideration of the children's hearing, as soon as practicable, and wherever practicable no later than 4 days before the date fixed for the children's hearing that person must give those representations, report or other document to the Reporter.

(2) Where the Reporter receives any representations, reports or other document under paragraph (1), as soon as practicable before the beginning of the children's hearing, the Reporter must give a copy of that information to the persons mentioned in rule 52(2) (unless that person gave the information in question to the Reporter).

(3) Where any person mentioned in rule 52(2)(a) to (e) is unable to attend the children's hearing and wishes to make oral representations for the consideration of the children's hearing that person may make those representations to the Reporter.

(4) The Reporter must make a record of any representations given under paragraph (3) and give a copy of that record to those persons mentioned in rule 52(2) as soon as practicable before the beginning of the children's hearing.

(5) As soon as practicable before the beginning of the children's hearing the Reporter must also give the persons mentioned in rule 52(2) any other document or part of a document that is relevant to the issues under section 79 of the Act to be determined by the children's hearing and is in the possession of the Reporter.