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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1981 No. 552**

**The Magistrates' Courts Rules 1981**

**HOSPITAL ORDER**

**Documents to be sent under Mental Health Act 1959**

**31.**—(1) The court by which a hospital order is made under section 60 of the Mental Health Act 1959 shall send to the hospital named in the order such information in the possession of the court as it considers likely to be of assistance in dealing with the patient to whom the order relates, and in particular such information about the mental condition, character and antecedents of the patient and the nature of the offence.

(2) The court by which a guardianship order is made under the said section 60 shall send to the local health authority named therein as guardian or, as the case may be, the local health authority for the area in which the person so named resides, such information in the possession of the court as it considers likely to be of assistance in dealing with the patient to whom the order relates and in particular such information about the mental condition, character and antecedents of the patient and the nature of the offence.

(3) The court by which an offender is ordered to be admitted to hospital under section 68 of the said Act of 1959 shall send to the hospital such information in the possession of the court as it considers likely to assist in the treatment of the offender until his case is dealt with by the Crown Court.