
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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PART IV

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CHILDREN ACT 1989

Welfare officer

4.13.—(1) The welfare officer shall, unless excused by the court, attend a hearing if the proper officer gives him notice that his report will be given or considered at that hearing; and any party may question the welfare officer about his report at such a hearing.

(2) A welfare officer shall file a copy of any written report at or by such time as the court directs or, in the absence of a direction, at least 5 days before a hearing of which he is given notice under paragraph (1); and the proper officer shall, as soon as practicable, serve a copy of the report on the parties and the guardian ad litem.