#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 1996 No. 3261

## Children's Hearings (Scotland) Rules 1996

## PART I

### INTERPRETATION, ETC

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Rules 1996 and shall come into force on 1st April 1997.

#### Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires-

"the Act" means the Children (Scotland) Act 1995;

"the 1978 Act" means the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978(1);

"the 1994 Act" means the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994(2);

"the 1995 Act" means the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995(3);

"the 1996 Regulations" means the Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Regulations 1996(4);

"chairman" means the chairman of a children's hearing;

"child" has the meaning given to that term by section 93(2)(b) of the Act;

"child protection order" has the meaning given to that term by section 57 of the Act;

"children's hearing" means a children's hearing as defined in section 39(3) of the Act;

"day" means a period of twenty-four hours commencing at midnight;

"enactment" includes any order, regulation or other instrument made under the Act;

"local authority" means the local authority for the area of the children's hearing;

"relevant person" has the meaning given to that term by section 93(2)(b) of the Act;

"Principal Reporter" has the meaning given to that term by section 93(1) of the Act;

"representative" has the meaning given to that term by rule 11(3) below;

"safeguarder" means a person appointed by a children's hearing under section 41(1) of the Act for the purpose of safeguarding the interests of the child in the proceedings;

"Scottish Children's Reporter Administration" has the meaning given to that term by section 128 of the 1994 Act;

"secure accommodation" means accommodation provided in a residential establishment in accordance with the 1996 regulations for the purpose of restricting the liberty of children.

<sup>(1) 1978</sup> c. 28.

<sup>(</sup>**2**) 1994 c. 39.

<sup>(3) 1995</sup> c. 46.

<sup>(</sup>**4**) 1996 S.I. 3255.

- (2) Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in these Rules to:
  - (a) a numbered rule or Form shall be construed as a reference to the rule or Form bearing that number in these Rules; and any reference to a specified paragraph or sub-paragraph shall be construed as a reference to that paragraph or sub-paragraph in the rule in which that reference occurs; and
  - (b) a Form includes a Form substantially to the same effect as that set out in these Rules with such variation as circumstances may require.