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CHAPTER 2

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

PART VI

HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY

**Confidentiality**

2.47.—(1) Unless the sheriff otherwise directs, all documents lodged in process including the reports by the curator *ad litem* and the reporting officer shall be available only to the sheriff, the curator *ad litem*, the reporting officer and the parties; and such documents shall be treated as confidential by all persons involved in, or party to, the proceedings and by the sheriff clerk.

(2) The reporting officer and the curator *ad litem* shall treat all information obtained in the exercise of their duties as confidential and shall not disclose any such information to any person unless disclosure of such information is necessary for the proper discharge of their duties.