
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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CHAPTER 2

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

PART VI

HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY

Appointment of reporting officer and curator *ad litem*

2.51.—(1) On the presentation of the petition, the sheriff shall appoint a reporting officer and a curator *ad litem* and the same person may be appointed as reporting officer and curator *ad litem* in the same petition, if the sheriff considers that doing so is appropriate in the circumstances.

(2) Where the curator *ad litem* is not also the reporting officer, the sheriff may order the reporting officer to make available to the curator *ad litem* any report or information in relation to the child.

(3) A married couple may, before presenting the petition, apply to the sheriff for the appointment of a reporting officer.

(4) An application under paragraph (3) shall—

- (a) be made by letter setting out the reasons for which the appointment is sought; and
- (b) not require to be intimated to any person.