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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2001 No. 818**

**The Family Proceedings Courts (Children Act 1989) (Amendment) Rules 2001**

6. For rule 11 substitute—

**“Powers and duties of officers of the service**

**11.**—(1) In carrying out his duty under section 7(1)(a) or section 41(2), the officer of the service shall have regard to the principle set out in section 1(2) and the matters set out in section 1(3)(a) to (f) as if for the word “court” in that section there were substituted the words “officer of the service”.

(2) The officer of the service shall make such investigations as may be necessary for him to carry out his duties and shall, in particular—

- (a) contact or seek to interview such persons as he thinks appropriate or as the court directs;
- (b) obtain such professional assistance as is available to him which he thinks appropriate or which the justices' clerk or the court directs him to obtain.

(3) In addition to his duties, under other paragraphs of this rule, or rules 11A or 11B, the officer of the service shall provide to the justices' chief executive, the justices' clerk and the court such other assistance as he or it may require.

(4) A party may question the officer of the service about oral or written advice tendered by him to the justices' chief executive, the justices' clerk or the court.”.