#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2001 No. 824

# The Court of Protection Rules 2001

### PART VI

### **HEARING OF PROCEEDINGS**

#### Privacy of applications

- **37.**—(1) Every application shall be heard in chambers unless, in the case of an application for a hearing by the judge, the judge otherwise directs.
- (2) The court shall give such directions as it thinks fit concerning the privacy of applications made to it.

#### Persons attending the hearing

**38.** Subject to rule 14 the court may determine what persons are to be entitled to attend at any stage of the proceedings relating to a patient.

## Representation at hearing

**39.** Where two or more persons appearing at a hearing are represented by the same legal representative, the court may, if it thinks fit, require any of them to be separately represented.

#### Reference of proceedings to judge

**40.** Where a function of the court is not being exercised by a judge, the court, after giving such direction as it thinks fit, shall refer to the judge any proceedings or any question arising in any proceedings which ought, by virtue of any enactment or in its opinion, to be considered by the judge.

## Reference of proceedings to Master

**41.** The judge may refer any proceedings before him or any question arising in them to the Master for inquiry and report.