STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 1738

The Children Act 1989 Representations Procedure (England) Regulations 2006

PART 4

Representations - consideration

Review panel

- **19.**—(1) Where the local authority have received a request in accordance with regulation 18 they must appoint a panel to consider the representations.
 - (2) The panel shall consist of three independent persons, one of whom will chair the panel.
- (3) The independent person appointed in accordance with regulation 17(2) may not be a member of the panel.
- (4) The panel shall meet within 30 working days of the local authority receiving a request in accordance with regulation 18.
 - (5) At its meeting the panel shall consider—
 - (a) any oral or written submissions made by—
 - (i) the complainant or, where one has been appointed, by his advocate on his behalf;
 - (ii) the local authority; and
 - (iii) such other person as the panel consider has sufficient interest in the representations to warrant his submissions being considered by them; and
 - (b) any oral or written submissions which the independent person appointed in accordance with regulation 17(2) wishes to make.
- (6) If the complainant attends the meeting of the panel he may be accompanied throughout the meeting by his advocate, where one has been appointed, and by another person of his choice, and may nominate the advocate or that other person to speak on his behalf.