STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2014 No. 514

The Tribunal Procedure (Amendment) Rules 2014

Amendments to the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Health, Education and Social Care Chamber) Rules 2008

20. In rule 39 (hearings in a party's absence), for paragraph (2) substitute—

"(2) The Tribunal may not proceed with a hearing that the patient has failed to attend unless the Tribunal is satisfied that—

- (a) the patient—
 - (i) has decided not to attend the hearing; or
 - (ii) is unable to attend the hearing for reasons of ill health; and
- (b) an examination under rule 34 (medical examination of the patient)-
 - (i) has been carried out; or
 - (ii) is impractical or unnecessary."