STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 705

The Criminal Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2016

Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Rules 2015

9. In Part 18 (Measures to assist a witness or defendant to give evidence), in rule 18.4 (Decisions and reasons)—

- (a) renumber paragraph (2) as (3),
- (b) after paragraph (1) insert—
 - "(2) The court must—
 - (a) promptly determine an application; and
 - (b) allow a party sufficient time to comply with the requirements of-
 - (i) paragraph (1), and
 - (ii) the code of practice issued under section 32 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004(1)."; and
- (c) in the note to the rule, after the first paragraph insert—

"Under section 32 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004, the Secretary of State for Justice must issue a code of practice as to the services to be provided by specified persons to a victim of criminal conduct.".