
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 1035

The Court of Protection Rules 2017

PART 1

THE OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE

Overriding objective

1.1.—(1) These Rules have the overriding objective of enabling the court to deal with a case justly and at proportionate cost, having regard to the principles contained in the Act.

- (2) The court will seek to give effect to the overriding objective when it—
- (a) exercises any power under the Rules; or
 - (b) interprets any rule or practice direction.
- (3) Dealing with a case justly and at proportionate cost includes, so far as is practicable—
- (a) ensuring that it is dealt with expeditiously and fairly;
 - (b) ensuring that P's interests and position are properly considered;
 - (c) dealing with the case in ways which are proportionate to the nature, importance and complexity of the issues;
 - (d) ensuring that the parties are on an equal footing;
 - (e) saving expense;
 - (f) allotting to it an appropriate share of the court's resources, while taking account of the need to allot resources to other cases; and
 - (g) enforcing compliance with rules, practice directions and orders.