
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 417

**The Criminal Procedure (Amendment
No. 2) (Coronavirus) Rules 2020**

Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Rules

12. In Part 28 (Sentencing procedures in special cases), in rule 28.8 (Directions for commissioning medical reports for sentencing purposes) for the third paragraph of the note to the rule substitute—

“For the purposes of the legislation listed in (b), (c) and (d) above, the court requires the written or oral evidence of at least two registered medical practitioners, at least one of whom is approved as having special experience in the diagnosis or treatment of mental disorder (but the court may act on the evidence of only one such practitioner where section 10 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 applies and the court is satisfied that to comply with the requirement for two is impractical or would involve undesirable delay). For the purposes of (a), (e) and (f), the court requires the evidence of one medical practitioner so approved.”.