

SCHEDULE 2

(introduced by section 4)

THE CHILDREN'S PANEL

Recruitment and tenure of panel members

- 1 (1) The National Convener may make arrangements for the recruitment of persons as members of the Children's Panel (a person appointed as a member being referred to in this schedule as a "panel member").
- (2) It is for the National Convener to appoint persons as panel members from those recruited under sub-paragraph (1).
- (3) The National Convener must reappoint as a panel member a person whose appointment has ceased unless—
 - (a) the person declines to be reappointed, or
 - (b) the National Convener is satisfied that sub-paragraph (4) applies.
- (4) This sub-paragraph applies if the person is unfit to be a panel member by reason of—
 - (a) inability,
 - (b) conduct, or
 - (c) failure without reasonable excuse to comply with any training requirements imposed by the National Convener.
- (5) The period for which a person is appointed or reappointed as a panel member is 3 years.
- (6) The National Convener may, with the consent of the Lord President of the Court of Session, remove a panel member during the period mentioned in sub-paragraph (5) if satisfied that sub-paragraph (4) applies.

List of panel members

- 2 (1) The National Convener must publish a list setting out in relation to each panel member—
 - (a) the member's name,
 - (b) the local authority area in which the member resides, and
 - (c) if the member works, the local authority area in which the member works.
- (2) The National Convener must make the list available for public inspection.

Training

- 3 (1) The National Convener may train, or make arrangements for the training of, panel members and potential panel members.
- (2) The National Convener must take reasonable steps to involve persons who are under 25 years of age and in respect of whom a children's hearing has been held in the development and delivery of training under sub-paragraph (1).
- (3) The National Convener must, in training (or making arrangements for the training of) panel members under sub-paragraph (1), have regard to the need to provide training on how panel members may best elicit the views of a child to whom a children's hearing relates.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

(4) The National Convener may monitor the performance of panel members.

Allowances

- 4 (1) The National Convener may, with the approval of the Scottish Ministers, determine the allowances to be paid to—
- (a) panel members,
 - (b) potential panel members.
- (2) Different determinations may be made for different cases or different classes of case.
- (3) The National Convener may pay to panel members and potential panel members allowances determined under sub-paragraph (1).