
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules amend the County Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1981 so as to take into account the Children's Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1995. The amendments provide for—

- applications for leave under Article 81(2) (evidence through television link) of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 for evidence to be given via live television link by certain child witnesses; and
- applications for leave under Article 81A (video recordings of testimony) of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 for a video recording of testimony from certain child witnesses to be admitted in evidence

in any appeal to the county court arising from proceedings for certain offences in a juvenile court.