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Juvenile Justice Centre Rules (Northern Ireland) 1999

Part VIII

Social Relations and Communications

Family and other relationships

39.—(1) A child shall be encouraged and assisted to establish and maintain good relationships with his family and agencies outside the centre as may, in the opinion of the manager, best promote the welfare of the child and his rehabilitation following release.

(2) In furtherance of paragraph (1) the manager may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, grant permission for a child to visit his parents or family at such time and for such a period as he considers appropriate.

Communications

40. If he has reason to believe that written or verbal communication is not consistent with a child's welfare or well-being or where the good order of the centre may be put at risk, the manager may delay, interrupt or prevent communication to or from a child and his actions shall be reported without delay to the Board.

Visits

41.—(1) A visit to a child shall take place within the sight of a member of staff of a centre, unless the manager directs otherwise.

(2) The manager shall give directions, either generally or in relation to a visit, concerning the days and times when a child may be visited and the location and duration of a visit and the numbers of persons who may visit at any time.

(3) The names and addresses of visitors shall be recorded.

(4) The manager may require a visitor to be searched.

(5) A search under this rule requires the consent of a visitor and if the visitor refuses such consent the manager may refuse the visitor admission to a centre.

(6) Where the manager refuses admission to a visitor he shall record the reasons for doing so.

Police interviews

42. A police officer may, on production of an order issued by or on behalf of the Chief Constable of the RUC, interview any child and an interview under this rule shall take place in accordance with statutory provisions in force at the time and such other conditions as the manager may impose.

Legal advisers

43.—(1) Subject to Rule 41, a child’s legal adviser shall be admitted to the centre on production of evidence that he is the child’s legal adviser.

(2) A child’s legal adviser may interview the child in the sight of but not in the hearing of a member of staff of a centre.

(3) Rule 40 applies with the exception of papers or documents relating to the legal proceedings.