

SCHEDULE

SHERIFF COURT ADOPTION RULES 2009

CHAPTER 4

PERMANENCE ORDERS

Confidentiality

47.—(1) Unless the sheriff otherwise directs, all documents lodged in process including the reports by the curator *ad litem* and reporting officer shall be available only to the sheriff, the curator *ad litem*, the reporting officer and the parties; and such documents must be treated as confidential by any persons involved in, or a party to, the proceedings and by the sheriff clerk.

(2) The reporting officer and the curator *ad litem*—

- (a) must treat all information obtained in the exercise of their duties as confidential; and
- (b) must not disclose any such information to any person unless disclosure of such information is necessary for the purpose of their duties.

(3) This rule is subject to rule 46.