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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 1662**

**The Guardians Ad Litem and Reporting Officers  
(Panels) (Amendment) Regulations 1997**

**Contracting out of functions in relation to the provision of panels of guardians ad litem and reporting officers**

**13.** Where any function of a local authority under these Regulations is exercised by a person other than the authority in accordance with an Order made under section 70 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994<sup>(1)</sup>, regulation 5(7) (joint complaints board) and Schedule 1 (complaints board) shall have effect in relation to that authority as if, in each case, in paragraph (a) at the end there were inserted the words—

“nor a person who is authorised to exercise any function of the local authority which is conferred by these Regulations in accordance with an Order made under section 70 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994, nor an employee of such a person.”

(12) In Schedule 1 (complaints board) in paragraph (c) for the words after “a justices’ clerk” there shall be substituted the words “or an officer appointed by a magistrates’ court committee to be the deputy to a justices’ clerk”.

(13) In Schedule 2 (panel committee) in paragraph (1)—

- (a) after the words “at least one of” there shall be inserted the words “each of”; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b) for the words after “a justices’ clerk” there shall be substituted the words “or an officer appointed by a magistrates’ court committee to be the deputy to a justices’ clerk”.