
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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CHAPTER 2

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

PART VI

HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY

Protection of identity of petitioners

2.50.—(1) Where a married couple, who seek to apply for a parental order, wish to prevent their identity being disclosed to any person whose agreement is required under section 30(5) of the 1990 Act, they may, before presenting a petition, apply to the sheriff clerk for a serial number to be assigned to them.

(2) On receipt of an application for a serial number, the sheriff clerk shall assign a serial number to the applicants and shall enter a note of it opposite the names of the applicants in a register of serial numbers.

(3) Where a serial number has been assigned under paragraph (2)—

- (a) the record of the serial number and the persons to whom it applies shall be treated as confidential and disclosed only to the sheriff;
- (b) any agreement under section 30(5) of the 1990 Act shall not name or design the petitioners but shall refer to them by means of the serial number; and
- (c) it shall be used to name or design the petitioners for all purposes connected with the petition.