
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 291

Act of Sederunt (Child Care and Maintenance Rules) 1997

CHAPTER 2

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

PART VI

HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY

Hearing

- 2.54.**—(1) On receipt of the reports referred to in rule 2.53, the sheriff shall fix a hearing.
- (2) The sheriff may—
- (a) order any person whose agreement is required to be given to attend the hearing;
 - (b) order intimation of the date of the hearing to any person not mentioned in paragraph (3) (a), (b) or (c); and
 - (c) order the reporting officer or curator *ad litem* to perform additional duties to assist him in determining the petition.
- (3) The petitioners shall intimate the date of the hearing in Form 24 by registered post or recorded delivery letter to—
- (a) every person whose whereabouts are known to them and whose agreement is required to be given;
 - (b) the reporting officer appointed under rule 2.51(1);
 - (c) the curator *ad litem* appointed under rule 2.51(1); and
 - (d) any person on whom intimation has been ordered under paragraph (2)(b).
- (4) At the hearing—
- (a) the petitioners, the reporting officer and the curator *ad litem* shall, if required by the sheriff, appear and may be represented;
 - (b) any other person required by the sheriff to attend the hearing shall appear and may be represented;
 - (c) any other person to whom intimation was made under paragraph (3)(a) or (d) may appear or be represented.