
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No. 3750

The Family Health Services Appeal
Authority (Procedure) Rules 2001

PART IV

GENERAL MATTERS RELATING TO CASES

(B)

PREPARATION FOR HEARING BY A PANEL

Directions in respect of hearings

32.—(1) Subject to rule 31(3) and paragraph (2) below the panel to which a case has been allocated may at any time, on the application for directions of a party or of its own motion, give such directions as are necessary to enable the parties to prepare for the hearing or to assist the panel to which the case is allocated to determine the issues.

(2) In exercising the powers conferred by this rule the panel shall take into account the need to protect any matter referred to in rule 29(4).

(3) An application by a party for directions shall be made in writing to the FHSAA and, unless it is accompanied by the written consent of the other party, shall be served by the FHSAA on the other party.

(4) If the other party objects to the directions sought, the panel shall, if it considers it necessary for the determination of the application, give the parties an opportunity of appearing before it.

(5) Directions shall, where appropriate, include a statement of the possible consequences for the appeal or application, as provided by rule 36, of a party's failure to comply with any requirement within the time allowed by the panel.