## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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## The Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules 2001

## **Amendments to the Family Proceedings Rules 1991**

- **22.** In rule 4.13—
  - (a) in paragraph (1), after "welfare officer" insert "in accordance with section 7(1)(b)"; and
  - (b) after paragraph (3) insert—
    - "(3A) The welfare officer shall consider whether it is in the best interests of the child for the child to be made a party to the proceedings.
    - (3B) If the welfare officer considers the child should be made a party to the proceedings he shall notify the court of his opinion together with the reasons for that opinion.".