STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2002 No. 816

The Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults and Care Standards Tribunal Regulations 2002

PART IV

CASE MANAGEMENT

Exclusion of press and public

19.—(1) Where paragraph (2) applies, the President or the nominated chairman (or, at the hearing, the Tribunal) may on his (or its) own initiative, or on a written request by either party that the hearing or any part of it should be conducted in private, direct that—

(a) any member of the public specified in the direction;

(b) members of the public generally; or

(c) members of the press and members of the public,

be excluded from all or part of the hearing.

(2) This paragraph applies where the President or the nominated chairman (or, at the hearing, the Tribunal) is satisfied that a direction under paragraph (1) is necessary in order to—

(a) safeguard the welfare of any child or vulnerable adult;

(b) protect a person's private life; or

(c) avoid the risk of injustice in any legal proceedings.