



2022 CHAPTER 19

PART 1

Sexual offences

CHAPTER 2

Anonymity and privacy

Anonymity of suspects

Magistrates' courts rules

15.—(1) Magistrates' courts rules may make such provision relating to orders under section 14 as appears to the authority making them to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of that section.

(2) Magistrates' courts rules may, in particular, make provision—

- (a) for notice of applications to be given to such persons as may be prescribed by the rules;
- (b) for applications to be heard in private;
- (c) as to the matters to be taken into consideration by a court in determining whether it is in the interests of justice, or the public interest, to make, vary or revoke an order under section 14.

(3) Nothing in subsections (1) and (2) is to be taken to affect the generality of any statutory provision conferring power to make magistrates' courts rules; and no particular provision of those subsections prejudices any general provision of them.

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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 15 not in operation at Royal Assent, see [s. 30\(2\)](#)
- I2** [S. 15](#) in operation at 28.9.2023 by [S.R. 2023/142](#), [art. 3](#)

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