
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision for the establishment in the area of each local authority of panels of persons to act as curators ad litem and reporting officers.

Regulation 3(2) provides that the local authority, after consultation with the Sheriff Principal may establish more than one panel in their area while regulation 4 requires that the local authority consult the Sheriff Principal on the size of panel which should be appointed so that this is adequate for the functions to be performed.

Regulation 4 also empowers the local authority to consult with the Sheriff Principal as to the standard of qualification or experience which should be attained by persons nominated to serve on any panel.

Regulation 5 and 6 set out the procedure to be followed by the local authority in seeking nominations and making appointments to panels to be established in their area.

Regulation 7 makes provision for the term of appointment, reappointment, and termination of appointment, in certain circumstances, of panel members.

Regulation 8 requires the local authority in consultation with the Sheriff Principal to keep under review the membership and operation of every panel for their area.

Regulation 9 requires the local authority to maintain records of those persons appointed to panels and to inform the Sheriff Principal, and such other persons as they consider necessary, about panel membership and any changes in membership of panels.

Regulation 10 requires the local authority, in relation to certain specified applications to the Sheriff Principal, to defray the expenses of panel members and to pay panel members such fees and allowances as they think fit or as may be determined by the Scottish Ministers.

Regulation 11 revokes the Curators ad Litem and Reporting Officers Regulations 1985 (and Regulations) an amending set of and makes provision for the continuation of any appointment made under those Regulations.