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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 13**

**The Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Rules 2015**

**Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Rules 2014**

- 4.** In Part 3 (Case management)—
- (a) in rule 3.9 (Case preparation and progression) after paragraph (6) insert—
- “(7) Where directions for appropriate treatment and questioning are required, the court must—
- (a) invite representations by the parties and by any intermediary; and
- (b) set ground rules for the conduct of the questioning, which rules may include—
- (i) a direction relieving a party of any duty to put that party’s case to a witness or a defendant in its entirety,
- (ii) directions about the manner of questioning,
- (iii) directions about the duration of questioning,
- (iv) if necessary, directions about the questions that may or may not be asked,
- (v) where there is more than one defendant, the allocation among them of the topics about which a witness may be asked, and
- (vi) directions about the use of models, plans, body maps or similar aids to help communicate a question or an answer.”; and
- (b) in rule 3.13 (Pre-trial hearings: general rules)—
- (i) at the end of paragraph (1)(c)(i), omit ‘or’,
- (ii) at the end of paragraph (1)(c)(ii), insert ‘, or’, and
- (iii) after paragraph (1)(c)(ii), insert—
- “(iii) such a hearing is required to set ground rules for the conduct of the questioning of a witness or defendant.”