
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Court of Protection Rules 2017

PART 4

HEARINGS

Private hearings

Court's general power to authorise publication of information about proceedings

4.2.—(1) For the purposes of the law relating to contempt of court, information relating to proceedings held in private (whether or not contained in a document filed with the court) may be communicated in accordance with paragraph (2) or (3).

(2) The court may make an order authorising—

- (a) the publication or communication of such information or material relating to the proceedings as it may specify; or
- (b) the publication of the text or a summary of the whole or part of a judgment or order made by the court.

(3) Subject to any direction of the court, information referred to in paragraph (1) may be communicated in accordance with Practice Direction 4A.

(4) Where the court makes an order under paragraph (2) it may do so on such terms as it thinks fit, and in particular may—

- (a) impose restrictions on the publication of the identity of—
 - (i) any party;
 - (ii) P (whether or not a party);
 - (iii) any witness; or
 - (iv) any other person;
- (b) prohibit the publication of any information that may lead to any such person being identified;
- (c) prohibit the further publication of any information relating to the proceedings from such date as the court may specify; or
- (d) impose such other restrictions on the publication of information relating to the proceedings as the court may specify.

(5) The court may on its own initiative or upon request authorise communication—

- (a) for the purposes set out in Practice Direction 4A; or
- (b) for such other purposes as it considers appropriate,
of information held by it.