
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 1035

The Court of Protection Rules 2017

**PART 4
HEARINGS**

Power to order a public hearing

Court's power to order that a hearing be held in public

- 4.3.**—(1) The court may make an order—
- (a) for a hearing to be held in public;
 - (b) for a part of a hearing to be held in public; or
 - (c) excluding any person, or class of persons, from attending a public hearing or a part of it.
- (2) Where the court makes an order under paragraph (1), it may in the same order or by a subsequent order—
- (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.
- (3) A practice direction may provide for circumstances in which the court will ordinarily make an order under paragraph (1), and for the terms of the order under paragraph (2) which the court will ordinarily make in such circumstances.