### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2017 No. 1035

## The Court of Protection Rules 2017

## PART 4

### HEARINGS

#### Supplementary

#### Supplementary provisions relating to public or private hearings

**4.4.**—(1) Subject to provision in a practice direction made under rule 4.3(3), an order under rule 4.1, 4.2 or 4.3 may be made—

- (a) only where it appears to the court that there is good reason for making the order;
- (b) at any time; and
- (c) either on the court's own initiative or on an application made by any person in accordance with Part 10.
- (2) A practice direction may make further provision in connection with-
  - (a) private hearings;
  - (b) public hearings; or
  - (c) the publication of information about any proceedings.