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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 7: Live Links in Criminal Proceedings

Section 54: Live Links: patients detained in hospital under Mental Health Order

This Section extends the use of live links in certain court proceedings to include patients detained in hospital under Part 2 of the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986 – patients compulsorily admitted to hospital for psychiatric assessment or treatment. Under existing legislation, only Part 3 psychiatric patients – those compulsorily admitted to hospital via the criminal justice system – are able to appear by live link. (The proceedings affected are for accused persons in preliminary hearings, sentencing hearings and related appeals.)