STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 1199 (L. 20)

MAGISTRATES' COURTS, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Magistrates' Courts (Adult Protection and Support Orders) Rules 2017

Made - - - - 30th November 2017

Laid before Parliament 4th December 2017

Coming into force in accordance with rule 1

The Lord Chief Justice, with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor, makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by section 144 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980(**1**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Magistrates' Courts (Adult Protection and Support Orders) Rules 2017.

(2) These Rules come into force on 1st December 2017, or, if later, on the 21st day after the day on which they are laid before Parliament.

(3) In these Rules—

(a) "the 2014 Act" means the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014(**2**);

(b) "adult at risk" has the meaning given in section 126(1) of the 2014 Act;

(c) "authorised officer" has the meaning given in section 127(9) of the 2014 Act; and

(d) "local authority" has the meaning given in section 197(1) of the 2014 Act.

Application for adult protection and support order

2. An authorised officer who applies for an adult protection and support order under section 127 of the 2014 Act must—

(**1**) 1980 c. 43. Section 144 has been amended by the Access to Justice Act 1999 (c. 22), Schedule 11, paragraphs 26 and 29; the Courts Act 2003 (c. 39), Schedule 8, paragraph 245 and Schedule 10; the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), Schedule 4, paragraphs 99 and 102; the Legal Services Act 2007 (c.29), Schedule 21, paragraphs 42 and 43; the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c.22), Schedule 10, paragraphs 39, 52 and 99; and by S.I. 2012/2398, article 3(2), Schedule 2, paragraph 1.

(**2**) 2014 anaw 4.