STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2007 No. 397

MAGISTRATES' COURTS

The Magistrates' Courts (Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2007

Made - - - -	*12th September 2007*
Coming into operation	*22nd October 2007*

The Magistrates' Courts Rules Committee makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 13 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**1**) and Article 165 of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**2**) after consultation with the Lord Chancellor and with the agreement of the Lord Chief Justice.

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Magistrates' Courts (Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2007 and shall come into operation on 22nd October 2007.

Amendment to the Magistrates' Courts (Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996(3)

2. After rule 18 insert—

"**Evidence by video link or other method**

18A. The court may allow a witness to give evidence through a video link or by any other method of direct communication."

(**1**) S.I.1981/1675 (N.I. 26) to which the most recent relevant amendments were made by paragraph 65 of Schedule 5 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c.4).
(**2**) S.I.1995/755 (N.I. 2).
(**3**) **S.R.1996 No. 323 to which the most recent amendments were made by S.R. 2005 No. 559.**