STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2002 No. 119

FAMILY PROCEEDINGS

The Declarations of Parentage (Allocation of Proceedings) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002

To be laid before Parliament

Made - - - - 23rd March 2002

Coming into operation 15th April 2002

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 164(5) of, and Schedule 7 to, the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**1**), hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Declarations of Parentage (Allocation of Proceedings) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 and shall come into operation on 15th April 2002.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"the Order of 1989" means the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(**2**); and

"petty sessions districts" means the petty sessions districts into which Northern Ireland is divided by order made by the Lord Chancellor under Article 11(2) of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**3**).

Classes of Court

3. For the purposes of this Order there shall be the following classes of court—

(a) family proceedings courts, being those courts of summary jurisdiction constituted as juvenile courts for the petty sessions districts specified in Schedule 1; and

(b) family care centres, being those county courts specified in Schedule 2.

(**1**) S.I.1995/755 (N.I. 2) Schedule 7 was amended by section 66(5) of, and paragraph 7 of Schedule 8 to, the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) (c. 4)
(**2**) S.I. 1989/677 (N.I. 4)
(**3**) S.I. 1981/1675 (N.I. 26)