

MENTAL HEALTH COURT

PRACTICE DIRECTION NUMBER 1 OF 2005

PUBLICATION OF REPORTS AND DECISIONS RELATING TO APPEALS AGAINST DECISIONS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW TRIBUNAL

1. This Practice Note concerns provision to staff and members of the Mental Health Review Tribunal of documents relating to appeals from the Tribunal to the Mental Health Court.
2. Section 326(1)(d) of the *Mental Health Act 2000* requires the Registrar to give a copy of the Mental Health Court's decision, where an appeal against a decision of the Tribunal has been heard and determined, to the Tribunal.
3. Hereafter, upon determination by the Court of any appeal against a decision of the Tribunal, the Registrar is directed to provide a copy of the decision with a transcript of the proceeding, where available, and copies of any experts' reports received in evidence to the Tribunal.
4. The material referred to in the preceding paragraph is to be provided for the assistance and information of Tribunal staff and members in carrying out the functions of the Tribunal, and may subsequently be used in Tribunal proceedings concerning the patient in question.

JUSTICE C E HOLMES

Date: 12 October 2005