



Magistrates' Courts (Anti-Social Behaviour Orders) Composition of Benches

Practice Direction

This Practice Direction is issued by the President of the Queen's Bench Division with the agreement of the Master of the Rolls.

- 1) Where there is an application to a magistrates' court for an anti-social behaviour order under section 1 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (the Act), or an application to a magistrates' court for an anti-social behaviour order to be varied or discharged under section 1 (8) of the Act, and the person against whom the order is sought is under 18, the justices constituting the court should normally be qualified to sit in the youth court.
- 2) Applications for interim orders under section 1D of the Act, including those made without notice, may be listed before justices who are not so qualified.
- 3) If it is not practicable to constitute a bench in accordance with paragraph 1, in particular where to do so would result in a delayed hearing, this direction does not apply.

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Sir Igor Judge
President of the Queen's Bench Division
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