



JUDICIARY OF
ENGLAND AND WALES

Practice Guidance: Publication of Privacy and Anonymity Orders

1. This Guidance sets out recommended practice to courts and parties concerning the provision of copies of court orders for publication. It is issued as guidance and not as a Practice Direction by the Master of the Rolls as Head of Civil Justice.
2. Civil Procedure Rules (CPR) r.39.2(5) provides that, except where the court otherwise directs, a copy of a court order made under CPR r.39.2(3) or r.39.2(4) shall be published on the website of the Judiciary of England and Wales.
3. Any party seeking a private hearing or anonymity pursuant to CPR r.39.2(3) or (4) should ensure that they prepare and submit to the court a draft order which does not contain any information that would undermine the purpose of the order.
4. Copies of orders for publication should be sent by a court officer via email to the Judicial Office at: judicialwebupdates@judiciary.uk. Wherever possible, they should be sent in **pdf** format. For ease of identification, emails should be headed '**Order for Publication under CPR r.39.2(5)**'. Following receipt, they will be uploaded to www.judiciary.uk.
5. Where necessary, to protect the integrity of the order, the court may consider varying, under CPR r.39.2(5), the requirement to provide a copy of the court order for publication to provide for a redacted copy to be published or to set aside the requirement to publish a copy.

Sir Terence Etherton, Master of the Rolls

16 April 2019