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**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(4) or (5) 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](mailto: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](http://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**

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