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**AMENDING PRACTICE DIRECTION 2017(Criminal Proceedings)**

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This amending Practice Direction is issued by the Presiding Judge of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia under section 28(1) of the Courts (Constitution and Jurisdiction) Ordinance 2007. It is intended to add a number of Practice Directions to the existing Practice Directions published in the Gazette as Public Instrument 12/2015 Gazette No. 1775 of 29 June 2015.

**Citation**

1. This may be cited as the amending Practice Direction (Criminal Proceedings) 2017.

**Commencement**

2. This Practice Direction comes into force on the day after publication in the Gazette.

**Amendment-Variation as to the conditions of a Warrant of Commitment**

The Practice Direction 2015<sup>1</sup> is amended as follows:

After the paragraph entitled “Disqualification for driving” include the following paragraph:

Variation as to the conditions of a Warrant of Commitment

1. This is a temporary measure pending legislative amendment.
2. In every case where a Judge imposes a sentence of immediate imprisonment or otherwise remands an accused into custody, the Warrant of Commitment to prison shall include the following clause:

“Nothing in this order will prevent the temporary removal of the prisoner, ..... (Name), from the prison of Dhekelia including removal from the Sovereign Base Areas as may be required for the purposes of medical treatment”

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Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017

The Hon. Mr Justice T. Clayson  
Presiding Judge  
HM Court, Sovereign Base Areas

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<sup>1</sup> Consolidated Practice Direction P.I. 12/2015

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