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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2012 No. 2401**

**The Public Bodies (Abolition of Her Majesty's  
Inspectorate of Courts Administration and  
the Public Guardian Board) Order 2012**

**Abolition of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Court Administration**

2.—(1) Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Court Administration, established under section 58 of the Courts Act 2003<sup>(1)</sup>, is abolished.

(2) The function of inspecting areas of the Crown Court, county courts and magistrates' courts where prisoners are detained in custody is transferred to Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons.

(3) The function of inspecting any vehicle used to transport prisoners in custody to and from the Crown Court, county courts or magistrates' courts is transferred to Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons.

(4) Any of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of the Crown Prosecution Service, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation for England and Wales and Her Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary may inspect any aspect of the Crown Court or magistrates' courts in relation to their criminal jurisdiction which could have been inspected by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Courts Administration immediately before its abolition.

(5) Paragraph (4) applies only if the inspection includes matters other than any aspect of the Crown Court or magistrates' courts.

(6) Schedule 1 (which makes consequential etc provision) has effect.

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(1) 2003 c.39. Section 58 has been amended by the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c.40).