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**Appropriate Dispute Resolution**

## Families and Relationships Green Paper

In January 2010 the Department for Children Schools and Families (DCSF) published a green paper setting out a range of measures to support families. The FJC responded to the Consultation in April 2010.

* [DCSF Consultation - Support for All: the Families and Relationships Green Paper](http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=conResults&consultationId=1685&external=no&menu=3)
* [FJC Response to DCSF Consultation - April 2010](https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/JCO/Documents/FJC/consultations/FJC_Response_on_the_Families_and_Relationships_Green_Paper.pdf) (PDF 44 KB)
* [Annex A: Certificate of ADR assessment](https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/JCO/Documents/FJC/consultations/Annex_A_Certificate_of_ADR_assessment.pdf) (PDF 23 KB)
* [Annex B: Choosing the Right Process](https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/JCO/Documents/FJC/consultations/Annex_B_choosing_the_right_process.pdf) (PDF 33 KB)
* [Annex C: Compulsory Assessment Flow Chart](https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/JCO/Documents/FJC/consultations/Annex_C_flow_chart+_re_compulsory_assessment.pdf) (PDF 81 KB)

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The FJC, in conjunction with the Family Mediation Council, has produced guidance for judges, magistrates and legal advisers which sets out the fundamental principles of independent family mediation by which all recognised family mediators must abide.

* [Independent Mediation – Information for Judges, Magistrates and Legal Advisors](https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/JCO/Documents/FJC/Publications/Independent+Mediation+Information+for+Judges+Magistrates+and+Legal+Advisors.pdf)

**Domestic Abuse**

## Twenty-nine child homicides - FJC response

In 2004 the Womens Aid Federation of England (WAFE) published a report which described the cases of twenty nine children from thirteen families who were murdered by their fathers during contact. Children in five of the thirteen families were murdered during the course of contact ordered by the court. In each of these five cases domestic violence had been alleged.

* [WAFE Report: Twenty-nine child homicides](https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/JCO/Documents/FJC/Publications/twenty_nine_child_homicides.pdf)

In 2005 Sir Nicholas Wall, then a Lord Justice of Appeal, examined all available court files for the cases in which there had been court involvement. In his subsequent report of February 2006 to the then President of the Family Division, Sir Nicholas Wall examined in detail each of the five cases where the courts were involved and provided his opinion as to how each matter was conducted by the courts. The report includes Sir Nicholas Wall's conclusions and recommendations.

* [Lord Justice Wall's Report to President of the Family Division](https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/JCO/Documents/FJC/Publications/report_family.pdf)

One of the concerns raised in the report by Sir Nicholas Wall was in relation to two cases where contact orders were made by consent. The then President of the Family Division asked the FJC to report on the approach the courts should adopt to proposed consent orders in cases where domestic violence is an issue. The Children in Families Committee of the FJC consulted representatives of interested organisations including, The Family Law Bar Association, Resolution, The Law Society’s Family Law Committee, Families Need Fathers, Women’s Aid, Refuge, CAFCASS and The Judicial Studies Board.

* [FJC Report to President of the Family Division](https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/JCO/Documents/FJC/Publications/Reportoncontact.pdf)

## Prosecuting Domestic Violence Cases

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) is responsible for reviewing cases of domestic violence and deciding whether, or not, there should be a prosecution. In 2008 the CPS revised its policy statement which is designed to assist those working with victims of domestic violence to understand how cases are prosecuted and what victims can expect from the CPS. The CPS launched a consultation on the revised policy statement which the FJC responded to.

* [Consultation Paper - policy for prosecuting cases of domestic violence](http://www.cps.gov.uk/consultations/dv_index.html)
* [FJC Response to CPS domestic violence consultation - December 2008](https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/JCO/Documents/FJC/consultations/Procecuting_cases__of_Domestic_Violence.pdf)

## Forced Marriage

The Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 provided for government to issue statutory guidance setting out the responsibilities of all agencies dealing with forced marriage issues.

Prior to the act coming into force, in November 2008, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and the Home Office published a joint consultation on the statutory guidance. The FJC responded in October 2008.

* [Consultation Paper - forced marriage statutory guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/157827/forced-marriage-consultation.pdf)
* [FJC Response to consultation on forced marriage statutory guidance - October 2008](https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/JCO/Documents/FJC/consultations/Forced_marriage_Consultation_Paper__July__2008.pdf)

In November 2009 the Ministry of Justice published a policy paper examining the impact the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 had in its first year.

* [One year on: initial impact of the Forced Marriage Act 2007](http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+/http:/www.justice.gov.uk/publications/10508.htm)

## Marriage to Partners from Overseas

In December 2007 the Home Office published a consultation regarding marriage to partners from overseas. The proposals outlined in the consultation were largely aimed at providing protection from forced marriage. The FJC responded to the consultation in March 2008.

* [FJC Response to Home Office Consultation on Marriage to Partners from Overseas - March 2008](https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/JCO/Documents/FJC/consultations/partnersfromoverseasproforma-_with_answers_(2).pdf)

## Home Affairs Select Committee Inquiry

In July 2007 the Home Affairs Select Committee announced it would be conducting a broad ranging inquiry into domestic violence, including so called "honour" killings. [The House of Commons website contains further information relating to the Inquiry](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmselect/cmhaff/263/26302.htm), including it's report which was published on 20 May 2008.

* [Evidence of the Children in Families Committee of the FJC](https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/JCO/Documents/FJC/consultations/Response__of_the_FJC__to__the_Home_Affairs_Select_Committee__DV_Inquiry.pdf)
* [Evidence of the Diversity Committee of the FJC](https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/JCO/Documents/FJC/consultations/HBVFM_submissions.pdf)