

## Mapping the Landscape of Domestic Abuse Activity in the Family Justice System

### New provisions and developments: 2020 – November 2023

Category	Organisation	Specific Activity or Output
Legislation and Rules	Government	<a href="#">Domestic Abuse Act 2021</a>
		<a href="#">Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015</a>
		<a href="#">Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984, Part 4B</a>
		<a href="#">The Prohibition of Cross-Examination in Person (Civil and Family Proceedings) Regulations 2022</a>
		<a href="#">The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Family and Domestic Abuse) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2023, articles 4(3), 7(3)</a>
	Family Procedure Rules Committee (FPRC)	<a href="#">Family Procedure Rules Part 3A, rule 2A</a>
Case Law	Court of Appeal	<a href="#">Re H-N [2021] EWCA Civ 448</a>
		<a href="#">K v K [2022] EWCA Civ 468</a>
		<a href="#">Re B [2022] EWCA Civ 1439</a>
		<a href="#">Re A (A Child: Findings of Fact) [2022] EWCA Civ 1652</a>
		<a href="#">A v B and C [2023] EWCA Civ 360</a>
	High Court (Family Division)	<a href="#">F v M [2023] EWFC 5</a>
Practice Directions	FPRC	<a href="#">PD12J</a> – Child arrangements and contact orders: domestic abuse and harm
		<a href="#">PD3AA</a> – Vulnerable witnesses
		<a href="#">PD3AB</a> – Prohibition of cross-examination in person
		<a href="#">PD12Q</a> – Orders under s.91(14) Children Act 1989
		<a href="#">PD27C</a> – Attendance of IDVAs and ISVAs
	<a href="#">PD36Z</a> – Pilot scheme: private law reform: investigative approach	

Practice Guidance	Family Justice Council	<a href="#">Remote and Hybrid Hearings Guidance</a> (November 2020)
	President of the Family Division	<a href="#">Fact-Finding Hearings and Domestic Abuse in Private Law Children Proceedings: Guidance for Judges and Magistrates</a> (May 2022)
		<a href="#">Practice Guidance: Independent Domestic Violence Advisers and Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (Family Courts)</a> (April 2023)
		<a href="#">Practice Guidance: Non-molestation Injunctions</a> (July 2023)
	Mr Justice Peel	<a href="#">Standard Orders – cross-examination and QLR provisions</a>
	Cafcass	Domestic Abuse Practice Pathway and Guidance New policy and guidance on hearing children, and working with partners, wider family members and professionals who know the child
	Cafcass Cymru	Domestic Abuse Practice Guidance
Statutory Guidance	Home Office	<a href="#">Statutory Guidance on the Domestic Abuse Act 2021</a> (July 2022)
		<a href="#">Statutory Guidance: Qualified Legal Representative Appointed by the Court</a> (July 2022)
	Welsh Government	<a href="#">National Training Framework on Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales)</a>
Training	Judicial College	Mandatory half day domestic abuse training for all family judges (2022-23)
		Private law induction for new family judges (ongoing)
		Financial Remedies Court induction (ongoing)
	SafeLives	<a href="#">Domestic Abuse Training for Family Lawyers</a>
	Family Law Bar Association and Inns of Court College of Advocacy	<a href="#">Advocacy and the Vulnerable (Family) training</a>
	Cafcass	Domestic Abuse Learning and Development Programme for Family Court Advisers
	Cafcass Cymru	Safe and Together training for Family Court Advisers
Research, Reports	Ministry of Justice	<a href="#">Assessing Risk of Harm to Children and Parents in Private Law Children Cases</a> (2020)
		<a href="#">Domestic Abuse and Private Law Children Cases: A Literature Review</a> (2020)
		<a href="#">Implementation Plan</a> (2020)
		<a href="#">Implementation Plan: Delivery Update</a> (2023)
		<a href="#">Domestic Abuse Commissioner’s Report – ‘The Family Court and Domestic Abuse: Achieving Cultural Change’ – Government Response</a> (November 2023)
	Domestic Abuse Commissioner and Victims’ Commissioner	<a href="#">Improving the Family Court Response to Domestic Abuse</a> (November 2021)
	Domestic Abuse Commissioner	<a href="#">The Family Court and Domestic Abuse: Achieving Cultural Change</a> (July 2023)

	Women's Aid England	<a href="#">Two Years, Too Long: Mapping Action on the Harm Panel's Findings</a> (June 2022)
	Surviving Economic Abuse	<a href="#">Seen Yet Sidelined</a> (September 2023)
Pilot Projects	Ministry of Justice	Pathfinder Courts: Dorset and North Wales (see PD36Z above), 2022-24; evaluation being conducted September 2023-February 2024
	Domestic Abuse Commissioner	National Family Court Review and Reporting Mechanism, October 2023-September 2024
	Home Office	Domestic Abuse Protection Notices and Domestic Abuse Protection Orders: Gwent, Greater Manchester, Croydon, Bromley and Sutton, 2024
Reviews	Ministry of Justice	Review of the presumption of parental involvement, 2020-23
		Review of Civil Legal Aid, 2023-24
Committees, Working Groups	Family Justice Board	Domestic Abuse and Positive Outcomes for Children Sub-Group
	Cafcass	Domestic Abuse Practice Reference Group