



Family Justice Council: 2011-12 Business Plan

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| Activity: Family Justice Review | |
| Lead Committee(s): Children in Safeguarding Proceedings, Children in Families | |
| Time Scale | October 11 |
| Objective | Contributing to the Family Justice Review and the policy development in MoJ and DfE stemming from it. |
| Outcome: A high level of engagement with the Review and the MoJ and DfE on the development of the Review's proposals. | |
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| Activity: The Munro Review | |
| Lead Committee(s): Children in Safeguarding Proceedings | |
| Time Scale | October 11 |

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| Objective | Contributing to the Munro Review and the policy development in DfE stemming from it. |
| Outcome: A high level of engagement with the Review and the DfE on the development of the Review's proposals | |
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| Activity: Dartington Conference on the Family Justice and Munro Reviews | |
| Lead Committee(s) : Dartington Planning Committee | |
| Time Scale | September 11 |
| Objective | To plan and prepare for the Bi-ennial interdisciplinary conference at Dartington Hall in September 2011 |
| Outcome: A successful conference on how the proposals in the Family Justice and Munro reviews can be made to work in practice and the identification of the key changes that will need to be made to facilitate this. | |
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| Activity: Legal Aid reform | |
| Lead Committee(s): Children in Families & Parents & Relatives Committees | |
| Time Scale | October 2011 |
| Objective | Engaging with MoJ on policy development arising from the Consultation on Legal Aid |
| Outcome: A high level of engagement with MoJ on refining the consultation proposals for family legal aid | |
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| Activity: Non-disclosure in Forced Marriage and HBV cases | |
| Lead Committee (s): Domestic Violence & Diversity Committees | |
| Time Scale | July 11 |
| Objective | To provide advice to the President on how best to balance the need for protecting victims with the Article 6 rights of other parties |
| Outcome: Draft guidance to be produced for approval by the Council and then submitted to the President. | |
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| Activity: Chronic litigation in high conflict contact disputes | |
| Lead Committee(s): Children in Families Committee | |
| Time Scale | March 12 |
| Objective | Taking forward conclusions from the Joan Hunt & Liz Trinder research on chronic litigation in high conflict contact cases. |
| Outcome: Council to consider research and make appropriate recommendations to MoJ for change to the handling of high conflict contact cases. | |
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| Activity: Experts reports in family proceedings | |
| Lead Committee(s): Experts Committee | |
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| Time Scale | March 12 |
| Objective | Take forward conclusions from the Professor Ireland research into the quality of psychologists' reports in family proceedings. |
| Outcome: Council to consider research and make appropriate recommendations to MoJ for changes in the use of expert psychological evidence in family proceedings and to consider the implications for other areas of expert evidence. | |
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| Activity: Use of multi-agency risk assessment conferences in the family courts | |
| Lead Committee(s): MARACs Working Party chaired by Hedley, J. | |
| Time Scale | July 11 |
| Objective | Establish Working Party to produce guidance on the use of MARACS in the family courts. |
| Outcome: Working party to submit draft guidance to the President on the use of MARACs in the family courts | |
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