



## Family Justice Council: 2012-13 Business Plan

<b>Activity: Projects referred by the Family Justice Board</b>	
<b>Lead Committee (s): Executive Committee</b>	
<b>Time Scale</b>	<b>tbc</b>
<b>Objective</b>	The Family Justice Board is scheduled to have its first meeting in April 2012 where it will identify its priorities for the coming year. The Board is expected to refer projects to the Council to assist it in making progress against the priorities it identifies. The Executive Committee will review the Council's Business Plan during the course of the year to accommodate projects referred to it by the Family Justice Board.
<b>Outcome: tbc</b>	

<b>Activity: Family Justice Review</b>	
<b>Lead Committee(s): Children in Safeguarding Proceedings, Children in Families, ADR, Experts</b>	
<b>Time Scale</b>	<b>April 13</b>
<b>Objective</b>	To work with the MoJ & DfE in contributing to the implementation of the recommendations of the Family Justice Review.
<b>Outcome: To influence the MoJ &amp; DfE implementation plans to promote an effective introduction of the recommendations of the FJR.</b>	

<b>Activity: Family Justice Modernisation Programme</b>	
<b>Lead Committee(s): Children in Safeguarding Proceedings, Children in Families, Experts, ADR, Pre-Proceedings, Parents &amp; Relatives</b>	
<b>Time Scale</b>	<b>July 12</b>

<b>Objective</b>	Contributing to the workstreams of the modernisation programme led by Mr Justice Ryder
<b>Outcome: To influence the recommendations arising from Ryder, J's modernisation programme.</b>	

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<b>Lead Committee(s) : Children in Safeguarding Proceedings, Children in Families, Experts, ADR, Pre-Proceedings, Parents &amp; Relatives</b>	
<b>Time Scale</b>	<b>tbc</b>
<b>Objective</b>	To work with the President, the Judicial Office, MoJ and DfE in contributing to the implementation of the recommendations of the Modernisation Programme
<b>Outcome: To influence the implementation plans for the modernisation programme.</b>	

<b>Activity: Parenting Coordination Scoping Study</b>	
<b>Lead Committee(s): Children in Families</b>	
<b>Time Scale</b>	<b>March 2013</b>
<b>Objective</b>	To commission a scoping study into the feasibility of adopting the parenting coordination model in England and Wales
<b>Outcome: A report of the study to be delivered to the Council by end March 2013</b>	

<b>Activity: Cross-Government Definition of Domestic Violence</b>	
<b>Lead Committee (s): Domestic Abuse &amp; Diversity Committees</b>	
<b>Time Scale</b>	<b>April 12</b>
<b>Objective</b>	To prepare and submit a response to the Home Office Consultation seeking views on the desirability of widening the current cross-government definition of domestic violence
<b>Outcome: To influence a change to the Government's current definition of</b>	

<b>Domestic Violence</b>
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<b>Activity: Feedback to judiciary in public law cases on outcomes for children of final orders</b>	
<b>Lead Committee (s): Children in Safeguarding Proceedings</b>	
<b>Time Scale</b>	<b>October 13</b>
<b>Objective</b>	To commission research into feedback to the judiciary on outcomes for children of final orders made in public law cases and on how this could be achieved.
<b>Outcome: A report of the research to be submitted to the Council. Council to consider and make recommendations.</b>	

<b>Activity: Promoting Cross-Jurisdictional Co-operation &amp; Understanding Between Family Courts and Tribunal Service Immigration Appeals Chamber</b>	
<b>Lead Committee (s): Voice of the Child</b>	
<b>Time Scale</b>	<b>April 2012</b>
<b>Objective</b>	To circulate an updated Immigration/ Family Interface Information Document to family judiciary by end of April 2012.
<b>Outcome: To reduce the number of adjournments in cases involving children, where there are concurrent proceedings, as a result of improving the flow of relevant information between the two jurisdictions.</b>	

<b>Activity: Family Court Expectations Documents</b>	
<b>Lead Committee (s): Parents and Relatives, ADR</b>	
<b>Time Scale</b>	<b>June 2012</b>
<b>Objective</b>	To seek agreement from the President and HMCTS to introduce a revised 'What the Family Courts expect from Parents' document and to introduce a corresponding 'What can Parents expect from the Family Courts' document across England and Wales.
<b>Outcome: Final drafts of both documents to be submitted to the President for approval having first consulted with judiciary and HMCTS.</b>	