

Proposed Statutory Checklist

The Council proposes the following statutory checklist to guide the exercise of judicial discretion in determining whether or not to admit the media, family members or any persons requested to attend by the parties to family proceedings.

"The Court shall have regard to the following:

- The welfare and interests of the child or children concerned in the proceedings.
- The nature of the proceedings;
- Any effect or likely effect on the conduct of the proceedings in particular on the willingness or ability of the parties, and/or witnesses, to provide evidence;
- The views of the parties, and of any other person whose views the court considers to be relevant;
- The public interest in the administration of justice;
- The range of powers available to the court;
- Any other circumstances which the court considers to be relevant."