



Ministry of Justice

FAMILY PROCEDURE RULE COMMITTEE
In the Conference Suite, 2nd Floor Mezzanine,
Queen's Building, Royal Courts of Justice
At 11.00 a.m. on Monday 8 October 2018

AGENDA

1. **Announcements and Apologies**
2. **Minutes of the last meeting: 16 July 2018**
3. **Matters arising**
 - a) Update on pilot practice direction 36H to improve notification to the police when a FGM or FM protection order is made
 - b) Family Procedure (Amendment) No 2 Rules 2018
4. **Priorities of the Family Procedure Rule Committee**
Review of outstanding work before the Committee.
5. **Questions to the Committee**
Questions to members of the Family Procedure Rule Committee from guests attending the open meeting
6. **Presentation of Digital Working pilots**
 - Virtual walk through of the digitisation of the online financial remedy process by HMCTS
 - Presentation of C100 digital pilot
 - Presentation of C110A digital reform pilot

BREAK FOR LUNCH

7. **Proposed changes to make deduction orders for Child Maintenance payments from jointly held bank accounts**
A proposal from Department of Work and Pensions to amend Practice Direction 30A to ensure the appeal rules apply to joint account and unlimited partnership account holders, to reflect the changes being made to the Collection and Enforcement Regulations.
8. **Pilot Practice Direction 36J – Legal Bloggers Pilot to allow persons colloquially referred to as “legal bloggers” to attend family court hearings on a similar basis to accredited media representatives**
Discussion on additional safeguards to support the pilot

- 9. Children and family proceedings**
Review of existing measures and guidance available to give children a voice in the proceedings.
- 10. Scientific evidence in family proceedings**
Consideration of the paper from MoJ policy and to identify next steps.
- 11. Any Other Business**
 - a) Form C110A amendments in light of Re A-F (Children(No.2) [2018] EWHC 2129
 - b) FPRC Working Groups
- 12. Date of Next Meeting**
Monday 12 November 2018 at 11.00 a.m. at the Royal Courts of Justice

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