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Introduction

This Statistical Notice advises users of the forthcoming addition of statistics on Forced Marriage Protection Orders to the Ministry of Justice's (MoJ) statistical bulletin *Court Statistics Quarterly (CSQ)* and *Judicial and Court Statistics (JCS)*.

Summary

1. The proposed addition is a new table presenting figures on Forced Marriage Protection Orders in the family courts of England and Wales.
2. The CSQ table will provide quarterly data on the number of applications made and orders made in the family courts. The table new JCS table will contain annual counts of applications and orders, but with further, more detailed breakdowns by age and type of applicant, and whether an order was made with the power of arrest attached.
3. The new tables will be published for the first time in the Q1 (January to March) 2011 edition of *Court Statistics Quarterly*, and the 2010 edition of *Judicial and Court Statistics*, both of which are due for publication on 30 June 2011.
4. The new tables will be located within the Family Matters chapter of both reports.

Background

5. Forced Marriage Protection Orders were introduced by the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act on 25 November 2008. Statistics have been collected by the MoJ since that time on the HM Courts and Tribunals Service's Performance Database. The orders are intended to help people who are in a forced marriage or being forced into marriage.
6. Statistics on Forced Marriage Protection Orders have been released by the MoJ previously on an ad hoc basis in response to Freedom of Information Act requests. As a result of this change, this element of family court work will henceforth be regularly published as official statistics. The statistics published will provide data back to the introduction of these orders in late 2008.

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