

**Proceedings in the Manchester Civil Justice Centre  
(County and Family Court jurisdiction)**

**Direction to be given by the Lord Chancellor under section 3 (2A) of the County Courts Act 1984 and section 31B(4) Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984.**

In clarification of the direction made on 19 July 2019 in relation to a pilot of flexible court operating hours, the Lord Chancellor, having consulted the Lord Chief Justice, directs that:

The pilot will commence on 2 September 2019 and run for six months duration from that date. The pilots may run until 13 March 2020 so as to allow for a reduction in sessions over the Christmas period.

This direction is given pursuant to section 3(2A) County Court Act 1984 and section 31B(4) Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984.

Signed by the Lord Chancellor

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28 February 2020