



# Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 22

## PART I

### MATRIMONIAL PROCEEDINGS IN MAGISTRATES' COURTS

#### *Powers of court as to the custody etc. of children*

**15 Principle on which questions relating to custody and upbringing of children are to be decided**

For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that the provisions of section 1 of the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 (which require a court in deciding any question relating to the custody or upbringing of a minor to have regard to the welfare of the minor as the first and paramount consideration) apply in relation to the exercise by a magistrates' court of its powers under this Part of this Act.