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FAMILY LAW

The Family Law Act 1996 (Forced Marriage)(Relevant Third Party) Order 2009

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>21st July 2009</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>22nd July 2009</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st November 2009</i>

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 63C(2) and (7) and 65(1) to (3) of the Family Law Act 1996(a), makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Family Law Act 1996 (Forced Marriage) (Relevant Third Party) Order 2009 and shall come into force on 1st November 2009.

Interpretation

2. In this Order “local authority” means—

- (a) a county council in England;
- (b) a metropolitan district council;
- (c) a non-metropolitan district council for an area for which there is no county council;
- (d) the council of a county or county borough in Wales;
- (e) a London borough council;
- (f) the Common Council of the City of London;
- (g) the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

Specification of a relevant third party

3. A local authority is specified as a relevant third party for the purposes of applying for a forced marriage protection order under section 63C(2) of the Family Law Act 1996.

21st July 2009

Bridget Prentice
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Ministry of Justice

(a) 1996 c. 27. Section 63C was inserted by the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 (c.20).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order specifies a local authority as a relevant third party for the purposes of applying for a forced marriage protection order under section 63C of the Family Law Act 1996 (c. 27). A relevant third party can apply to the court for a forced marriage protection order without the leave of the court.

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