

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules authorise justices' clerks and assistants to justices' clerks to carry out certain functions of the new single family court. These Rules require justices' clerks and assistants to justices' clerks to refer matters back to the court where it would be inappropriate to carry out an authorised function.

These Rules are made as part of the establishment of the single family court. Provision for the family court is made in section 17 of, and Schedules 10 and 11 to, the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c.22).

An impact assessment for these Rules is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum, which is available alongside these Rules at www.legislation.gov.uk.