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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Rules)*

These Rules make transitional and savings provision in relation to the establishment of the single family court. The single family court is established by section 17(3) of the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c.22) (the “2013 Act”).

Article 3 continues any proceedings issued before 22nd April 2014 in the family court where those proceedings are under jurisdiction that is transferred to or conferred upon the family court by the 2013 Act.

Article 4 continues the validity of any composition of bench or allocation decision in transferred proceedings, as well as authorisations to conduct business of an original court.

Articles 5 and 6 contain general savings for anything done in relation to transferred proceedings, and for judgments, orders, warrants, directions and other acts in transferred proceedings.

Article 7 ensures that any alleged acts of contempt of court that occurred before 22nd April 2014 are subject only to sentencing powers that were in place when the alleged act of contempt of court occurred.

Article 8 continues the validity of family panels created prior to 22nd April 2014.

Articles 9 to 11 make transitional and saving provision in connection with appeals from decisions of transferred proceedings. Existing rights of appeal continue for these decisions on and after the transfer day with modifications in consequence of the family court.