



Family Law Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 27

[^{F1}PART 4A

FORCED MARRIAGE

[^{F1}Supplementary

Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 4A inserted (25.11.2008 except in regard to the insertion of s. 63N) by [Forced Marriage \(Civil Protection\) Act 2007 \(c. 20\)](#), [ss. 1, 4\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2008/2779](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#) (as amended (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), [s. 61\(3\)](#), [Sch. 11 para. 210](#) Table; [S.I. 2014/954](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#) (with [art. 3](#)) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), [arts. 3-11](#)))

63Q Guidance

- (1) The Secretary of State may from time to time prepare and publish guidance to such descriptions of persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate about—
 - (a) the effect of this Part or any provision of this Part; or
 - (b) other matters relating to forced marriages.
- (2) A person exercising public functions to whom guidance is given under this section must have regard to it in the exercise of those functions.
- (3) Nothing in this section permits the Secretary of State to give guidance to any court or tribunal.

63R Other protection or assistance against forced marriage

- (1) This Part does not affect any other protection or assistance available to a person who—
 - (a) is being, or may be, forced into a marriage or subjected to an attempt to be forced into a marriage; or

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(b) has been forced into a marriage.

(2) In particular, it does not affect—

- (a) the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court;
- (b) any criminal liability;
- (c) any civil remedies under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997 (c. 40);
- (d) any right to an occupation order or a non-molestation order under Part 4 of this Act;
- (e) any protection or assistance under the Children Act 1989 (c. 41);
- (f) any claim in tort; or
- (g) the law of marriage.

63S Interpretation of Part 4A

In this Part—

“the court” is to be read with section 63M;

“force” (and related expressions), in relation to a marriage, are to be read in accordance with section 63A(4) to (6);

“forced marriage protection order” has the meaning given by section 63A(6);

“marriage” means any religious or civil ceremony of marriage (whether or not legally binding); and

“the relevant judge”, in relation to any order under this Part, means—

- (a) where the order was made by the High Court, a judge of that court; and
- (b) where the order was made by a county court, a judge or district judge of that or any other county court.]

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