



Children, Schools and Families Act 2010

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PART 2

FAMILY PROCEEDINGS

17 Defences to contempt of court

- (1) A person is not guilty of a contempt of court under section 11 by reason of the publication of information relating to relevant family proceedings if subsection (2), (3) or (4) applies.
- (2) This subsection applies if the person proves that at the time of the publication the person did not know and had no reason to suspect that the information was information relating to the proceedings.
- (3) This subsection applies if the person proves that—
 - (a) the person obtained the information from a previous publication, and
 - (b) at the time of the person's publication the person did not know and had no reason to suspect that the previous publication was not an authorised news publication.
- (4) This subsection applies if the person proves that—
 - (a) the publication of the information would be an authorised news publication but for the failure to meet Condition 3 in section 13, and
 - (b) at the time of the publication the person did not know and had no reason to suspect that the information was—
 - (i) identification information relating to an individual involved in the proceedings,
 - (ii) sensitive personal information relating to the proceedings, or
 - (iii) restricted adoption information or restricted parental order information.