
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1974 No. 1004 (L.14)

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES

COUNTY COURTS

The Divorce County Courts (Amendment) Order 1974

Made - - - 10th June 1974

Coming into Operation 15th July 1974

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 1(1) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1967(a) and section 2 of the County Courts Act 1959(b), hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Divorce County Courts (Amendment) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 15th July 1974.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Divorce County Courts Order 1971(d), as amended (e), which designates certain courts as divorce county courts and courts of trial for undefended matrimonial causes, shall have effect subject to the provisions of this Order, and a reference in any of the following paragraphs to a Schedule by number means the Schedule so numbered in that Order.

3.—(1) The Haverfordwest, Horsham and King's Lynn County Courts shall be divorce county courts and courts of trial for the purposes of section 1(1) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1967, and the Hartlepool and West Bromwich County Courts shall be divorce county courts, and accordingly the following entries shall be inserted in Schedule 1 in their proper alphabetical order:—

“Hartlepool”
 “Haverfordwest (T)”
 “Horsham (T)”
 “King's Lynn (T)”
 “West Bromwich”.

(2) The jurisdiction conferred by the preceding provisions of this paragraph on the King's Lynn County Court shall be exercised only at King's Lynn and accordingly the following entry shall be inserted in Schedule 2 immediately below the reference to Darlington:—

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
“King's Lynn	King's Lynn”.

(a) 1967 c. 56.

(b) 1959 c. 22.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

(d) S.I. 1971/1954 (1971 III, p. 5271).

(e) S.I. 1972/1746, 1973/1278 (1972 III, p. 5070; 1973 II, p. 3878).

4. The Chesterfield, Dudley, Kendal, Saint Helens and Southport County Courts shall be courts of trial for the purposes of section 1(1) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1967, and accordingly those courts shall be marked "(T)" in Schedule 1.

Dated 10th June 1974.

Elwyn-Jones, C.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order further amends the Divorce County Courts Order 1971 by designating the Hartlepool, Haverfordwest, Horsham, King's Lynn and West Bromwich County Courts as divorce county courts and by adding the Chesterfield, Dudley, Haverfordwest, Horsham, Kendal, King's Lynn, Saint Helens and Southport County Courts to the list of those at which undefended matrimonial causes may be tried.

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