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**2009 No. 2023**

**FAMILY LAW**

**The Family Law Act 1996 (Forced  
Marriage)(Relevant Third Party) Order 2009**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>21st July 2009</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>22nd July 2009</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st November 2009</i>

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 63C(2) and (7) and 65(1) to (3) of the Family Law Act 1996(1), makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Family Law Act 1996 (Forced Marriage) (Relevant Third Party) Order 2009 and shall come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order “local authority” means—
- (a) a county council in England;
  - (b) a metropolitan district council;
  - (c) a non-metropolitan district council for an area for which there is no county council;
  - (d) the council of a county or county borough in Wales;
  - (e) a London borough council;
  - (f) the Common Council of the City of London;
  - (g) the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

**Specification of a relevant third party**

3. A local authority is specified as a relevant third party for the purposes of applying for a forced marriage protection order under section 63C(2) of the Family Law Act 1996.

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(1) 1996 c. 27. Section 63C was inserted by the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 (c.20).

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21st July 2009

*Bridget Prentice*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Ministry of Justice

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order specifies a local authority as a relevant third party for the purposes of applying for a forced marriage protection order under section 63C of the Family Law Act 1996 (c. 27). A relevant third party can apply to the court for a forced marriage protection order without the leave of the court.