



# Family Law Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 27

### [<sup>F1</sup> PART 4A

#### FORCED MARRIAGE

##### *Further provision about orders*

#### [<sup>F1</sup>63D Ex parte orders: Part 4A

- (1) The court may, in any case where it considers that it is just and convenient to do so, make a forced marriage protection order even though the respondent has not been given such notice of the proceedings as would otherwise be required by rules of court.
- (2) In deciding whether to exercise its powers under subsection (1), the court must have regard to all the circumstances including—
  - (a) any risk of significant harm to the person to be protected or another person if the order is not made immediately;
  - (b) whether it is likely that an applicant will be deterred or prevented from pursuing an application if an order is not made immediately; and
  - (c) whether there is reason to believe that—
    - (i) the respondent is aware of the proceedings but is deliberately evading service; and
    - (ii) the delay involved in effecting substituted service will cause serious prejudice to the person to be protected or (if a different person) an applicant.
- (3) The court must give the respondent an opportunity to make representations about any order made by virtue of subsection (1).
- (4) The opportunity must be—
  - (a) as soon as just and convenient; and
  - (b) at a hearing of which notice has been given to all the parties in accordance with rules of court.]

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### 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))

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