

**2005 No. 520**

**FAMILY PROCEEDINGS, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Children (Allocation of Proceedings) (Amendment) Order  
2005**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>4th March 2005</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>8th March 2005</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>1st April 2005</i>

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 92(9) and (10) of, and Part I of Schedule 11 to, the Children Act 1989(a) hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement, interpretation and application**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Children (Allocation of Proceedings) (Amendment) Order 2005 and shall come into force on 1st April 2005.

(2) Any reference in this Order to an article or Schedule by number alone is a reference to the article or Schedule so numbered in the Children (Allocation of Proceedings) Order 1991(b).

**Amendments to the Children (Allocation of Proceedings) Order 1991**

2. In article 1(2)—

- (a) omit the definition of “London commission area”; and
- (b) for the definition of “petty sessions area” substitute—  
““local justice area” has the same meaning as in the Courts Act 2003(c); and”.

3. In article 9(1) and article 18(3) for “petty sessions area or London commission area” substitute “local justice area”.

4. In Schedule 1—

- (a) At the beginning of the Schedule insert—

**“London Region**

Barnet County Court

Bow County Court

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(a) 1989 c. 41. Amended, so far as relevant, by the Child Support Act 1991 (c. 48), section 45; the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (c. 19), paragraph 10 of Schedule 8 and Part IX of Schedule 9; and the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (c. 38), paragraphs 54 and 75 of Schedule 3.

(b) S.I. 1991/1677. Amended, so far as relevant, by S.I.1993/624, 1994/3138, 1997/1897.

(c) 2003 c. 39.

Brentford County Court  
 Bromley County Court  
 Croydon County Court  
 Edmonton County Court  
 Ilford County Court  
 Kingston-upon-Thames County Court  
 Romford County Court  
 Wandsworth County Court  
 Willesden County Court”;

- (b) for “Midland Circuit” substitute “Midlands Region”;
- (c) for “Northern Circuit” substitute “North West Region”;
- (d) for “North Eastern Circuit” substitute “North East Region”;
- (e) for “South Eastern Circuit” substitute “South East Region”;
- (f) in the entries after “South Eastern Circuit” omit the entries for—
  - (i) Barnet County Court;
  - (ii) Bow County Court;
  - (iii) Brentford County Court;
  - (iv) Bromley County Court;
  - (v) Croydon County Court;
  - (vi) Edmonton County Court;
  - (vii) Ilford County Court;
  - (viii) Kingston-upon-Thames County Court;
  - (ix) Romford County Court;
  - (x) Wandsworth County Court; and
  - (xi) Willesden County Court;
- (g) for “Wales and Chester Circuit” substitute “Wales and Cheshire Region”; and
- (h) for “Western Circuit” substitute “South West Region”.

5. For Schedule 2 substitute—

## “SCHEDULE 2

Article 2

### CARE CENTRES

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#### **London Region**

*(i) Local Justice Area*  
 Barking and Dagenham  
 Barnet  
 Bexley  
 Brent  
 Bromley

*(ii) Care Centre*  
 Principal Registry of the Family Division  
 Principal Registry of the Family Division  
 Principal Registry of the Family Division  
 Principal Registry of the Family Division  
 Principal Registry of the Family Division

Camden and Islington(a)	Principal Registry of the Family Division
City of London	Principal Registry of the Family Division
City of Westminster	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Croydon	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Ealing	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Enfield	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Greenwich and Lewisham	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Hackney and Tower Hamlets	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Hammersmith and Fulham and Kensington and Chelsea	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Haringey	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Harrow Gore	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Havering	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Hillingdon	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Hounslow	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Kingston-upon-Thames	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Lambeth and Southwark	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Merton	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Newham	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Redbridge	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Richmond-upon-Thames	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Sutton	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Waltham Forest	Principal Registry of the Family Division
Wandsworth	Principal Registry of the Family Division

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### **Midlands Region**

#### *(i) Local Justice Area*

Ashby-De-La-Zouch  
Birmingham  
Boston  
Bourne and Stamford  
Bromsgrove and Redditch  
Central and South West Staffordshire  
Corby  
Coventry District  
Daventry  
Drayton  
Dudley  
Elloes  
Gainsborough  
Grantham  
Herefordshire  
High Peak  
Kettering  
Kidderminster  
Leicester  
Lincoln District  
Loughborough

#### *(ii) Care Centre*

Leicester County Court  
Birmingham County Court  
Lincoln County Court  
Lincoln County Court  
Worcester County Court  
Stoke-on-Trent County Court  
Northampton County Court  
Coventry County Court  
Northampton County Court  
Telford County Court  
Wolverhampton County Court  
Lincoln County Court  
Lincoln County Court  
Lincoln County Court  
Worcester County Court  
Derby County Court  
Northampton County Court  
Worcester County Court  
Leicester County Court  
Lincoln County Court  
Leicester County Court

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(a) Camden and Islington local justice area together with City of London, City of Westminster, Greenwich and Lewisham, Hackney and Tower Hamlets, Hammersmith and Fulham and Kensington and Chelsea, Lambeth and Southwark and Wandsworth local justice areas share a family panel by virtue of the Family Proceedings Courts (Constitution)(Greater London) Rules 2003 (S.I. 2003/2960).

Mansfield  
 Market Bosworth  
 Market Harborough and Lutterworth  
 Melton, Belvoir and Rutland  
 Newark and Southwell  
 Northampton  
 North East Derbyshire and Dales  
 North Staffordshire  
 Nottingham  
 Oswestry  
 Shrewsbury  
 Skegness  
 Sleaford  
 Solihull  
 South Shropshire  
 South East Staffordshire  
  
 Southern Derbyshire  
 South Worcestershire  
 Stourbridge and Halesowen  
 Sutton Coldfield  
 Telford and Bridgnorth  
 Towcester  
 Warley  
 Walsall and Aldridge  
 Warwickshire  
 Wellingborough  
 West Bromwich  
 Wolds  
 Wolverhampton  
 Worksop and Retford

Nottingham County Court  
 Leicester County Court  
 Leicester County Court  
 Leicester County Court  
 Nottingham County Court  
 Northampton County Court  
 Derby County Court  
 Stoke-on-Trent County Court  
 Nottingham County Court  
 Telford County Court  
 Telford County Court  
 Lincoln County Court  
 Lincoln County Court  
 Birmingham County Court  
 Telford County Court  
 Stoke-on-Trent County Court or  
 Derby County Court  
 Derby County Court  
 Worcester County Court  
 Wolverhampton County Court  
 Birmingham County Court  
 Telford County Court  
 Northampton County Court  
 Wolverhampton County Court  
 Wolverhampton County Court  
 Coventry County Court  
 Northampton County Court  
 Wolverhampton County Court  
 Lincoln County Court  
 Wolverhampton County Court  
 Nottingham County Court

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**North East Region**

*(i) Local Justice Area*

Alnwick  
 Barnsley District  
 Batley and Dewsbury  
 Berwick-upon-Tweed  
 Beverley and the Wolds  
 Bradford  
 Bridlington  
 Calderdale  
 Doncaster  
 Gateshead District  
 Grimsby and Cleethorpes  
 Goole and Howdenshire  
 Harrogate  
  
 Hartlepool  
 Houghton-le-Spring  
 Huddersfield

*(ii) Care Centre*

Newcastle-upon-Tyne County Court  
 Sheffield County Court  
 Leeds County Court  
 Newcastle-upon-Tyne County Court  
 Kingston-upon-Hull County Court  
 Leeds County Court  
 Kingston-upon-Hull County Court  
 Leeds County Court  
 Sheffield County Court  
 Newcastle-upon-Tyne County Court  
 Kingston-upon-Hull County Court  
 Kingston-upon-Hull County Court  
 York County Court or  
 Leeds County Court  
 Middlesbrough County Court  
 Sunderland County Court  
 Leeds County Court

Hull and Holderness	Kingston-upon-Hull County Court
Keighley	Leeds County Court
Langbaugh East	Middlesbrough County Court
Leeds District	Leeds County Court
Newcastle-upon-Tyne District	Newcastle-upon-Tyne County Court
Northallerton and Richmond	Middlesbrough County Court
North Durham	Newcastle-upon-Tyne County Court or Sunderland County Court
North Lincolnshire	Kingston-upon-Hull County Court
North Tyneside District	Newcastle-upon-Tyne County Court
Pontefract	Leeds County Court
Rotherham	Sheffield County Court
Scarborough	York County Court
Selby	York County Court
Sheffield	Sheffield County Court
Skipton	Leeds County Court
South Durham	Newcastle-upon-Tyne County Court or Middlesbrough County Court
South East Northumberland	Newcastle-upon-Tyne County Court
South Tyneside District	Sunderland County Court
Sunderland	Sunderland County Court
Teesside	Middlesbrough County Court
Tynedale	Newcastle-upon-Tyne County Court
Wakefield	Leeds County Court
York	York County Court

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### **North West Region**

*(i) Local Justice Area*

Blackburn, Darwen and Ribble Valley  
Bolton  
Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale  
Bury  
Carlisle and District  
Chorley  
City of Salford  
Eden  
Furness and District  
Fylde Coast  
Hyndburn  
Knowsley  
Lancaster  
Liverpool  
Manchester City  
North Sefton District  
Oldham  
Ormskirk  
Preston  
Rochdale, Middleton and Heywood  
St Helens  
South Lakeland  
South Ribble  
South Sefton District  
Stockport

*(ii) Care Centre*

Blackburn County Court  
Manchester County Court  
Blackburn County Court  
Manchester County Court  
Carlisle County Court  
Blackburn County Court  
Manchester County Court  
Carlisle County Court  
Lancaster County Court  
Lancaster County Court  
Blackburn County Court  
Liverpool County Court  
Lancaster County Court  
Liverpool County Court  
Manchester County Court  
Liverpool County Court  
Manchester County Court  
Liverpool County Court  
Liverpool County Court  
Blackburn County Court  
Manchester County Court  
Liverpool County Court  
Lancaster County Court  
Blackburn County Court  
Liverpool County Court  
Manchester County Court

Tameside	Manchester County Court
Trafford	Manchester County Court
West Allerdale and Keswick	Carlisle County Court
Whitehaven	Carlisle County Court
Wigan and Leigh	Liverpool County Court or Manchester County Court
Wirral	Liverpool County Court

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**South East Region**

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<i>(i) Local Justice Area</i>	<i>(ii) Care Centre</i>
Bedford and Mid-Bedfordshire	Luton County Court
Cambridge	Cambridge County Court
Central Buckinghamshire	Milton Keynes County Court
Central Kent	Medway County Court
Central Hertfordshire	Watford County Court
Central Norfolk	Norwich County Court
East Berkshire	Reading County Court
East Cambridgeshire	Cambridge County Court
East Hertfordshire	Watford County Court
East Kent	Canterbury County Court
Fenland	Peterborough County Court
Great Yarmouth	Norwich County Court
Huntingdonshire	Peterborough County Court
Luton and South Bedfordshire	Luton County Court
Mid-North Essex	Chelmsford County Court
Mid-South Essex	Chelmsford County Court
Milton Keynes	Milton Keynes County Court
North-East Essex	Chelmsford County Court
North East Suffolk	Ipswich County Court
North Hertfordshire	Watford County Court
North Kent	Medway County Court
North Norfolk	Norwich County Court
Northern Oxfordshire	Oxford County Court
North Surrey	Guildford County Court
North-West Essex	Chelmsford County Court
North West Surrey	Guildford County Court
Norwich	Norwich County Court
Oxford	Oxford County Court
Peterborough	Peterborough County Court
Reading	Reading County Court
South-East Essex	Chelmsford County Court
South East Suffolk	Ipswich County Court
South East Surrey	Guildford County Court
South West Surrey	Guildford County Court
South Norfolk	Norwich County Court
Southern Oxfordshire	Oxford County Court
South-West Essex	Chelmsford County Court
Sussex (Central)	Brighton County Court
Sussex (Eastern)	Brighton County Court
Sussex (Northern)	Brighton County Court
Sussex (Western)	Brighton County Court
West Berkshire	Reading County Court
West Hertfordshire	Watford County Court

West Norfolk  
West Suffolk  
Wycombe and Beaconsfield

Norwich County Court  
Ipswich County Court  
Milton Keynes County Court

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**South West Region**

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*(i) Local Justice Area*

Bath and Wansdyke  
Bristol  
Central Devon  
East Cornwall  
East Dorset  
Gloucestershire  
Isle of Wight  
Mendip  
New Forest  
North Avon  
North Devon  
North East Hampshire  
North Somerset  
North West Hampshire  
North West Wiltshire  
Plymouth District  
Sedgemoor  
Southampton  
South Devon  
South East Hampshire  
South East Wiltshire  
South Hampshire  
South Somerset  
Swindon  
Taunton Deane and West Somerset  
West Cornwall  
West Dorset

*(ii) Care Centre*

Bristol County Court  
Bristol County Court  
Exeter County Court  
Truro County Court  
Bournemouth County Court  
Bristol County Court  
Portsmouth County Court  
Taunton County Court  
Portsmouth County Court  
Bristol County Court  
Exeter County Court  
Portsmouth County Court  
Bristol County Court  
Portsmouth County Court  
Swindon County Court  
Plymouth County Court  
Taunton County Court  
Portsmouth County Court  
Exeter County Court  
Portsmouth County Court  
Swindon County Court  
Portsmouth County Court  
Taunton County Court  
Swindon County Court  
Taunton County Court  
Truro County Court  
Bournemouth County Court

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**Wales and Cheshire Region**

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*(i) Local Justice Area*

Cardiff  
Carmarthen  
Ceredigion  
Chester, Ellesmere Port and Neston  
Conwy  
  
Cynon Valley  
De Brycheiniog  
De Maldwyn  
Denbighshire  
Dinefwr  
Flintshire  
Gwynedd  
Halton  
Llanelli  
Macclesfield

*(ii) Care Centre*

Cardiff County Court  
Swansea County Court  
Swansea County Court  
Chester County Court  
Caernarfon County Court or  
Rhyl County Court  
Pontypridd County Court  
Pontypridd County Court  
Chester County Court  
Rhyl County Court  
Swansea County Court  
Rhyl County Court  
Caernarfon County Court  
Warrington County Court  
Swansea County Court  
Warrington County Court

Merthyr Tydfil  
Miskin  
Neath Port Talbot  
Newcastle and Ogmore  
North Pembrokeshire  
North West Gwent

Radnorshire and North Brecknock  
South Cheshire  
South East Gwent

South Pembrokeshire  
Swansea County  
Vale of Glamorgan  
Vale Royal  
Warrington  
Welshpool  
Wrexham Maelor  
Ynys Môn / Anglesey

Pontypridd County Court  
Pontypridd County Court  
Swansea County Court  
Cardiff County Court  
Swansea County Court  
Cardiff County Court or  
Newport (Gwent) County Court or  
Pontypridd County Court  
Pontypridd County Court  
Stoke-on-Trent County Court  
Cardiff County Court or  
Newport (Gwent) County Court or  
Pontypridd County Court  
Swansea County Court  
Swansea County Court  
Cardiff County Court  
Chester County Court  
Warrington County Court  
Chester County Court  
Rhyl County Court  
Caernarfon County Court”.

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor

4th March 2005

*Cathy Ashton*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Constitutional Affairs

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

It has been decided that Exeter County Court should become a Care Centre as defined in article 2 of the Children (Allocation of Proceedings) Order 1991 (“the 1991 Order”). A Care Centre is a county court designated for the purpose of hearing cases under Parts III, IV or V of the Children Act 1989. This Order effects this change and amends the 1991 Order to re-organise the transfer arrangements between magistrates’ courts and Care Centres on the Western Circuit to reflect this change.

Amendments to the Order have also been made to replace references to “petty sessions areas” and “London commission area” with references to “local justice area” to reflect the changes to the organisation of the courts made by the Courts Act 2003 which are also being brought into force on 1st April 2005. References to circuits are changed to references to the new administrative regions which will be used after that date.

At the same time the opportunity has been taken to up-date the names of the petty sessions areas (local justice areas as they will become) in consequence of changes to their boundaries which have not previously been reflected in the 1991 Order.

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