



# Children and Adoption Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 20

### PART 1

#### ORDERS WITH RESPECT TO CHILDREN IN FAMILY PROCEEDINGS

##### *Family assistance orders*

#### **6 Provision as to family assistance orders**

- (1) Section 16 of the Children Act 1989 (c. 41) (family assistance orders) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (3) (requirements for making an order), omit paragraph (a) (requirement that circumstances of case be exceptional).
- (3) After subsection (4) insert—

“(4A) If the court makes a family assistance order with respect to a child and the order is to be in force at the same time as a contact order made with respect to the child, the family assistance order may direct the officer concerned to give advice and assistance as regards establishing, improving and maintaining contact to such of the persons named in the order as may be specified in the order.”
- (4) In subsection (5) (maximum duration of order) for “six months” substitute “ twelve months ”.
- (5) For subsection (6) substitute—

“(6) If the court makes a family assistance order with respect to a child and the order is to be in force at the same time as a section 8 order made with respect to the child, the family assistance order may direct the officer concerned to report to the court on such matters relating to the section 8 order as the court may require (including the question whether the section 8 order ought to be varied or discharged).”

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**Commencement Information**

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