

FORCED MARRIAGE (CIVIL PROTECTION) ACT 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 63M Jurisdiction of courts: Part 4A

60. Section 63M provides that the High Court and county courts may issue forced marriage protection orders. Extending jurisdiction to the county courts is intended to make it easier for victims of forced marriage or those threatened with a forced marriage to get the protection they need.
61. *Subsection (2)* makes this extension subject to restrictions set out in *subsections (3) and (4)*.
62. *Subsection (3)* provides that section 57(3) to (12) of the FLA, which enables proceedings under the FLA to be allocated to particular courts, applies to forced marriage proceedings, subject to the changes set out in *subsection (4)* which confirm that allocation can only be made either to the High Court or to any county courts.