

Providing your response

If you have chosen to provide a separate written response, then please complete the first page of this Respondent Information Form and attach it to your response.

If you wish to include your responses within this Respondent Information Form, please insert your responses to each consultation question in the (expandable) boxes below:

Question 1 – Do you agree that both the ‘*simplified procedure for divorce*’ and the ‘*simplified procedure for dissolution*’ should be extended to parties who are able to agree suitable arrangements for the upbringing of any children still under the age of 16? If not, why not?

Yes

Question 2 – Do you think the 4 new forms added (*F33B / CP30A / 49.73-D / 49.80B*) on the arrangements made for children will gather sufficient information for the court to consider the welfare of the children of a marriage or civil partnership? If not, why not?

Yes

Question 3 – Do you agree that for OCR rule 33.73 (1) and 33A.66 the term “mental disorder” should be replaced with a reference to “mental capacity”? If not, why not?

Yes

Question 4 – Are there any additional changes you would suggest regarding the procedures for a simplified divorce or a simplified dissolution?

The phrase “children of the marriage” should be replaced with “children of the family” in the context of married couples as well as civil partners. The phrase “children of the marriage” could give rise to confusion where a couple have a child before their marriage and subsequently get married.

Whilst that child ought to be included in the form (and that is stipulated in the explanatory notes), the term “children of the family” better reflects the structure of modern families.