

## 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. The courts do not involve themselves in the welfare of children when cohabitants separate, so it seems inconsistent to insist upon this exercise only when the parents are married or in a civil partnership. This is not to say that welfare is unimportant or should not be considered, but this can be done in the simplified procedure by the use of the new forms.

**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. They seems to be adequate.

**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. The latter seems to be a phrase more in tune with current terminology. We know how easily some people get upset by the choice of words.

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

No.