

measures direction in relation to a person who is a party or witness in family proceedings to assist a person to give evidence or participate in proceedings. The aim of the measures is to help victims of domestic abuse to give best quality evidence and participate in proceedings without there being any perpetuation of the domestic abuse they have experienced.

Part 4 of the DAA 2021 creates a provision for support provided by local authorities to victims of domestic abuse. This provision allows each relevant local authority to assess, or make arrangements for the assessment of, the need for accommodation-based support in its area; prepare and publish a strategy for the provision of such support in its area, and monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the strategy.

The landmark Domestic Abuse Bill received Royal Assent on the 29 April to become the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. The Act provides protection to millions of people who experience domestic abuse and strengthens measures to tackle perpetrators. The implementation of the Act has been welcomed and

these vital changes to the Family Court are long overdue.

If you, or anyone you know, has been affected by domestic abuse and requires legal advice then please do not hesitate to contact our Family Department on 01495 768938 or text Legal 55 to 67777 and we will contact you. We run a free Domestic Abuse Legal Clinic on alternate Tuesdays between 11am to 2pm.



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