

**ANNEX TO PRACTICE DIRECTION 36C**

**PILOT PRACTICE DIRECTION 12A  
CARE, SUPERVISION AND OTHER PART 4 PROCEEDINGS: GUIDE TO CASE  
MANAGEMENT**

**1. THE KEY STAGES OF THE COURT PROCESS**

- 1.1** The Public Law Outline set out in the table below contains an outline of -
- (1) the order of the different stages of the process;
  - (2) the matters to be considered at the main case management hearings;
  - (3) the latest timescales within which the main stages of the process should take place in order to achieve the aim of resolving the proceedings within 26 weeks.
- 1.2** In the Public Law Outline -
- (1) “CMH” means the Case Management Hearing;
  - (2) “FCMH” means Further Case Management Hearing;
  - (3) “ICO” means interim care order;
  - (4) “IRH” means the Issues Resolution Hearing;
  - (5) “LA” means the Local Authority which is applying for a care or supervision order or a final order in other Part 4 Proceedings;
  - (6) “OS” means the Official Solicitor.
- 1.3** In applying the provisions of FPR Part 12 and the Public Law Outline the court and the parties must also have regard to -
- (1) all other relevant rules and Practice Directions and in particular -
    - FPR Part 1 (Overriding Objective);
    - FPR Part 4 ( General Case Management Powers);
    - FPR Part 15 (Representation of Protected Parties) and Practice Direction 15B (Adults Who May Be Protected Parties and Children Who May Become Protected Parties in Family Proceedings);
    - FPR Part 22 (Evidence);
    - FPR Part 25 (Experts) and the Experts Practice Directions;
    - FPR 27.6 and Practice Direction 27A (Court Bundles);
  - (2) President’s Guidance issued from time to time on
    - Allocation and Gatekeeping;
    - Judicial continuity and deployment;
    - Prescribed templates and orders;
  - (3) Justices’ Clerks Rules 2005 and FPR Practice Direction 2A (Functions of the Court In The Family Procedure Rules 2010 And Practice Directions Which May Be Performed By a Single Justice of the Peace).