

# Public Children Law: Shaping New Developments into Solution-Focused Advice for Your Clients

## Topic: Coercive Control

What is realistic and achievable when dealing with coercive control, domestic violence and financial abuse as part of a fact-finding?

### ■ Definitions of domestic abuse and coercive control

- Practice Direction 12 J

URL: [https://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/family/practice directions/pd part 12j](https://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/family/practice%20directions/pd%20part%2012j)

- Domestic Abuse Act 2021

URL: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2021/17/contents/enacted>

### ■ Meaning of “harm”

- Section 120 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002

URL: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2002/38/section/120>

- Section 31 proceedings under the Children Act 1989

URL: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/41/section/31>

### ■ Vulnerable persons

- Practice Direction 3AA

URL: [https://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/family/practice directions/practice-direction-3aa-vulnerable-persons-participation-in-proceedings-and-giving-evidence](https://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/family/practice%20directions/practice-direction-3aa-vulnerable-persons-participation-in-proceedings-and-giving-evidence)

- Family Proceedings Rules 2010 - Part 3A

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### ■ Case law

- S (Vulnerable Parent: Intermediary) [2020] EWCA Civ 763

URL: <https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2020/763.html>