

CHILDREN'S MATTERS FLOWCHART

PRE-ACTION PROCEDURE



MEDIATION

The Family Law Rules provides that parents should endeavour to settle their matter **before** making an application to the Court. If negotiations fail you will be issued with a *Section 60I Certificate* and you are then entitled to make an application for orders relating to children.



INITIATING APPLICATION FILED



DIRECTIONS HEARING BEFORE A REGISTRAR



CHILD DISPUTE CONFERENCE

The parties meet with a Family Consultant in a further attempt to settle the dispute.

RESOLUTION PHASE



FIRST COURT EVENT

The Judge will order the parties to complete a questionnaire and makes directions concerning the nature and preparation of the parties' evidence; preparation of the Family Report by a Family Consultant and/or Child Psychiatrist.

DETERMINATION PHASE



FINAL HEARING



ORDERS AND JUDGMENT DELIVERED