

STATEMENT OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILDREN

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND, FAMILY DIVISION\*

IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR THE DIVISION OF\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*(One of the choices must be deleted)

Between Petitioner

and Respondent

and \*Co-Respondent

**To the Petitioner**

You must complete this form

if you or the respondent have any children \* under 16

or \* over 16 but under 18 if they are at school or

college or are training for a trade, profession or vocation.

Please use black ink.

Please complete Parts I, II and III.

Before you issue a petition for divorce or dissolution try to reach agreement with your [spouse][civil partner] over the proposals for the children's future. There is space for him/her to sign at the end of this form if agreement is reached.

If your [spouse][civil partner] does not agree with the proposals he/she will have the opportunity at a later stage to state why he/she does not agree and will be able to make his/her own proposals.

You should take or send the completed form, signed by you (and, if agreement is reached, by your [spouse][civil partner]) together with a copy to the court when you issue your petition.

If you wish to apply for any of the orders which may be available to you under Part II or III of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 you are advised to see a solicitor.

The court will only make an order if it considers that an order will be better for the child(ren) than no order.

You should obtain legal advice from a solicitor or, alternatively, from an advice agency. Addresses of solicitors and advice agencies can be obtained from the Yellow Pages.

**To the Respondent**

The petitioner has completed Part I, II and III of this form which will be sent to the court at the same time that the petition for divorce or dissolution is filed.

Please read all parts of the form carefully.

If you agree with the arrangements and proposals for the children you should sign Part IV of the form.

Please use black ink. You should return the form to the petitioner, or his/her solicitor.

If you do not agree with all or some of the arrangements or proposals you will be given the opportunity of saying so when the petition for divorce or dissolution is served on you.



**Part 1 – Details of the children**

Please read the instructions for boxes 1, 2 and 3 before you Complete this section.

**1. Children of both parties**

*(Give details only of any children born to you and the Respondent or adopted by you both)*

Forenames	Surname	Date of Birth
(i)		
(ii)		
(iii)		
(iv)		
(v)		

**2. Other children of the family**

*(Give details of any children treated by both of you as children of the family; for example your own or the Respondent's)*

Forename	Surname	Date of Birth	Relationship to	
			Yourself	Respondent
(i)				
(ii)				
(iii)				
(iv)				
(v)				

**3. Other children who are not children of the family**

*(Give details of any children born to you or the Respondent that have not been treated as Children of the family or adopted by you both)*

Forenames	Surname	Date of Birth
(i)		
(ii)		
(iii)		
(iv)		
(v)		

**Part II – Arrangements for the children of the family**

This part of the form must be completed. Give details for each child if arrangements are different. If necessary, continue on another sheet and attach it to this form.

**4. Home details** (please tick the appropriate boxes)

<p>(a) The address at which the children now live.</p>	
<p>(b) Give details of the number of living rooms, bedrooms, etc at the addresses in (a)</p>	
<p>(c) Is the house rented or owned and by whom?</p> <p>Is the rent or any mortgage being regularly paid?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
<p>(d) Give the names of all other persons living with the children including your [spouse][civil partner] if he/she lives there. State their relationship to the children.</p>	
<p>(e) Will there be any change in these arrangements?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please give details)</p>



**6. Childcare details** (please tick the appropriate boxes)

<p>(a) Which parent looks after the children from day to day? If responsibility is shared, please give details.</p>	
<p>(b) Does that parent go out to work?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <i>(please give details of his/her hours of work)</i></p>
<p>(c) Does someone look after the children when the parent is not there?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <i>(please give details)</i></p>
<p>(d) Who looks after the children during school holidays?</p>	
<p>(e) Will there be any change in these arrangements?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <i>(please give details)</i></p>

**7. Maintenance** (please tick the appropriate boxes)

<p>(a) Does your [spouse][civil partner] pay towards the upkeep of the children? If there is another source of maintenance please specify.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <i>(please give details of how much)</i></p>
<p>(b) Is the payment made under a court order?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <i>(please give details)</i></p>
<p>(c) Is the payment made following an assessment by the Child Support Agency?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
<p>(d) Has maintenance for the children been agreed?</p> <p>If not, will you be applying for a maintenance order from the court?</p> <p>Child support maintenance through the Child Support Agency?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <i>(please give details)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>

**8. Details for contact with the children**

*(please tick the appropriate boxes)*

<p>(a) Do the children see your [spouse][civil partner]?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><i>(please give details of how often and where)</i></p>
<p>(b) Do the children ever stay with your [spouse][civil partner]?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><i>(please give details of how much)</i></p>
<p>(c) Will there be any change to these arrangements?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><i>(please give details of how much)</i></p>

**9. Details of health**

*(please tick the appropriate boxes)*

<p>(a) Are the children generally in good health</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><i>(please give details of any serious disability or chronic illness)</i></p>
<p>(b) Do the children have any special health needs?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><i>(please give details of the care needed and how it is to be provided)</i></p>

**10. Details of care and other court proceedings**

*(please tick the appropriate boxes)*

<p>(a) Are the children in the care of a local authority, or under the supervision of a social worker or probation officer?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <i>(please give details including any court proceedings)</i></p>
<p>(b) Are any of the children on the Child Protection Register?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <i>(please give details of the local authority and the date of registration)</i></p>
<p>(c) Are there or have there been any proceedings in any court involving the children, for example adoption, custody/residence, access/contact wardship, care, supervision or maintenance (you need not include any Child Support Agency proceedings)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <i>(please give details and send a copy of any order to the court)</i></p>

**Part III - To the Petitioner**

**Conciliation**

If you and your [spouse][civil partner] do not agree about the arrangements for the child(ren), would you agree to discuss the matter with a Conciliator and your [spouse][civil partner]?

No       Yes

**Declaration**

I declare that the information I have given is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: .....(Petitioner)

Date: .....

**Part IV - To the Respondent**

I agree with the arrangements and proposals contained in Part I  
And II of this form.

Signed: .....(Respondent)

Date: .....