**COVID 19 remote court hearings Questionnaire**

The provision of the information requested below will assist the court greatly in the planning of future hearings during the current national crisis to ensure access and participation in the hearings for all involved

The information is to be completed by the solicitor representing the parent/party or by the parent/party themselves if acting in person.

The completed questionnaire should be returned to the Local Authority who will circulate it to the other parties and/or the court prior to the hearing (with confidential information removed as required).

Name/ number of case:

Name of party:

Form completed by:

Date:

1. Do you have a telephone and are you prepared to give your number to the Court? If so, please provide this phone number. Does this number need to be kept confidential from any other party?

1. Do you have a smartphone, tablet, laptop or computer? Or do you access to such a device in your home that you have permission to use? If so, please say which and if you have more than one.

1. Do you have a way of accessing the internet in your home? Is that through wi-fi, or smartphone contract data / smartphone pay as you go data? If through data what is the data limit? Is your internet connection good, or are there problems with it?
2. Do you have an email address? Are you prepared to give this to the Court to invite you to hearings, and to your solicitor so that instructions can be sent to you by email of how to take part in a telephone or video hearing? If so, please provide your email address. Does this email address need to be kept confidential from any of the parties?
3. Is there anyone else living in your home? If so, do you have a room in your home where you could go to and take part in a telephone or video hearing that might last quite a while without being disturbed?
4. IF there are any children in the home, is there someone else who could look after them while you did that? If not, how often would you need to take a break from the hearing so that you could do that? (Please delete if not applicable).
5. a) Are you self-isolating or shielding and if so for how long?

b) If not, would you be able to travel to a court building or other venue if it is possible to make this available to you to take part in the hearing.

1. Would you be prepared to attend at a court building in order to give evidence?