



**Children's Court
Victoria**

PRACTICE DIRECTION

No. 4 of 2012

MELBOURNE CHILDREN'S COURT

Family Division Section 162(1)(d) Pilot Specialist List

This Practice Direction is issued pursuant to Section 592 of the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*.

Preamble

This Practice Direction establishes a pilot Section 162(1)(d) list (the "D List") in the Family Division of the Melbourne Children's Court. The pilot D List will provide intensive judicial management of these complex and challenging cases.

This Practice Direction will only apply to protection applications filed from the Preston, Footscray and Box Hill offices of the Department of Human Services on or after 24 December 2012.

Directions

The pilot D List will commence sitting on 25 January 2013 and will conclude sitting on 28 June 2013 unless otherwise directed.

The list will sit on the following dates in 2013:

- 25 January
- 15 February
- 1 March
- 15 March
- 5 April
- 26 April
- 17 May
- 7 June
- 28 June

A protection application that lists ground 162(1)(d) as one of its grounds (eligible protection application) will be referred to the pilot D List.

Eligible protection applications by notice will be referred into the pilot D List by a registrar at the time of issuing the notice.

A judicial officer will refer eligible protection applications by safe custody to the pilot D List after the first mention and only if interim placement of the child or children has been resolved.

This Practice Direction commences on 24 December 2012.

Judge Paul Grant
President
Children's Court of Victoria

14 December 2012