

- if the child is over 16 but under 18 you must state whether he or she is at school or college, or training for a trade, profession or vocation, or is working full time
- whether they fall under (a) or (b) above.

Statement of arrangements for children

There is no need to complete a statement of arrangements for children when applying for a presumption of death decree/order.

Part 8: Special assistance or facilities if you attend Court

If you need special assistance and/or special facilities due to a disability or impairment, please set out your requirements in full. The court staff will need to know, for example, if you want documents to be supplied in an alternative format, such as Braille or large print. They will also need to know about any specific requirements you may have on the day of the hearing, such as wheelchair access, a hearing loop, or a sign language interpreter. If you require a foreign language interpreter and are unable to provide your own, you may request that one is booked by the court.

The court staff will get in touch with you about your requirements. It is important that you make the court aware of all your needs. If you do not, any hearing may have to be delayed or adjourned to another date.

Part 9: Service details

Throughout the presumption of death process, the court will be required to send documents to you. This is known as service of the documents..

Please complete the boxes in this section as follows:

Box 1 – If you have a solicitor acting for you, you must insert their details here.

Box 2 – This is the address to which the court will send all documentation for the Petitioner. If you have solicitors acting for you then enter 'as above'.

Please note that if you indicate that you have a solicitor acting for you the Court will only correspond with them. Any questions that you may have about your case should be directed to your solicitor.

The court may at any stage give directions about the service of the petition and whether any other person should be made a party to, or given notice of, the proceedings.

Part 10: Prayer

The prayer of the petition is your request to the court confirming what you are applying for.

What must I send to the court?

- ☐ Your completed petition for presumption of death decree/order and dissolution – one for the court records. You should keep a copy for your records.
- ☐ One original or certified marriage/civil partnership certificate – photocopies will not be accepted. (In cases of urgent applications it may be possible for you to provide an undertaking to the court to deliver the original or a certified copy of the marriage/civil partnership certificate to the court at a later date.)
- ☐ The appropriate issue fee. Please see leaflet **EX50 – Civil and Family Court fees** for details on the fees payable and whether or not you have to pay them.