

This [Practice Guidance](#) has been issued by James Munby, President of the Family Division and circulated as requested by HHJ Robertshaw with the following instructions:

**"I understand that the LSC are no longer willing to meet the costs of parents in receipt of public funding attending hearings without an order directing their attendance, thereby evidencing that their attendance is required and that the costs of travel are a justifiable, necessary and proportionate charge on their public funding certificate.**

**This means that unless the attendance of the parents at hearings is not necessary (which will be very rare) all orders directing a further hearing should now include an order directing that the parents must attend the hearing and that the costs incurred in securing their attendance (including travel costs and, if the hearing venue is a sufficient distance from their home, the costs of B and B accommodation) are a necessary, justified and proportionate charge on their public funding certificate."**