

Legal rights and the family home

Important - This resource is aimed at advisers to discuss with clients, **not** as a potential handout

advice than we are in a position to offer. Specialist advice on this can be sought from specialist agencies or the police.

Situations to consider:

- o The client may have a beneficial interest in the family home either because they have contributed to the purchase price/mortgage or through the length of their marriage.
- o Some clients may want to remain in the family home for various reasons i.e. it may be specially adapted for their needs or they may need to be close to a family member that requires care.

Clients that want to remain in the family home may be able to apply for a occupation order and the court may be able to readjust the ownership of the property. However, we recommend that they seek specialist advice from a solicitor as such situations often involve divorce/relationship breakdown and disputes can involve property ownership or even involve access/custody of any children.