

## Court makes ground breaking domestic violence Injunction without victim's consent

Rachel Horman head of Domestic violence at Watson Ramsbottom solicitors believes that a recent case will pave the way for further Injunction orders to be made to protect vulnerable adults without requiring their consent. The case concerned an elderly couple who were being physically and verbally abused by their adult son who also lived with them. The couple did not lack capacity to take proceedings but did not want to take proceedings against him for fear that this would end their relationship with him. In this case the local authority took the proceedings on the basis that they owed a duty to protect the couple and the court made the non-molestation order without their consent.

Rachel Horman said of the case "I believe that this case could be applied to allow a worried family member to take proceedings on behalf of a victim of domestic violence without necessarily obtaining their consent in much the same way as is possible under the Forced Marriage Protection Order Legislation."

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