Scott schedule for family court

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What it is

A Scott schedule is a table of the allegations in a case. Each allegation gets a number, a date, what is alleged, where the evidence is, the other side's response, and a column for the judge's finding. It is sometimes used to prepare for a fact-finding hearing.

Before you start

> **Only use one if the court has asked for it. In Re H-N (2021) the Court of Appeal said a list of separate incidents can miss a pattern of behaviour, such as coercive and controlling behaviour. Many courts now ask for a narrative statement or a summary of the pattern plus a few key incidents instead. Always follow what the court has directed.**

How to fill it in

- Number each allegation. One allegation per row.
- Keep each entry short: the date (as best you can), what happened, and where the evidence is (the bundle page, once you have one).
- Stick to the number of allegations the court allowed.
- If the court asked you to describe a pattern of behaviour, do that in the way it directed, not only as single rows.
- If you are responding: answer every numbered allegation with "admitted", "denied" or "partly admitted", a short reason, and any evidence.
- Leave the last column blank. It is for the judge.
- Never include an address or contact details you are keeping confidential (form C8).

Print or copy only the blank pages. Your court's own orders and directions always come first.

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Made-up example

Hartley v Hartley is an invented case. It shows the level of detail to aim for.

No.	Date	Allegation	Evidence (bundle page)	Response	Finding (for the judge)
1	06/02/2026	At the handover at 18:30 the respondent shouted at the applicant in front of Ella.	C5 para 9; WhatsApp 18:55, E22	Partly admitted. Raised voice, did not shout. C14 para 6	
2	06/02/2026	At 18:55 the respondent sent: "I only shouted because you pushed me to it."	WhatsApp export, E22	Admitted the message was sent.	
3	March 2026 (dates in C6 para 12)	The respondent checked the applicant's phone and bank app on at least 4 occasions.	C6 para 12; bank login emails, E30-E33	Denied. C15 para 3	

IN THE FAMILY COURT AT _____

Case number: _____

_____ **Applicant**

and

_____ **Respondent**

SCOTT SCHEDULE

of allegations made by _____, the _____, dated _____

No.	Date	Allegation	Evidence (bundle page)	Response	Finding (for the judge)
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