

**Chapter 15: Guidance on answering the self-test questions**

**Question 1: Your client has not been receiving their periodical payments for the past six months. Describe one method of enforcement. Would your answer be any different if the arrears were over two years old?**

A judgment summons could be used or the arrears could be registered with the family proceedings court or an attachment of earnings order could be made. Courts are reluctant to recover arrears if they are more than one year old.

**Question 2: Sam and Gene's case was heard in the County Court. A property adjustment order was made about their home and Gene was ordered to transfer it to Sam. Sam is refusing to sign the contract for sale. Can you suggest the next steps to take?**

Under s38 County Courts Act 1984 (for county courts) or occasionally s39 Supreme Court Act 1981 (in the High Court). Orders under these sections allow the court to require the offender to complete the act (e.g. signing the contract of sale) within a prescribed time. If the act is not done, the district judge can execute the necessary documentation to complete the transaction.