

## [<sup>F1</sup>SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 33 (2)

### Supporting documents: domestic violence

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Sch. 1 inserted (8.1.2018) by [The Civil Legal Aid \(Procedure\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1237\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2(5), **Sch.** (with reg. 3)

1. Evidence that B has been arrested for a relevant domestic violence offence.
2. A relevant police caution for a domestic violence offence.
3. Evidence of relevant criminal proceedings for a domestic violence offence which have not concluded.
4. A relevant conviction for a domestic violence offence.
5. Evidence of a court order binding over B in connection with a domestic violence offence.
6. A domestic violence protection notice issued under section 24 of the Crime and Security Act 2010 against B.
7. A relevant protective injunction.
8. An undertaking given in England and Wales under section 46 or 63E of the Family Law Act 1996 (or given in Scotland or Northern Ireland in place of a protective injunction) by B provided that a cross-undertaking relating to domestic violence was not given by A.
9. A copy of a finding of fact, made in proceedings in the United Kingdom, that there has been domestic violence by B.
10. An expert report produced as evidence in proceedings in the United Kingdom for the benefit of a court or tribunal confirming that a person with whom B is or was in a family relationship, was assessed as being, or at risk of being, a victim of domestic violence by B.
11. A letter or report from an appropriate health professional confirming that that professional, or another appropriate health professional—
  - (a) has examined A in person [<sup>F2</sup>, by telephone or by video conferencing]; and
  - (b) in the reasonable professional judgement of the author or the examining appropriate health professional A has, or has had, injuries or a condition consistent with being a victim of domestic violence.

#### Textual Amendments

**F2** Words in Sch. 1 para. 11(a) inserted (1.3.2023) by [The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 \(Legal Aid: Family and Domestic Abuse\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/150\)](#), arts. 3(1), **7(3)(b)**

12. A letter or report from—
  - (a) the appropriate health professional who made the referral described below;
  - (b) an appropriate health professional who has access to the medical records of A; or
  - (c) the person to whom the referral described below was made;

confirming that there was a referral by an appropriate health professional of A to a person who provides specialist support or assistance for victims of, or those at risk of, domestic violence.

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13. A letter from any person who is a member of a multi-agency risk assessment conference (or other suitable local safeguarding forum) confirming that A, or a person with whom A is in a family relationship, is or has been at risk of harm from domestic violence by B.

14. A letter from an independent domestic violence advisor confirming that they are providing [<sup>F3</sup>, or have provided,] support to A.

**Textual Amendments**

**F3** Words in Sch. 1 para. 14 inserted (15.5.2020) by [The Civil Legal Aid \(Procedure\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/439\)](#), regs. 1, **8(a)** (with reg. 10)

15. A letter from an independent sexual violence advisor confirming that they are providing [<sup>F4</sup>, or have provided,] support to A relating to sexual violence by B.

**Textual Amendments**

**F4** Words in Sch. 1 para. 15 inserted (15.5.2020) by [The Civil Legal Aid \(Procedure\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/439\)](#), regs. 1, **8(b)** (with reg. 10)

16. A letter from an officer employed by a local authority or housing association (or their equivalent in Scotland or Northern Ireland) for the purpose of supporting tenants containing—

- (a) a statement to the effect that, in their reasonable professional judgment, a person with whom B is or has been in a family relationship is, or is at risk of being, a victim of domestic violence by B;
- (b) a description of the specific matters relied upon to support that judgment; and
- (c) a description of the support they provided to the victim of domestic violence or the person at risk of domestic violence by B.

17.—(1) A letter from an organisation providing domestic violence support services.

(2) The letter must confirm that it—

- (a) is situated in [<sup>F5</sup>the United Kingdom];
- (b) has been operating for an uninterrupted period of six months or more; and
- (c) provided A with support in relation to A's needs as a victim, or person at risk, of domestic violence.

(3) The letter must contain—

- (a) a statement to the effect that, in the reasonable professional judgment of the author of the letter, A is, or is at risk of being, a victim of domestic violence;
- (b) a description of the specific matters relied upon to support that judgment;
- (c) a description of the support provided to A; and
- (d) a statement of the reasons why A needed that support.

**Textual Amendments**

**F5** Words in Sch. 1 para. 17(2) substituted (15.5.2020) by [The Civil Legal Aid \(Procedure\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/439\)](#), regs. 1, **8(c)** (with reg. 10)

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**18.** A letter or report from an organisation providing domestic violence support services in the United Kingdom confirming—

- (a) that a person with whom B is or was in a family relationship was refused admission to a refuge;
- (b) the date on which they were refused admission to the refuge; and
- (c) they sought admission to the refuge because of allegations of domestic violence by B.

**19.** A letter from a public authority confirming that a person with whom B is or was in a family relationship, was assessed as being, or at risk of being, a victim of domestic violence by B (or a copy of that assessment).

**20.** A letter from the Secretary of State for the Home Department confirming that A has been granted leave to remain in the United Kingdom [<sup>F6</sup>as a victim of domestic violence].

#### Textual Amendments

**F6** Words in [Sch. 1 para. 20](#) substituted (15.5.2020) by [The Civil Legal Aid \(Procedure\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/439\)](#), regs. 1, **8(d)** (with reg. 10)

**21.** Evidence which the Director is satisfied demonstrates that A has been, or is at risk of being, the victim of domestic violence by B in the form of abuse which relates to financial matters.

**22.** For the purpose of this Schedule—

“A” means the applicant for civil legal services;

“appropriate health professional” means—

- (a) a medical practitioner licensed to practise by the General Medical Council; or
- (b) a health professional who is registered to practise in the United Kingdom by—
  - (i) the Nursing and Midwifery Council;
  - (ii) the General Dental Council; or
- (c) a paramedic, practitioner psychologist, radiographer or social worker registered to practise in the United Kingdom by the Health and Care Professions Council;

“B” means the individual with whom A was in a family relationship giving rise to the need for the civil legal services that are the subject of the application;

“domestic violence offence” has the meaning given in the document published by the Lord Chancellor for that purpose under section 2 of the Act;

“expert report” means a report by a person qualified to give expert advice on all or most of the matters that are the subject of the report;

“housing association” has the same meaning as in subsection 1(1) of the Housing Associations Act 1985;

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“local authority” means a county council, a district council, a London borough council or a parish council but, in relation to Wales, means a county council, county borough council or community council;

“protective injunction” means an order made by the court—

- (a) in respect of persons who are in a family relationship with each other, containing any of the following provisions—
  - (i) protecting a person from harm, intimidation, threats or harassment;

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- (ii) protecting a person from being forced into a marriage or from any attempt to be forced into a marriage;
- (iii) prohibiting a person from contacting, or communicating with, another;
- (iv) concerning entry or access to, or the use or occupation of, property;
- (b) for the protection from female genital mutilation under paragraph 1 or 18 of Schedule 2 to the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003; or
- (c) in respect of a violent offender within the meaning of section 98 of the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008;

but does not include an order made without notice to the respondent that was subsequently set aside by the court;

“public authority” has the same meaning as in section 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998;

“refuge” means—

- (a) a refuge established for the purpose of providing accommodation for victims of, or those at risk of, domestic violence; or
- (b) a residential home established and maintained by a public body for any other purpose that also provides accommodation to the victims of, or those at risk of, domestic violence;

“relevant” means that the evidence—

- (a) identifies a person with whom B is or was in a family relationship as being, or at risk of being, the victim of domestic violence; or
- (b) is-
  - (i) in a form described in paragraphs 1 to 4 of this Schedule;
  - (ii) identifies B as the person arrested for, cautioned with, charged with, or convicted of the domestic violence offence; and
  - (iii) relates to a domestic violence offence which does not identify the victim.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F7** Words in [Sch. 1 para. 22](#) omitted (1.3.2023) by virtue of [The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 \(Legal Aid: Family and Domestic Abuse\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/150\)](#), arts. 3(1), **7(3)(c)**

## 1<sup>F8</sup>SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 34 (2)

Supporting documents: protection of children

#### Textual Amendments

- F8** [Sch. 2](#) inserted (8.1.2018) by [The Civil Legal Aid \(Procedure\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1237\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2(5), **Sch.** (with reg. 3)

1. Evidence that B has been arrested for a child abuse offence.
2. A relevant police caution for a child abuse offence.
3. Evidence of relevant criminal proceedings for a child abuse offence which have not concluded.

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4. A relevant conviction for a child abuse offence.
5. A relevant protective injunction.
6. A copy of a finding of fact made in proceedings in the United Kingdom of abuse of a child by B.
7. A letter from a social services department in England and Wales (or its equivalent in Scotland or Northern Ireland) confirming that the child was assessed as being, or at risk of being, a victim of child abuse by B (or a copy of that assessment).
8. A letter from a social services department in England and Wales (or its equivalent in Scotland or Northern Ireland) confirming that a child protection plan was put in place to protect the child from abuse or a risk of abuse by B (or a copy of that plan).
9. An application for an injunction described in paragraph 5 of this Schedule made with an application for a prohibited steps order against B under section 8 of the Children Act 1989 which has not, at the date of the application for civil legal services, been decided by the court.
10. For the purpose of this Schedule—
  - “child abuse offence” has the meaning given in the document published by the Lord Chancellor for that purpose under section 2 of the Act;
  - “protective injunction” has the same meaning given in Schedule 1 to these Regulations;
  - “relevant” means—
    - (a) for the purpose of paragraphs 1 to 4 of this Schedule that the arrest, caution, criminal proceedings or conviction identifies B as being arrested for, cautioned for, charged with, or convicted of, the child abuse offence; and
    - (b) for the purpose of paragraph 5 of this Schedule, that the protective injunction—
      - (i) identifies B as the respondent; and
      - (ii) is made for the protection of the child who is or would be the subject of the order to which the application relates.]

**Changes to legislation:**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- [table of contents words inserted by S.I. 2016/561 reg. 2\(2\)](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 1 para. 6A inserted by [S.I. 2023/150 art. 7\(3\)\(a\)](#)