

Response from health professional to request for evidence of injuries/condition consistent with domestic violence

This example letter has been designed by the Ministry of Justice to be used to request evidence of a referral by an appropriate health professional to a domestic violence support service.

*Information required is highlighted and instructions are italicised. **Please delete any unnecessary text and instructions (including this introduction) before sending.***

HEADED LETTER *[Where possible, please use letter headed paper.]*

[Addressee name]

[Your Address]

[Address]

[Your E-mail (if applicable)]

[Your Contact telephone number]

[GMC/NMC/HCPC] Registration Number:

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Dear [Insert name of addressee],

Name of applicant: [Name of applicant]

I understand that [Name of applicant] ('the Applicant') wishes to access legal aid for a family dispute as a victim of domestic violence. For this reason, I have been asked to provide a letter in accordance with regulation 33 and schedule 1 of the Civil Legal Aid (Procedure) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

The applicant has confirmed that the [injuries/condition] that [he/she] presented to me [insert relevant health professional's name] with on [date of consultation] were caused by domestic abuse.

I can confirm that I have examined [the Applicant] and in my reasonable professional judgement, the [injuries [and/or] condition] that the Applicant has [or has had] are consistent with domestic violence.

I understand that this evidence is only required for a decision on whether or not to grant legal aid – it is not designed to provide evidence of domestic violence for use in court.

Yours sincerely,

[Sign]

[Name of Medical signatory]

[Title of signatory]

[Please indicate if signing on behalf of health professional colleague in their absence]