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| **Form N APPEAL (Easy Read) Form to Crown**  **Court from a Magistrates’ Court about**  **a variation or discharge of a Domestic**  **Abuse Protection Order;**  **Section 46(5) Domestic Abuse Act 2021** |
| Please write your name here: |
| Section 1  Please read the information in the boxes below to check you are using the right form. This form is for applicants who are representing themselves **without a lawyer**. If you need any help with this form, please contact the magistrates’ court.    **Has a Domestic Abuse Protection Order that you are protected by been changed or removed, or the court has decided not to do this?**  If **YES** go to next box on page 2.  If **NO** this is not the right form for you. Please contact the court on the number above to get assistance.  This form is for **appeals to the Crown Court against variations or discharges of a magistrates’ court domestic abuse order** only.  Crown_court_300 |
| **Do you want to appeal against the court decision?**  If **YES** go to next box.  If **NO** this is not the right form for you. If you want to appeal against other parts of a court order, please contact the court on the number at the top of this form.      **Do you have a lawyer helping you appeal?**  If **NO** go to next box.  If **YES** – they will fill in the form for you. You do NOT need to fill in this form. **Legal representatives should use a different form.**  You may be able to get legal aid. This is when the government pays a lawyer to help you with your appeal. You can contact a solicitor to tell you what you need to do. You may need to fill in some forms to get legal aid.      **Do you have good reasons to appeal?**  If not, or you are not sure, consider seeking legal advice if you can.  If **YES**, continue below. |
| Section 2  **Late Appeals.**  You must send your appeal to the magistrates’ court that made the decision within **21 days** after the order was made. If you’re not sure about this, consider seeking legal advice.    What was the date of the hearing in the magistrates’ court? (This is the date that the court made a decision).    If the court hearing was more than 21 days ago you can ask for permission to appeal but you need to tell us why you did not appeal sooner in the box below. A Crown Court judge will decide if you can still appeal. If you send this appeal to the court in less than 21 days, do not complete this box.   |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| **This section asks you for details about you and your case.**  **This information will be shared with other people.**  **If you don’t want other people to see this information,**  **Please fill in a Confidential Annex Form**  What is your full name?  What is your date of birth?  What is your address and postcode?    **WARNING!** – If you move address please let us know so we can still contact you about your case.    What is your telephone number?  What is your e-mail address?  The court will email you about your case unless you tell us not to.  Please watch out for emails from the court and answer them if you are asked for more information. If you have a solicitor, you don’t need to do this yourself.    Do you need your appeal heard urgently?  If **YES** please tell us why here (use more space if you need it):   |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| Section 4    What is the name of the magistrates’ court where the hearing took place? (For example, Leeds Magistrates’ Court)  What is your court reference number? (A court number can be found on letters from the Court, it will look something like: 2400123123 or URN:01AB01234524)  What is the name of the person that the order was made against? This is the person who may have been told not to contact you, or not to go to your address. Their name will be on the court order.  What is their date of birth? If you don’t know what it is, leave this space empty:    Is the person that the order was made against in prison?  Yes No Don’t know  Did you go to the hearing at the magistrates’ court?  Yes No  Earth globe: Africa and Europe with solid fillWill you need an interpreter at court?  Yes No  If **YES**, the court will arrange an interpreter for your hearing.  Please tell us what is your first or preferred language: |
| Section 5  **Special Measures**  Online meeting with solid fillIf you are nervous about being in court with the person that the order was made against, you can ask to the court to let you have special measures. These can include:   * Being in a different room to the court and appearing on a video camera, * Sitting behind a large screen in the courtroom, or * Lawyers and judge removing their wigs and gowns. * If you have difficulties with understanding and communicating, the court may be able to book an intermediary to help you communicate in court.   Do you want to apply for special measures?  Yes No  If **YES**, please tell us why and what special measure you are asking for. A judge will decide if you can have special measures. If you don’t want other people to know why you are asking for this, use the Confidential Annex Form.     |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| Section 6  **Grounds of Appeal**  You need to explain clearly the reasons (known as grounds) why you think the Crown Court should change the decision.  The Crown Court will make a decision using the information you write on this form, and the judge may ask you questions about it in your hearing. The judge will also hear information from other people who are named in the order, or who may be affected by it.  ***Appeal***  They will see any reasons that you write here before the hearing. |
| **Use the boxes below to tell us about your separate grounds of appeal. Use one box for each ground of appeal.**  **You do not need to fill all the boxes.**  **1.**   |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |   **2.**   |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |   **3.**   |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |   **4.**   |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |   **5.**   |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |   **6.**   |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |   Please sign this form to say that you want to appeal the order that was made by the magistrates’ court (no one else can sign this for you). Typing your name in the box is enough, you do not need to print it and sign it by hand.  Signature:    Date: |
| Section 7  You should now send this form to the magistrates’ court that dealt with your case.    You can send your form by post or by email. The court details will be on any paperwork that you have been sent. You can also look up the address on the internet.  Court staff will send your form to the Crown Court. They will also send your form to the Chief Officer of Police that is named on the order. They may send it to any other person that needs to know that you have appealed the court decision.  This will include the person who is named on the order.  There is a separate form (a Confidential Annex Form) for you to tell us your details and any information that you do not want other people to know for your safety. If you are not sure about this, please ask a solicitor.  **What happens next?**  The Crown Court will write to you to tell you what will happen next. If you have appealed out of time, the judge will tell you if you can still appeal and give their reasons. You may be told when you should go to court for the judge to decide on your appeal. |