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| Request for evidence of support by an Independent Sexual Violence Advisor/Advocate |

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| *This example letter has been designed by the Ministry of Justice to be used to request evidence of support from an independent sexual violence advisor/advocate.*  *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]***

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| [Addressee name]  [Address] | [Your Address]  [Your E-mail (if applicable)]  [Your Contact telephone number] |

Dear [Insert name of addressee],

Name of applicant: [Name of applicant]

Name of perpetrator: [Name of perpetrator]

I understand that [name of applicant] wishes to access legal aid for a family dispute as a victim of domestic abuse. For this reason, I have been asked to confirm that I am providing/have provided support to [name of applicant] in accordance with regulation 33 and schedule 1 of the Civil Legal Aid (Procedure) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

I can confirm that I am providing/have provided [name of applicant] with support relating to sexual violence by [name of perpetrator].

More information and guidance about the evidential requirements for legal aid can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/legal-aid/domestic-abuse>

Yours sincerely,

[Sign]

[Name of Independent Sexual Violence Advisor/Advocate]

[Title of signatory]