**Domestic abuse support service – Request to provide referral confirmation from a health professional**

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| *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 abuse support service.*  *An appropriate health professional can be a medical practitioner, nurse, midwife, dental practitioner, paramedic, practitioner psychologist, radiographer or social worker registered and licensed to practise in the country in which they provide a letter or report, or examine the individual. This appropriate health professional may be based overseas.*  *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]

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 [name of applicant] has been referred by an appropriate health professional to a domestic abuse support service in accordance with regulation 33 and schedule 1 of the Civil Legal Aid (Procedure) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

I can confirm that [name of applicant] was referred to a domestic abuse support service on the [date when referral made] by [name and contact details, professional title, practice address and GMC/NMC/HCPC registration number (registration number only if known and applicable)].

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 here]

[Title of signatory]