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| Letter from a public authority as evidence of domestic abuse |

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| *This example letter has been designed by the Ministry of Justice to be used to request evidence of support from a public authority.**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 perpetrator: [Name of perpetrator]

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 provide a letter in accordance with regulation 33 and schedule 1 of the Civil Legal Aid (Procedure) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

Accordingly, I can confirm that [Name of applicant], a person with whom [Name of perpetrator] is or was in a family relationship with, was assessed as being, or at risk of being, a victim of domestic abuse 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 public authority signatory]

[Title of signatory and organisation]