

## What Counts as Evidence that Children are At Risk?

The Legal Aid Authority will accept the following evidence of children being at risk of abuse:



- A** A relevant unspent conviction of your opponent for a child abuse offence.
- B** A relevant police caution of your opponent for a child abuse offence, given within the 24 month period immediately before the date for the Legal Aid application.
- C** Evidence of relevant criminal proceedings that are currently ongoing for a child abuse offence against your opponent which have not concluded.
- D** A relevant protective injunction which is in force, or was granted against your opponent within the 24 month period immediately preceding the date of the application for Legal Aid.
- E** A copy Finding of Fact of abuse of a child by your opponent, made in proceedings in the UK, within the 24 month period immediately preceding the application for Legal Aid.
- F** A letter from a Social Services Department in England and Wales (or its equivalent in Scotland or Northern Ireland) confirming that, within the 24 month period immediately preceding the application for Legal Aid, the child was assessed as being, or at risk of being, a victim of child abuse by your opponent (or a copy of that assessment).
- G** A letter from a Social Services Department in England and Wales (or its equivalent in Scotland or Northern Ireland) confirming that, within the 24 month period immediately preceding your application, a Child Protection Plan was put in place to protect the child from abuse, or a risk of abuse, by your opponent (or a copy of that plan).
- H** An application for an injunction described in Paragraph 2 B made with an application for Prohibited Steps Order against your opponent under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 which has not, at the date of the application for Legal Aid, been decided by the Court.

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