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Civil Applications

Legal Appeal Requests

Domestic Abuse Analysis

July 2021

Data

- During May & June 2021 we recorded 107 Legal Appeals against applications/amendments for representation in Domestic Abuse proceedings
- 1 case was incorrectly recorded as a Domestic Abuse application/amendment and has been removed from this analysis
- 79 cases (74.5%) were fully granted on Internal Review.
- In 64 of those 79 cases (81%) we determined the initial decision to refuse/part-grant funding was correct based on the information and evidence provided with the application/amendment. These cases were granted on Internal Review because additional information and evidence was provided with the Legal Appeal.
- The remaining 15 cases (19%) were granted on Internal Review after we determined the initial refusal/part-grant was incorrect.

Analysis

Additional Information Provided in Support of Appeal	Count
Police Involvement	22
Statement of Case	18
Bail Conditions	9
Warning Letter	8
Nature/Frequency of Incidents	3
Delay submitting substantive amend	2
Clarified Correct Date of DF Grant	1
Suitability of Undertaking (Respondent)	1
	64

Reasons Initial Decision Incorrect	Count
Statement Of Case Provided Sufficient Detail	7
Refused DF Application; should have issued but date limited	4
Inadequate Refusal Reasons Provided	2
Requested LASPO Evidence	1
Should Have Requested Further Info	1
	15

Hints & Tips

- The statement of case should confirm whether matters have been reported to the Police
- If the Police have not been notified, full reasons should be provided
- If the Police have been notified, details of any action they are taking should be provided
- If the opponent is subject to bail conditions the statement of case should set out the reasons why the client also requires a protective injunction
- The statement of case should document the allegations of domestic abuse, including details of specific incidents
- The statement of case should confirm whether a warning letter has been sent. If a warning letter has not been sent the statement should explain the reason(s) why



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