

Gateway evidence checker

If you are concerned about whether a piece of evidence complies with the regulations, the LAA offers an email service so you can check before delegated functions are used. Please email: GatewayEvidenceCheck@justice.gov.uk. The LAA aims to respond within 48 hours.

They answered 1,236 emails between March and May 2026. Feedback from the team:

- Review the evidence first and highlight the part you believe meets the criteria, or the part you are unsure of.
- They should not need to check non-molestation orders, certificates of conviction, or Health Profession letters that follow the template letter, as they should meet the requirements. Refer to the [evidence requirements guidance](#).
- Please provide the parties' names, proceedings applied for and the client's involvement, as well as children's names and where they live, where applicable.
- Please don't copy clients or provide this email address to domestic abuse services. This email service is for providers, to support them in making decisions about whether proceedings are in scope of legal aid.
- This service does not assess the merits of the case.
- DVSS letters and child protection plans seem to cause the most problems for providers.
- Evidence of an arrest or ongoing proceedings is time-sensitive, so at the time of submitting the application the opponent must be under arrest, bailed or charged, and the letters need to list either the domestic violence or child abuse offence and the opponent.