**LEGAL AID FOR PRIVATE LAW CHILDREN MATTERS ONLY**

**What you need to provide, in order to qualify for legal aid:**

In order to be eligible for legal aid in respect of a child protection application, you will need to provide your solicitor with **ONE** of the following types of evidence.

*We can advise how you obtain this if required, at your initial appointment:*

1. Relevant unspent conviction for a child abuse offence;
2. Relevant police caution for a child abuse offence given with the 24 month period immediately preceding the date of the application;
3. Evidence of relevant criminal proceedings for a child abuse offence which have not concluded;
4. Relevant protective injunction which is in force or which was granted within the 24 month period immediately preceding the date of the application;
5. Copy of a finding of fact, made in proceedings in the UK within the 24 month period immediately preceding the date of the application, of abuse of a child by an individual (“B”), other than the applicant for the civil legal services (“A”);
6. Letter from a social services department confirming that, within the 24 month period immediately preceding the date of the application, the child was assessed as being, or at risk as being, a victim of child abuse by B;

If you are able to provide us with at least one of the above, then please contact us to arrange an appointment with our relevant solicitor, on one of the numbers listed below:

* Pontypridd Office 01443 486666
* Pencoed Office 01656 862424
* Talbot Green Office 01443 223265
* Swansea Office 01792 455400

Alternatively, you can email your query to [info@dwharris.co.uk](mailto:info@dwharris.co.uk), or complete our query form online, by clicking on, or copying the link below into your internet browser:

<http://www.dwharris.co.uk/site/contact/enquiry_form/>

**What to do if you cannot provide any of the evidence listed above:**

If you are unable to satisfy any of the above evidence requirements, we may still be able to assist you with our competitive rates. Please contact us to find out more in this respect.