

Petitioner submission of 8 May 2022

PE1917/D – Provide full legal aid to all parents fighting for access to their children

Thank you for taking on my petition and understanding there is a gap between 2 parents splitting up and what's in the best interest of the child. Too many children are growing up in a 1 parent family due to 1 parent withdrawing contact from the other parent without a valid reason. This is having a detrimental impact on a child's upbringing and the alienated parents' mental health. There needs to be a system in place to stop this from happening. I hope that going forward a social work review and a contact agreement will come from a registered professional rather than the parents who cannot agree contact arrangements. This will help minimise parents having to spend thousands of pounds in court fees and reduce the amount of time that the child will be alienated from their other parent.