

Domestic Abuse Bill

AMENDMENTS
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Clause 2

BARONESS BUTLER-SLOSS

Page 2, line 27, at end insert “or if one is the guardian of the other.”

Page 2, line 27, at end insert—

- “(h) they are in a forced marriage, or one person is forcing the other into a forced marriage with another person;
- (i) one is in domestic servitude to the other.”

Clause 3

BARONESS BUTLER-SLOSS

Page 3, line 7, at end insert “, or

- (c) the person lives in the same household as the child.”

Clause 56

BARONESS FINLAY OF LLANDAFF

Page 36, line 41, at end insert—

- “(h) at least one person appearing to the authority to have expertise in relation to substance use, addictions and mental health.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment adds a requirement that the domestic abuse local partnership board include at least one person with expertise of substance use, addictions and mental health.

After Clause 72

BARONESS HELIC

Insert the following new Clause—

“Effective protection and support for all victims of domestic abuse

- (1) The Secretary of State must take steps to ensure that all victims of domestic abuse, irrespective of their status, receive—
 - (a) equally effective protection against domestic abuse, and
 - (b) equally effective support.
- (2) In this section—

“status” includes a status for the purpose of Article 4(3) of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence and any combined forms of such status;

“victims of domestic abuse” includes persons who are reasonably believed to be at risk of domestic abuse.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new Clause ensures all victims of domestic abuse are protected, regardless of their status, in line with Article 4(3) of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention).

LORD KENNEDY OF SOUTHWARK
BARONESS BULL

Insert the following new Clause—

“Evidence of domestic abuse for the purposes of legal aid: restriction of fees

- (1) Where a healthcare professional has examined a person in the course of providing services under a general medical services contract, the healthcare professional may not impose a fee upon that person for providing a letter or report for the purposes of regulation 33(2)(h) of the Civil Legal Aid (Procedure) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/3098) (supporting documents: domestic violence).
- (2) In this section, “general medical services contract” has the meaning given by section 84 of the National Health Service Act 2006.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment aims to prevent GPs who have a contract with the NHS from charging victims of domestic abuse for letters confirming their injuries so that they can seek access to legal aid.

Clause 73

BARONESS FINLAY OF LLANDAFF

Page 58, line 5, at end insert—

“(c) the relationship between domestic abuse and substance use.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that guidance issued by the Secretary of State must cover the link between domestic abuse and substance use.

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