Lord Wolfson of Tredegar

Parliamentary Under-Secretary

Ministry of Justice

House of Lords

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Dear Lord Wolfson

I am writing to you to request that you conduct a review of the family court case of Victoria Hudson and her daughter aged 6. Victoria has been in family court proceedings since March 2017. In September 2018, Victoria’s daughter (then aged 2) was physically and forcibly removed from her family home and placed under a Care Order with her ex-partner, who is not biologically related to her. In the ensuing years, Victoria has pursued every avenue for justice available to her.

Like too many other women experiencing domestic violence and abuse, Victoria’s claim is that the family court colluded with her abuser in the most punishing way, by severing mother and child and granting custody to the perpetrator.

[feel free to add your own experiences here, or say something about why you are supporting Victoria]

In her pursuit of justice, Victoria worked alongside other campaigners to successfully lobby the Government to review unsafe contact orders and the removal of children by the family courts. The resulting report, published by the Ministry of Justice, [“Assessing Risk of Harm to Children and Parents in Private Law Children Cases”](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/895173/assessing-risk-harm-children-parents-pl-childrens-cases-report_.pdf) evidences the abuse and long term harmful impacts that often arise from family court orders, including:

“Enabling the continued control of children and adult victims of domestic abuse by alleged abusers, as well as the continued abuse of victims and children, [and] long-term impacts of this abuse manifesting in physical, emotional, psychological, financial and educational harm and harm to children’s current and future relationships.”

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Those supporting Victoria, hope that if a review is granted, it will not only bring justice for her and her daughter, but also make a similar case for other mothers and children who are experiencing severance, abuse, and harm because of family court decisions.

Victoria and others continue to campaign for more transparency in family court proceedings. Her supporters are also calling upon the Joint Committee on Human Rights, to conduct an inquiry of family court decisions in relation to their impact upon rights to family life.

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Yours sincerely

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