

Anonymous registration – list of persons who may attest an application

The attestation must relate to the applicant or a named person in the same household and certify that the safety of the person would be at risk if their name and/or address is contained in the register. It must be dated, signed by the qualifying officer and state the period for which it has effect (between 1-5 years beginning on the date it is made).

The attestation cannot be delegated from a qualifying officer to a more junior person within their organisation and the attestation must be in writing and signed by the qualifying officer.

- (a) A police officer of or above the rank of inspector of the police Service of Northern Ireland.
- (b) A police officer of or above the rank of inspector of any police force in England and Wales.
- (c) A police officer of or above the rank of inspector of the Police Service of Scotland.
- (d) The Director General of the Security Service.
- (e) The Director General of the National Crime Agency.
- (f) Any director of adult social services in England within the meaning of section 6(A1) of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970.
- (g) Any director of social services in Wales within the meaning of section 6(1) of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970.
- (h) Any director of children's services in England within the meaning of section 18 of the Children Act 2004.
- (i) Any chief social work officer in Scotland within the meaning of section 3 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.
- (j) The director of social care and children of the regional Health and Social Care Board established under section 7 of the Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009.
- (k) Any executive director of social work of a Health and Social Services Trust established under article 10 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.
- (l) Any registered medical practitioner.
- (m) Any registered nurse or midwife.
- (n) Any person who manages a refuge*.

* "Refuge" means accommodation together with a planned programme of therapeutic and practical support for victims of, or those at risk of, domestic abuse or violence.