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Client Name:	Heidi High
Client Number:	8601783
Case Reference:	300000651984
Assessment Date:	14-Jan-2021 17:01

Merits Report

Merits Version Number	18A
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Client Details (Merits)

Provider Case Reference	HH2
Client: First name	Heidi
Client: Surname	High
Client: Surname at birth	High
Client: Date of Birth	03-APR-1990
Client: The Client's Age	30
Client: The Client's Marital Status	Married
Client: The client is high profile	No

Merits Application Summary

App: LAR Scope Flag	Yes
Urgent: The Application is for urgent funding	No
App: The Application Is An Emergency/Delegated Functions Application	No
Emg: The Application Has Been Granted Using Delegated Functions	No
App: The Current Certificate Is Emergency	No
App: The Current Certificate Is Substantive	No
App: The Main Purpose Of The Application	Legal Aid
App: The Category Of Law Meaning	Family
App: The Date The Client First Visited The Firm About This Case	01-JAN-2021
App: Number Of Parties Represented By The Solicitor In The	1

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Proceedings	
App: The Family Predicted Costs Under The Certificate	396.00
App: The predicted costs of certificated work	396.00

Proceedings

App: The Default Cost Limitation	25,000.00
App: The Default Cost Limitation Has Changed	No

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Proc: New or existing	NEW
Proc: The Proceeding Meaning	CAO contact
Proc: The Proceeding Description	to be represented on an application for a child arrangements order-who the child(ren) spend time with
Proc: Lead Proceeding	Yes
Client: The Client's Involvement In The Proceeding	Applicant/Claimant/Petitioner
Proc: The Proceeding Matter Type Meaning	Section 8 orders
Proc: The Proceeding Matter Type Description	Children-Section 8 orders
Proc: The Proceeding Form Of Service	Family Help (Higher)
Proc: The Proceeding Limitation Meaning	FHH Children
Proc: The Proceeding Limitation Description	Limited to Family Help (Higher) and to all steps necessary to negotiate and conclude a settlement. To include the issue of proceedings and representation in those proceedings save in relation to or at a contested final hearing.

Case Routing

Case: Actual / Likely Costs Of The Case For All Clients Represented Exceed 25K	No
Case: The Requested Cost Limitation Exceeds £25,000	No
Case: Matter Relates To Mental Health Act 2007/Mental Capacity Act 2005	No

Previous Legal Aid

PrevLA: The Client Has Received Legal Aid Before	No
PrevLA: The Provider Has Provided Legal Help To The Client On This Matter	No
PrevLA: The Provider Has Provided	No

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Legal Help To The Client	
PrevLA: The Client Has Received Family Help (Lower) On This Matter	No

Section 10 Exceptional Funding

ECF Criteria

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ECF: Inscope Schedule 1 Legal Aid Sentencing & Punishment Of Offenders Act 2012	Yes
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Schedule 1 LAR Criteria and Gateways

Gate: Falls Within The Cross Border Disputes LAR Criteria	No
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Domestic Violence Gateway

DV Criteria

Gate: The Client Is At Risk Of Domestic Abuse	Yes
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DV Evidence

GEvi: Relevant Conviction For A Domestic Violence Related Offence	No
GEvi: Relevant Police Caution For A Domestic Violence Related Offence	Yes
GEvi: Evidence Of Relevant Criminal Proceedings For A DV Related Offence	No
GEvi: Relevant Protective Injunction Related To Domestic Violence	No
GEvi: Undertaking From The Respondent Given In UK	No
GEvi: Evidence Other Party Has Been Arrested For DV Related Offence	No
GEvi: Letter From A Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference	No
GEvi: Finding Of Fact That Other Party Has Committed DV	No
GEvi: Letter Or Report From An Appropriate Health Professional	No
GEvi: DV Support Organisation Refuge Refusal Letter Or Report	No
GEvi: Referral From An Appropriate Health Professional	No
GEvi: Relevant Domestic Violence Protection Notice (DVPN) Against Other Party	No
GEvi: Relevant Court Order Binding Over Perpetrator	No
GEvi: The Client Has Evidence Of Financial Abuse	No

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GEvi: Letter Or Assessment From A Local Authority or Housing Association	No
GEvi: Letter Or Assessment From A Public Body Or Expert Report	No
GEvi: Letter From SOS Confirming That Client Granted Leave To Remain In UK	No
GEvi: Letter from Domestic Violence Support Services	No
GEvi: Letter from IDVA Or Independent Sexual Violence Advisor	No

Child Abuse Gateway

CA Criteria

Gate: Alleged That Child Is At Risk Of Abuse	No
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LAR Criteria

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LARCriteria: Falls Within The Child Parties LAR Criteria	No
LARCriteria: Falls Within The Cross Border Disputes LAR Criteria	No

Section 11 Merits Assessment

Emergency

Emg: The Provider Has Delegated Functions	Yes
Emg: The Provider Has Delegated Functions For Judicial Review	No

Case Details

Proceeding Specific

Court: A CAFCASS Or Other Expert Report Has Been Received	No
Court: Client Has Attended Court On Any Family Matter Within The Last 12 Months	No

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SCA: The Appeal For The Proceeding Is An Appeal Against A Final Order	No
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Prospects of Success

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Fam: The Family Prospects Of Success For The Proceeding	50% or Better
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Family Costs to Completion

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Fam: The Profit Costs To Completion Of The Family Proceeding	99.00
Fam: The Disbursements Cost To Completion Of The Family Proceeding	99.00
Fam: The Expert Costs To Completion Of The Family Proceeding	99.00
Fam: The Counsel Fees To Completion Of The Family Proceeding	99.00
Fam: The Proceeding Family Predicted Costs Under The Certificate	396.00

Court

Court: The Proceedings For Which Funding Is Being Sought Are Before The Court	No
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Alternative Funding

AltFund: The Application Is Being Brought By A Personal Representative	No
AltFund: There Are Other Persons Who Can Reasonably Be Expected Fund The Case	No
AltFund: There Are Other Parties Who Are Likely To Benefit From Work Conducted	No

Attempts to Settle

Settle: Attempts To Settle The Matter Through Negotiation Correspondence Made	No
Settle: The Reason Why No Attempts To Settle Have Been Made	nnn

Opponents and Third Parties

Rep: The client requires separate representation in proceedings	No
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Miss So High

OthPart: Other Party Name	Miss So High
OthPart: Date of Birth	11-NOV-2011
OthPart: The Opponent & Other Parties Relationship To Case	Child
OthPart: The Opponent & Other Parties Relationship To Client	Child

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Evidence

Evi: There Is An Existing Counsels Opinion In Relation To The Matter	No
Evi: There Are Existing Experts Reports In Relation To The Matter	No
Evi: The Provider Is Going To Upload A Separate Statement	No
Evi: Provider is going to upload evidence supporting Dec Against Instructions	No

Statement

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Statement:The Family Statement Of Case Detail	Statement
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Client Declaration

Dec: Application Has Been Completed On Behalf Of Someone Else	No
Dec: Relevant Declaration Will Be Signed Prior To Submission Of The Application	Yes
Dec: The Client's Declaration	1. a) Client's Merits Declaration
Dec: The Client's Declaration Paragraph 02	This declaration applies to all the information given in this application as summarised below, and to any evidence provided in support:
Dec: The Client's Declaration Paragraph 2	My solicitors have given me to keep:
Dec: The Client's Declaration Paragraph 3	> The Legal Aid Agency's leaflet about Legal Aid ('Paying for your Legal Aid' leaflet available at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/funding-and-costs-assessment-for-civil-and-crime-matters)
Dec: The Client's Declaration Paragraph 6	I understand:
Dec: The Client's Declaration Paragraph 7	- Legal aid is not always free.
Dec: The Client's Declaration Paragraph 8	- The Legal Aid Agency may register an interest bearing charge against my property.
Dec: The Client's Declaration Paragraph 9	- I may have to pay back all or part of my legal costs at the end of my case.
Dec: The Client's Declaration Paragraph 10	- The more work my solicitor does, the more I may have to pay back.
Dec: The Client's Declaration Paragraph 11	As far as I know, all the information I have given is true and I have not withheld any relevant information. I understand that if I knowingly give false information or withhold relevant information or fail to disclose any change in circumstances for the duration of my funding that my Legal Aid may be stopped and criminal proceedings may be taken against me.
Dec: The Client's Declaration Paragraph 12	I give my permission for the Legal Aid Agency to make any enquiries of third parties and I authorise those third parties to give any information necessary to deal with this.
Dec: The Client's Declaration Paragraph 13	I understand if false or inaccurate information is provided and fraud is identified, details will be passed to fraud

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	prevention agencies to prevent fraud and money laundering. For further details explaining how the information held by fraud prevention agencies may be used contact the Counter Fraud and Investigations team on 020 3334 5588.
Dec: The Client's Declaration Paragraph 14	Signed: _____
Dec: The Client's Declaration Paragraph 15	Date: ____/____/____
The provider is confident that client has read and understood declaration	Yes

Merits Risks

RISK SCA PR: No court order and no agreement - clarify nature of client PR	No
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