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Dear Ms Parker,

**Nadia Zahmoul – 27.04.1969
Hill Villa, Daisybank Road, Cheltenham, GL53 9QQ**

I write in some urgency as I am extremely concerned about the physical and mental welfare of my patient Nadia Zahmoul.

I understand that you are acting for her in divorce proceedings and these proceedings have been going on for some time.

I also understand that as part of these proceedings there is a Court order which Mrs Zahmoul has been unable to sign given the allegations made around the matter, which she believes are untrue. In circumstances where Mrs Zahmoul has been struggling with significant personal attacks on her character since April 2021 and emotional abuse throughout her marriage, the Court Order has unfortunately triggered major symptoms of PTSD.

I saw Mrs Zahmoul in my clinic on 6 July 2022 and I am currently treating her for PTSD in order to help her with the symptoms.

Records and reports from 2011 through 2013 confirm that Mr Zahmoul was suffering from abuse and coercive control in her marriage which led her on a downward spiral during that period when I was treating her. Mrs Zahmoul was diagnosed with PTSD in April 2013 at Cottonwoods in Arizona, a centre for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder.

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She was treated with Seroquel which I continued to prescribe for her in London when she returned.

Mrs Zahmoul first experienced trauma in her family of origins during her childhood. The reports and diagnosis from Cottonwoods Centre identify her marriage as a source of trauma and she has over the years described a strained relationship with Mr Zahmoul, in which abuse and control were predominant. It seems clear that the hostility of the divorce proceedings has had a major impact on Mrs Zahmoul's mental health and her symptoms of PTSD are now apparent and interfering with her normal functioning and her everyday life.

Her present symptoms are stuttering, intermittent mutism and freezing, hypervigilance, extreme anxiety, inability to sleep and eat properly, inability to self-modulate emotional control and feelings of hopelessness and powerlessness.

These are symptoms of major psychiatric significance and carry with them a risk to both her physical and mental health.

It is clear to me that Mrs Zahmoul should not sign any documents that are perceived as a threat to her well-being.

In my professional capacity, I would wish to stand by her in this decision.

Signed



Gerald Libby FRCP FRCPsych