

Family Court Review Panel Submissions

Ways to have your say	Things for you to consider if you choose to use this approach.
Complete the online submission	<p>You do not have to leave any identifying details with this option, but your computer's ISP address will be visible. The Review Secretariat assure us that this information will be stored on a secure cloud server and will never be shared with other personnel at Ministry of Justice or the Courts.</p> <p>There are a number of free text boxes and so if you are still in the Family Court or could be at any time, or if there are orders in place restricting who you can share information with, you will need to be very careful that you do not include any detail that could be used by the Review Panel or anyone else to identify you or your case.</p>
Write your own submission and email it	<p>Taking this option will mean that the Review secretariat will have your email address. You can submit under a false name and do not need to provide an address.</p> <p>You can also state clearly that you want your submission to be kept strictly confidential and not released as part of any OIA requests. The Review Panel cannot give you an assurance that any or all of your submission would never be released but have given Backbone an undertaking that they would take your request for confidentiality into account if they get any OIA requests.</p> <p>As above, you will need to be very careful that you do not include any detail in what you write that could be used by anyone else to identify you or your case.</p>
Write your own submission and post it.	The only difference between this option and the one above is that by posting your submission the Review Panel do not have your email address.
Audio or video submission	Everything that has been said above applies but unless you can disguise your voice or video yourself from behind, please be aware that you will be potentially identifiable to the Review Panel
Meet with the Review Panel face to face.	<p>The Panel are very keen to meet women in person and have assured us that you could do this using an assumed name, that only the Panel members would be in the room and that they would not record what you say unless you specifically ask that they do. We assume you would be free to take support person(s) with you if you did this.</p> <p>They have not yet released details of the towns they will be visiting for oral submissions or any dates. We have also asked that they ensure the venue and date of these face to face interviews is not advertised, to minimise the risk of your abuser or anyone associated</p>



	<p>with him knowing you are there. And we have asked that there be someone to meet you, show you the facilities etc before your interview with the Panel and arrange for a DV counsellor to be on hand for you to debrief or discuss any safety concerns with immediately after your interview.</p> <p>We will let you know once this information is available.</p>
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