

Legal Aid - Request for more information



Maureen Murphy.

Benefits Agency
Legal Aid Assessment Office
Albert Edward House
3 The Pavilions
Ashton on Ribble
Preston
PR2 2PA

Date 18 AUG 1995

— Your Legal Aid reference number is shown above your name and address. Please tell us this number if you get in touch with us.

Please complete the attached form(s) and provide any documents that are required.

In order to assess your application quickly I must receive this information by 1/9/95.

Please allow time for your reply to reach this office by the date stated.
An envelope is provided.

If you have any difficulties providing the information I need, please telephone or write to me as soon as possible and explain the problem.

If I do not hear from you by the date stated above, your application will be treated as abandoned, or assessed without the information, whichever is appropriate.

My telephone number is 01772 898 247, this is a direct line.

Minicom 01772 880328 (for people with hearing difficulties only).

The officer dealing with your application is MRS. K. FOWLER

Please note our telephone lines are open from 8.45am to 4.45pm Monday to Thursday and 8.45am to 4.30pm Friday.

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08.45-16.45 MON-THURS. 08.45-16.30 FRI.

Mrs M Murphy
94 Hilary Avenue
Liverpool
Merseyside
L14 6US

Your ref:

Our ref: 12/01/95 123330.

Date:

18th August 1995

Dear Mrs Murphy

When I wrote to you on 21.7.95 I told you that if a person tries to reduce their resources before making an application for Legal Aid, those resources may be taken into account in their assessment.

The relevant Regulation is Regulation 9 of the Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) Regulations, which states:-

"9. Where it appears to the assessment officer that the person concerned has with intent to reduce the amount of his disposable income or disposable capital, whether for the purpose of making himself eligible for Legal Aid, reducing his liability to pay a contribution towards legal aid or otherwise:-

- (a) directly or indirectly deprived himself of any resources; or
- (b) converted any part of his resources into resources which under these Regulations are to be wholly or partly disregarded, or in respect of which nothing is to be included in determining the resources of that person;

the resources of which he has so deprived himself or which he has so converted shall be treated as part of his resources or as not so converted as the case may be and, for this purpose, resources which are to be wholly or partly disregarded shall include the repayment of money borrowed on the security of a dwelling."

It appears that by giving money to you children, grandchildren and repaying a loan at a time when you were aware that you would be involved in litigation you deprived yourself of £10214.

If you want to explain further, please get in touch with me as soon as you can. If I do not hear from you within 10 days, an assessment including this amount will be sent to the Legal Aid Board.

Yours faithfully

P.P.
K.G.W.
for Manager