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To Whom It May Concern

I have worked in the Domestic Violence sector for over 25 years. Now as a Volunteer with the QPS and working with the Vulnerable Persons Unit, one of the things that is apparent to me is the number of cross DVO applications being made by men.

In most cases these applications are in response to Police having named these men as Respondents in an earlier application.

Often the applicant has not ticked the relevant box on the DVO1 to acknowledge the existence of any other Order or application.

Quite a number of these applications are being lodged as urgent applications and Temporary DVOs are being granted apparently without the Courts cross referencing to locate any other applications.

This process is assisting the perpetrators to further victimize their victims by causing intimidation and fear.

Surely Court Registries have the ability, just like the QPS, to run computer checks for other Orders and/or applications and attach any earlier applications to the cross application to enable Magistrates to make more informed decisions around these cross applications.

If you require further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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