

# Reference Professional

This is part of an assessment to assist the Risk Assessor to determine if the applicant is suitable for child related employment

Name of Applicant: ARH

Referee: RUTH KIRYCHENKO

Organisation: PRIVATE PRACTICE: CONTRACTOR ACCESS E.A.P

Professional Qualifications: MASS MAR SC. PACFA: CAPA: CCAA

Relevant Accreditation / Licence/ membership No: CLINICAL MEMBERSHIP OF ALL ASSOCIATIONS

Contact Number: REDACTED, REDACTED

Date of Reference: 12, 9, 13

Period of Professional contact (dates): 25.2.10, 1.3.10, 9.3.10, 21.6.10, 9.9.2013, 28.6.10, 1.7.10, 8.7.10-13.9.10, 20.9.10

<p>1. Describe the applicant's relevant record<sup>1</sup> and its context. See below for explanation of relevant record.</p>	<p>ARH first presented with severe anxiety &amp; depression. He reported accusations against himself from previous term. He had to stand down &amp; not talk about it. He didn't know what the complaints was. He also reported Toxic relationships with some staff members. He also presented as depressed about his wife's health which was deteriorating. Subsequently she suicided.</p>
<p>2. Describe the professional treatment or other services you provided to the applicant.</p>	<p>I worked with him on his depression &amp; anxiety &amp; his confusion about what the complaints was. He also worked on his grief about his wife's illness. Later we dealt with the shock and grief of his wife's suicide. The feelings of isolation became he wasn't allowed to talk about the accusations to anyone.</p>

<sup>1</sup> A relevant record includes any of the matters specified in Schedule 1 of the Child Protection (Working with Children Act) 2012 as well as a finding of misconduct, notifications by the Ombudsman and identified patterns of behaviour.

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<p>3. Describe any factors that may have caused this behaviour.</p>	<p>ARH presented as an experienced, dedicated teacher with a good record. Excellent relationships with students + their parents. He was sought by parents to give extra tutoring. He always had the parents permission + went through all the correct channels. He worked in a room with glass walls + sat behind a desk, his behaviour seems to have been interpreted by others as a problem.</p>
<p>4. Your professional opinion about the applicant's current progress in relation to the behaviour as per the relevant record.</p>	<p>ARH regrets that he didn't appeal the final result of the inquiry that he was using "grooming" behaviours. He was so shocked + depressed after his wife's suicide he just didn't have the energy to go through that process. Now he is being sought out by parents to tutor their children but needs his name to be cleared to do this. No proof was ever shown re the complaint.</p>
<p>5. Is there anything else you would like to add in relation to the applicant?</p>	<p>ARH is a caring, dedicated teacher whose whole career has been tainted by this charge. He still suffers from the pain, grief of being tainted by false claims. No children or parents ever complained. I am happy to be a referee for ARH. Feel free to call me if you need more clarification.</p>

Signature of Referee: Ruth King

**N.B. Please be advised that all referees will be contacted by a Risk Assessment Officer to verify the information provided.**

Please return completed reference to **Andrew Mills, Risk Assessment Officer**  
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