

**PE1790/D**

Petitioner submission of 6 March 2020

I wish to highlight to the Committee that paragraph 1 of the background information section of my petition is not entirely accurate.

The wording in this paragraph should be replaced from—

*Induced parental alienation is a specific form of psychological child abuse, which was indexed in the World Health Organisation International Classification of diseases version ([ICD-11] in 2019.*

To

Induced parental alienation is a specific form of psychological child abuse, which is not listed [named] in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5), the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association (APA).

However, although Parental Alienation is not listed (named) in DSM-5 IT IS academically and clinically accurate, with Pages 716, 718 and 719 of the DSM which has a number of terms including but not limited to children affected by parental relationship distress.

The Committee were very clear they chose these labels because it is a relational phenomenon rather than a pathology that resides in any one individual.