

**IN THE GRENFELL TOWER INQUIRY**

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**PHASE 2 WITNESS STATEMENT OF RABIA YAHYA**

**EXHIBIT RY/1**

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# Central and North West London



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Westminster Child & Adolescent  
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The Royal Borough of Kensington &  
Chelsea / Housing Dept.  
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NHS No. [REDACTED]

## Letter in Support of Housing

Child: [REDACTED]  
Parents: Rabia Yaha (Mother)  
Bellal El Guenuni

Address: Flat 152 Grenfall Road,  
London W11 1TQ

I am writing to you regarding our concerns for the emotional and psychological wellbeing of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was referred to Westminster CAMHS in March 2016 suffering from symptoms of extreme anxiety [REDACTED]. He underwent a psychotherapeutic assessment in November 2016 and commenced long term psychotherapy in January 2017.

[REDACTED] is experiencing increasing levels of anxiety that are particularly focused around the use of lifts. This is causing a significant and serious problem for both [REDACTED] and his family. The distress is such that [REDACTED] must walk with his mother and 3 year old sister up the stairs to their flat on the 18<sup>th</sup> floor. This is further problematic when carrying shopping and a push chair.

Having to tackle this issue every day is increasing [REDACTED]'s levels of anxiety and causing them to become further entrenched. He is finding it difficult to sleep at night for fear of using the lift the following day, and is waking up crying and wetting the bed. The family is living in a 2 bedroom flat with 3 children. [REDACTED] shares a bedroom with his older sister who is approaching adolescence. [REDACTED]'s night terrors are waking his sister and this is now also impacting upon her wellbeing. Given her age this arrangement is not conducive to her emerging adolescence nor to [REDACTED]'s anxiety issues. Needless to say the lack of sleep is also creating additional difficulties with [REDACTED]'s concentration and his school work.

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As a professional team we strongly believe that should this situation continue the mental health and wellbeing of the whole family will be at even more risk. However, if the family could be moved to more suitable accommodation e.g. a house with more bedroom space, [REDACTED] will have the opportunity and space to allow for the therapeutic work to be effective. This will also decrease the distress being experienced by the whole family and reduce the risk to their long term mental health.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

**Luca d'Avanzo**

Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist