I am a father I have a child 18 months old. I would like to put some back ground to
the situation I have at present. I knew mum for a short period before pregnancy.
Baby was born and we had agreed that I would be involved in everything. A week
after birth of child mum registered the birth without adding dads name on
the birth certificate. The next day I went to solicitors and started the process to gain
PRR and to have my name inserted in to my child’s birth certificate in the section that is
dads name.

During this time I have discovered that in 2007 the law was changed in that a father
who is registered on a child’s the birth certificate after that date in 2007 a father who
is registered will automatically gain PRRs. A child such as mine whose mother did
d not register the father’s name on the certificate. This section will remain empty
unless the mother is willing to re register the birth. The register is governed under
the Scottish government at present the only way a father’s name will appear on
child’s birth certificate is if mum re registers the birth.

At court the sheriff if deems it to be in the best interests of a child, would take the
action and award PRRs to the father of a child. I feel that having the responsibilities
of PRRs after going through so many years of court proceedings to gain PRRs.
There should be a mechanism to allow this.

Is it in the best interests of a child whose dad has taking the steps to go to court to
gain PPRs not to have the father’s name on their birth certificate. A sheriff has
demed it in the best interests of said child to award PRRs to a father. That there
should be process should allow the said child to have her dads name appear on
the child’s birth certificate.

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