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Dear Angela Ruberto,

Re: Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your email of 12th March 2021. You made the following requests for information:

I understand you have a knowledgebase/repository that Family Court Advisors access. Can you please provide me with:

- A list of all the files in the knowledgebase relating to "parental alienation" or psychological child abuse after parental separation? *

The training we have which covers parental alienation is our Child Impact Assessment Framework Training (or CIAF training for short). The files are publicly available on our website, and can be found here: [Child Impact Assessment Framework \(CIAF\) - Cafcass - Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service](#)

This also forms part of our induction training for people new in post. There is also access to a psychology service to discuss cases with a qualified psychologist if it is felt necessary by a Family Court Advisor in a case where parental alienation is present.

- how many times each of those files have been accessed.

We are unable to provide a response as it is not recorded at Cafcass. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 only covers recorded information held by Cafcass, and Cafcass is not required to create new information to respond to a request or give a judgement or opinion that is not already recorded.

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- how many times those files have been downloaded.

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In addition, is there a recommending book reading list Cafcass suggests to FCA's on this subject?

****If possible I would like a copy of each of the files.***

We have attached two current lists of resources on parental alienation, which are regularly reviewed and updated. We have also attached a list of top loaned books on the topic of parental alienation, which gives the number of times the books have been loaned.

We hope that you feel your question has been answered effectively. If you are unhappy with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may ask for an internal review to be undertaken. If you are dissatisfied with the way the internal review is handled or with the final decision made at that review about the information released, you are free to contact the Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk/>):

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Yours sincerely,

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