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**Our ref: Gov/CAF 15-95**

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Dear Sir

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your emails of 18 May 2015. You made the following requests for information:

- 1) Please give all versions of this document. Preferably in date order with the most recent last.  
<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/elibrary/content/internet/327/3827114436.pdf>

This was a draft document which was never implemented as Cafcass policy; there are therefore no other versions of this document. For current policy, please see our [Operating Framework](#).

- 2) Once an entry is made on a case log, can that be edited at all and at any point, AFTER the original entry was made? If so, can it be seen that it's been edited? And can the original entry be seen as well?

Please see information on entries within the electronic case record (and on the contact log within this) in the Cafcass [Case Recording Policy](#), in particular page 12: *If amending previous contact log entries, the reason for amendment is to be recorded. The modified date will be visible on ECMS and who modified the log, however the previous version will no longer be available.*

- 3)
  - a. Please give a list of all parenting programmes that Cafcass work with. I would also like the dates in which Cafcass started working with each programme provider.

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Cafcass works with one parenting programme: Separated Parents Information Programme ([SPIP](#)). This programme is delivered by the providers listed in the [Dispute Resolution Services Directory](#) which can be seen on our website.

The contracts for these providers began in April 2013.

- b. Also, please state and evidence, how exactly a family court advisor would go about finding the appropriate local one? Do you have a database or similar?

The [Dispute Resolution Services Directory](#) is used; each court has a single designated SPIP provider offering a service for that and other local courts. In London there is a single referral unit.

- c. And if a family court advisor was to sit down at their computer, how long would it reasonably take for them to find the appropriate local one? Perhaps a full explanation and evidence to document as to what they would have to do to find it on your computer systems may be better?

The [Dispute Resolution Services Directory](#) is available to use on both the website and the internal Cafcass intranet.

- 4) What right do family court advisors have to ask a party to read the other party's position statement? What right do family court advisors have to even read a position statement? And especially where no court order says they should read them?

Whilst there is no right for a Family Court Advisor (FCA) to see the position statements of the parties if the FCA is attending court to be cross examined or give evidence or is required to respond to points made in position statements then it is usual practice for parties to provide position statements to the FCA. If this is refused the court may order that they be disclosed to the FCA.

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 ([www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)):

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