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Dear A Marfo,

**Re: Freedom of Information request**

Thank you for your email of 02 October 2019. You made the following requests for information:

1. Can members of the public find if a Cafcass officer is registered on your database system? If so, what is the procedure?

Cafcass does not hold a central database of Cafcass Family Court Advisers. Information on all Cafcass employees, including Family Court Advisers, our held by Cafcass on central payroll systems for payroll and employment purposes.

As a condition of employment, Family Court Advisers must maintain their registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). All professionals registered with the HCPC can be seen on the [HCPC register](#) which can be accessed by the public.

2. Is Cafcass representatives employed by the court, social services or by Cafcass ? If so are they governed by a central body?

Cafcass is a non-departmental public body accountable to Wendy Moreton MP, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Justice.

Cafcass is therefore independent of the courts, local authorities, the national health service and education authorities. Cafcass is governed by a [Board](#) consisting of members with various areas of expertise.

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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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