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Dear Ms Marfo,

Re: Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your email of 31 December 2019. You made the following requests for information:

1. Does Cafcass have a public database (like Social Work England/HCP) to check that your advisers/employees are registered and regulated?

Cafcass does not have its own public database of Family Court Advisers. However, our Family Court Advisers (FCAs) are registered to be register on Social Work England's register. Previously, FCAs were required to be registered on Health and Care Professions Council (HPC)'s register. As a condition of employment at Cafcass, Family Court Advisers must hold and maintain their registration with Social Work England.

2. Can you confirm if all Cafcass advisors/employees have EMCS numbers for cases? If yes, how can

All Cafcass cases have 6-digit case numbers on our Electronic Case Management System (ECMS), which are known as ECMS case numbers. These numbers are for cases, not for Cafcass employees.

On 6th and 13th January 2020 the Governance team contacted you via to email to seek clarification in relation to the second part of this query beginning 'If yes how can'. On 14th January you confirmed the information you were seeking was as follows:

Does Cafcass have a database (accessible to the public) where we can check that your employees and associates are vetted and regulated? (HPC register, GMC register etc..)

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If not, how would members of the public check that they work with Cafcass?

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3.How many offices does Cafcass have in the UK?

Cafcass has 33 offices in England. Please note that Cafcass only operates in England. Cafcass Cymru operates in Wales. For information about Cafcass Cymru and their offices, please see their [website](#).

4. Can you provide their address?

The addresses of Cafcass' offices are available on our [website](#).

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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