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Dear Mr Murray,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 22 March 2018. You made the following requests for information:

[Why do you promote yourself as a court of law, when all evidence presented is hearsay?](#)

Please see below for our response.

Cafcass does not promote itself or describe itself as a court of law. Cafcass is a non-departmental public body accountable to Lucy Frazer MP, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Justice. Operating within the law set by Parliament (Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000) and under the rules and directions of the family courts, we are independent of the courts, social services, education and health authorities and all similar agencies.

Cafcass operates within the law set by Parliament and under the rules and directions of the family courts. Our role is to:

- Safeguard and promote the welfare of children
- Give advice to the family courts
- Make provision for children to be represented
- Provide information, advice and support to children and their families

Please see our [Operating Framework](#) and other [policies](#) for more information on the role and function of Cafcass.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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