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Dear Mr Archer

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 10 April 2015. After receiving our response to CAF 15-44, you made the following follow up requests for information:

- 1) please could you explain why this information [Is it documented anywhere by CAFCASS that if 'parent A punishes the child for having good contact with parent B then CAFCASS can/will sometime suggest parent B to have less of no contact'] is not held by CAFCASS? It is not clear if it is not documented because this is not a mentality that CAFCASS follow or share, or if such mentalities are hidden from the transparency CAFCASS would normally abide by?

This information is not held as it is in relation to a specific hypothetical situation on which Cafcass has no recorded information; the view of Cafcass in relation to contact recommendations in general was given in response to your second question in CAF 15-44.

- 2) My question: I understand all of the above despite its vagueness in most areas. The information I am specificity after is if a CAFCASS officer recommends less or no contact for such reasons as "A, B" sinario, then what would be the outcome of this employees future?

It is not the function of Freedom of Information to provide responses to hypothetical situations, where providing a response would require the creation of new information, judgements or opinions. However, please see our [Supervision Policy](#) and [Employee Relations Policy](#) for general information on how Cafcass practitioners' work and recommendations are monitored, and how employee relations issues are handled within Cafcass.

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- 3) what would happen to aCAFCASS employee for having such beliefs ['if parent A punishes the child for having good contact with parent B then CAFCASS can/will sometime suggest parent B to have no contact']?

Please see the response to question 2.

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):

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