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Dear Mr Archer

Re: Freedom of Information Request - Internal Review

Thank you for your email of 14 April 2015, which let us know that you were unhappy with the decision made in the FOI response of 13 April 2015.

Richard Green, National Child Care Policy Manager, who was not party to the original response, has now conducted the internal review. The internal reviewer has reviewed the manner in which the application was dealt with, as well as any exemptions that may have been applied, and can either uphold or overturn the original decision. Please see his response below.

I have reviewed Mr Archer's FOI request (15-44) of 11 March 2015; Cafcass' response of 7 April; Mr Archer's follow-up request of 10 April; Cafcass' response to the follow-up request dated 13 April; and Mr Archer's email of 13 April.

I consider that the Cafcass responses of 7 and 13 April are correct. Cafcass holds no information regarding a scenario in which 'parent A punishes the child for having good contact with parent B then CAF/CASS can/will sometime suggest parent B to have less of no contact'. The response to the follow-up question is also correct: the scenario is a hypothetical one and thus Cafcass holds no information about it. I consider that the further questions posed by Mr Archer regarding the future employment of a Cafcass officer who recommended less or no contact, or held certain beliefs, are hypothetical and thus are not congruent with the function of Freedom of Information requests. Mr Archer was appropriately provided with the links to relevant policies which set out how such matters are handled within Cafcass.

We hope that you feel your question has been answered effectively. If you are dissatisfied with the way the internal review is handled or with the final decision made at that review

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