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Dear J Wilson

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 24 June 2017. You made the following requests for information:

Please can you provide the detail contained within the "leave to remove" elearning module?

Please find attached the storyboards for the Leave to Remove eLearning.

Please can you confirm whether a similar training module exists for "internal relocations" or "movement within the jurisdiction"?

There are no training modules on "internal relocations" or "movement within the jurisdiction", as every case is individual and depends on many factors including, but not limited to, the child's age, personality, stage of development, relationship with the parent, as well as the relationship between parents. All training for our staff underpins our focus on being child-centred and looking at the issues from the perspective of the child, taking into account risk factors, evidence-based assessments, and diversity issues.

All social work staff are required to complete six core in-house training modules upon joining the organisation, which will be completed within the first six months:

- · Risk and Harm in Cafcass;
- · Legal Context and Court Skills;
- Case Work Start to Finish;
- Interviewing Skills in Cafcass;
- Child Sexual Exploitation;
- Introduction to Private Law/Public Law.







Basic training is complemented by other training events available throughout the year for both social work and non-social work staff. Cafcass have an internal National Improvement Service (NIS) who run workshops across the country tailored to local training needs analysis. MySkills, an online eLearning platform, offers learning on a range of social work and non-social work topics.

Are there any guidelines for cafcass practitioners with respect to modules cafcass considers to be relevant for internal relocation applications?

There is no guidance for practitioners on which modules may be relevant for cases involving internal relocation.

Cafcass has a <u>Supervision Policy</u> which outlines Cafcass' policy on supervision, service standards and learning. Our <u>Operating Framework</u> (sections 6.27 – 6.32 and 6.49 – 6.51) also sets out our learning process and how learning and development is integrated into our work at Cafcass. The <u>Operating Framework</u> is a strengths-based framework, emphasising self-efficacy and self-directed learning. Please see sections 6.10-6.14 of the <u>Operating Framework</u> for information on self-regulation at 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 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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