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Dear Mr/Ms Smith - Byrne

## **Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your letter received on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010 requesting the following:

- 1 Could you please tell me for which employer this lady (Linda Clark) worked prior to joining the Cafcass South East region, whether she has been employed by a county council in the past and which positions were held?
- 2 What type of training in child protection and domestic abuse did Ms Clark receive and which body provided this training for how long and how long ago?

Please see below:

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All Cafcass practitioners hold a Diploma in Social Work (or General Social Care Council - GSCC recognised equivalent) and have at least three years post qualifying experience in social work with children and families at risk.

A job description for a Cafcass Practitioner can be found at the following link:

[http://www.cafcass.gov.uk/publications/freedom\\_of\\_information/disclosure\\_log/dl\\_rolling\\_log.aspx](http://www.cafcass.gov.uk/publications/freedom_of_information/disclosure_log/dl_rolling_log.aspx)

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Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005, it has been a legal requirement for Cafcass Family Court Advisers (FCAs), service managers and social work qualified senior managers to be registered with the GSCC.

Every social worker registered with the GSCC shall, within the period of registration, complete either 90 hours or 15 days of study, training, courses, seminars, reading, teaching

or other activities which could reasonably be expected to advance the social worker's professional development, or contribute to the development of the profession as a whole.

Ms Clark has received foundation training which covers basic domestic violence training as well as other introductory training areas. This is a three day course and was completed in June 2008. In July 2009 a further 1 day course in domestic violence (1) was completed. Both Courses are run in-house. Child protection information is available in the foundation training course and the Cafcass Safeguarding Framework which is accessible to all Cafcass practitioners. The framework is required to be read and used by all practitioners. You may access a copy of the framework at the following link:

<http://www.cafcass.gov.uk/publications/policies.aspx>

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](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk))

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