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Dear Ms Soeder,

### **Re: Freedom of Information Request - Internal Review**

Thank you for your email of 01 February 2019. You requested an internal review of the response to your Freedom of Information request (CAF19-028) which was sent to you on 29 January 2019. An internal review involves a review of the decision on disclosure in the original response and the way in which the request was handled. The internal reviewer can either uphold or overturn the original decision.

Melanie Carew, Head of Legal who was not party to the original decision on whether to release the information, has now conducted the internal review. Please see their response below.

In your request for an internal review, you requested the following:

1. Could you please supply me a copy of the presentation that was made available to staff and stakeholders on 11th October 2018. ?

Please find attached a copy of the presentation. Please note that this stakeholder presentation is intended to be used by staff for local partnership work. This is not the presentation which was presented to stakeholders as part of the stakeholder discussion groups on the development of the CIAF.

2. Could you please provide a list of stakeholders who have been presented with the presentation and CIAF child impact assessment framework to include dates and feedback ?

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In April 2018, Cafcass held discussion groups with a range of sector experts and family justice stakeholders, to gain their views about the framework's content. The following organisations were invited to the stakeholder discussion groups:

Academics, psychologists and practitioners. Groups including: Temper Domestic Violence, Research in Practice, Barnardos, SafeLives, Relate, NSPCC, National Child's Bureau, Children's Commissioner for England, Association for Shared Parenting, Cafcass Young People's Board, Transparency Project, Association of Lawyers for Children, Resolution, Coram, Law Society, Atkins Hope, Family Justice Council, Family Law Bar Association, Official Solicitor and Public Trustee, Dads Unlimited, Families Need Fathers, Equal Parenting Foundation, Men's Aid, Everyman Project, Only Dads, Mankind Initiative, Women's Aid, Mums Unlimited.

3. Please could you provide information particularly on which stakeholders Cafcass consulted with prior to the launch of your child impact assessment framework which includes:

- a. Disability i.e : any agencies whose purpose relates to representing the interests of people with disability
- b. Mental health conditions: any representatives or groups & organisation representing the interests of people with mental health diagnosis
- c. Health: any organisations representing the interests of people with health conditions including but not limited to substance use, alcohol use, any physical health or Mental health professional stakeholders representing any health conditions have been involved.

The stakeholders who were invited to the stakeholder discussion groups in regards to the CAIF are all outlined in response to question two.

4. Please supply names of the above listed stakeholders and supply dates where any have been involved in any consultation process ?

Please see below the dates of the stakeholder discussion groups and the organisations in attendance at each discussion.

Date	Discussion Group	Organisations In Attendance
28 March	Judges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judges</li> </ul>

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04 April	Academics and Therapists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therapists</li> <li>• Psychologists</li> <li>• Temper Domestic Violence</li> <li>• Academics</li> <li>• Research In Practice</li> <li>• Exeter University</li> <li>• Family Justice Observatory</li> <li>• One Plus One</li> </ul>
05 April	Children's Charities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barnardo's</li> <li>• SafeLives</li> <li>• Relate</li> <li>• NSPCC</li> <li>• National Children's Bureau</li> <li>• Children's Commissioner for England</li> <li>• Association for Shared Parenting</li> <li>• Family Justice Young People's Board</li> </ul>
09 April	Legal Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association of Lawyers for Children</li> <li>• Transparency Project</li> <li>• Resolution</li> <li>• Coram</li> <li>• Law Society</li> <li>• Atkins Hope</li> <li>• Cafcass Cymru</li> <li>• Family Law Bar Association</li> <li>• Official Solicitor and Public Trustee</li> <li>• Family Justice Council</li> </ul>
11 April	Women's Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's Aid</li> <li>• Mums Unlimited</li> </ul>
19 April	Family Justice Young People's Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Justice Young People's Board</li> </ul>
14 May	Men's Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dads Unlimited</li> <li>• Families Need Fathers</li> <li>• Men's Aid</li> <li>• Everyman Project</li> <li>• Mankind Initiative</li> </ul>



		• Equal Parenting Foundation
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Please note that Cafcass is unable to provide you with the names of the individuals who attended on behalf of these groups as this personal information belonging to individuals.

Disclosure is therefore exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The exemption from the duty to disclose third party personal data where to do so would breach a data protection principle is an absolute exemption.

[Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act](#) provides that:

1. Any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject.
2. Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if-
  - a. it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1), and
  - b. either the first or the second condition below is satisfied.
1. The first condition is-
  - a. in a case where the information falls within any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of "data" in section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene-
    - (i) any of the data protection principles, or
    - (ii) section 10 of that Act (right to prevent processing likely to cause damage or distress), and
  - b. in any other case, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene any of the data protection principles if the exemptions in section 33A(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998 (which relate to manual data held by public authorities) were disregarded.

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 about the information released, you are free to contact the Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk/>):

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Yours sincerely,

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