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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email where you made the following requests for information:

Please detail how Cafcass formally defines 'parental alienation' as referenced in its Operating Framework.

Please detail (giving name, year and any references) what research (formal or informal, and historical or current) underpins Cafcass's definition of 'parental alienation' as referenced in its Operating Framework.

Please detail when and where Cafcass first used the phrase 'parental alienation' within formal documentation circulated to staff.

Please detail what formal guidance Cafcass gives staff to recognise 'parental alienation' as referenced in its Operating Framework.

This letter serves to acknowledge that your request was received on 10th March 2015 and will be dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your reference number is **CAF 15-42**.

Under the Act, Cafcass is required to notify you as to the final decision made regarding your request 20 working days from receipt of your request. You will receive a response on or before 8th April 2015.

Yours sincerely,

Baroness Tyler of Enfield Chair
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