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Dear Mr. Hibberd

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your emails that were received on 8th March 2012 requesting the following information:

Please provide the following information for the area which includes Chesterfield, Derbyshire:

1. The current number (both numerically and in percentage terms) of male case officers employed by Cafcass and involved in determining residence applications in divorce
2. The ethnicity of any male case officers employed by Cafcass involved in determining residence applications in divorce.
3. The main office base(s) for any male case officers employed by Cafcass involved in determining residence applications in divorce.
4. The number (numerically and in percentage terms) of residence applications in divorce cases which were determined in favour of the father in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.
5. The ethnicity of all fathers who were granted residence in cases determined in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Please see below:

Please provide the following information for the area which includes Chesterfield, Derbyshire:

Question 1-3 I have taken the queries relate to Cafcass Area A11: Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire.

1. The current number (both numerically and in percentage terms) of male case officers employed by Cafcass and involved in determining residence applications in divorce.

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12 (20%)

2. The ethnicity of any male case officers employed by Cafcass involved in determining residence applications in divorce.

Asian, Black and White

3. The main office base(s) for any male case officers employed by Cafcass involved in determining residence applications in divorce.

The majority of male officers in the area (Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire) are based in the Nottingham office.

4. The number (numerically and in percentage terms) of residence applications in divorce cases which were determined in favour of the father in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.
5. The ethnicity of all fathers who were granted residence in cases determined in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Cafcass does not collect information regarding the details requested for the ethnicity and the favour of fathers or mothers in a central system. This information would be recorded if relevant in the individual case file. It is not a requirement for Cafcass to keep it centrally. Cafcass will be unable to provide the requested information. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act allows a public authority the ability to not comply with a request for information if the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit. The fees regulation state that this cost limit is £450 for all public authorities. Cafcass have considered the time and cost taken to determine whether it holds the information, locate the information, or documents containing it, retrieving the information, or document containing it and extracting the information from a document containing it. The cost would exceed the £450 limit afforded to Cafcass and therefore there is no requirement for Cafcass to undertake the work

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).

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Yours sincerely,

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Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act provides that:

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2) “the appropriate limit” means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
 - (a) by one person, or
 - (b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign,the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated.

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