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Dear G Harrison

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 12 October 2018. You made the following requests for information:

On your website, under your FOI disclosure section:

<https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/about-cafcass/transparency-information/freedom-of-information/2017-disclosure-log/>

under "Other policy and training requests" you provide a link which you've titled "Cafcass training in dealing with "parental alienation". This link links to a PDF response dated 25th January 2017 and referenced by you as Gov/CAF 16-59. In this response you say:

"Cafcass has a training module on 'Expertise in intervention with families to reduce impact of high conflict on children', which explores the risk to contact and the key elements in high conflict contact disputes and the impact on children and a range of resources are available to staff to inform their assessments"

1. Please provide a copy of this training module: "Expertise in intervention with families to reduce impact of high conflict on children". I am happy to receive a copy of this training module in whatever format is easiest for you to supply. This includes original storyboards, final elearning modules, PDFs, PPTs etc

Cafcass does not have a training module titled 'Expertise in intervention with families to reduce impact of high conflict on children'. This training (which was referenced by Cafcass in a response to a previous FOI request CAF16-159) was actually in development at the time of the response and subsequently became the Cafcass Positive Parenting Programme (CPPP), which is currently being piloted.

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The CPPP is a 12-week programme for families which provides structured sessions to parents in family proceedings which involve medium to high conflict. It aims to promote positive change, improve communication between parents and reduce the emotional harm experienced by the child. It encourages parents to place themselves in their children's shoes so they can understand the impact of their behaviour. We use restorative practice principles to help the child recover with the support, where possible, of both parents. Please see our [website](#) for more information about the programme. Please also find attached the training PowerPoint for the CPPP.

In addition, the Child Impact Assessment Framework (CIAF) training launched in October 2018 and is aimed at all Cafcass practice staff – information on this is available on the Cafcass [website](#).

2. Please provide the date on which this training module was first made available to your employees

As per our response to question one of your request, Cafcass has not run training entitled 'Expertise in intervention with families to reduce impact of high conflict on children' However, the CPPP pilot commenced in June 2017 and is still ongoing.

3. Please provide the numbers of your employees who completed this training in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 preferably broken down by service area

As above, Cafcass have not delivered 'Expertise in intervention with families to reduce impact of high conflict on children' training. The CPPP training is in its pilot stage and is still underway and complete data on numbers of employees who have received this training is not yet available.

4. Please confirm whether this training module is still available to your employees, or if it is no longer available, the date on which it was withdrawn.

As mentioned above, whilst Cafcass does not have and has not had any training entitled 'Expertise in intervention with families to reduce impact of high conflict on children' the CPPP and training on it for staff is ongoing.

5. If this training module has been withdrawn please provide details of any replacement training modules, the dates on which they were made available, and the corresponding numbers of employees who have completed those replacement modules, broken down by year and service area

Please see the answer to question four.

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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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