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Dear Mr Johnstone

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your recent request, which was received by Cafcass on 5th October 2009 requesting the following:

- 1 Considering that there are a number of children and families who have been or are being reported on by your agency where there have been/are suspicions of 'emotional abuse', I would be grateful if you could advise me of your organisations official working definition of this phenomenon.

The term does not originate from Cafcass. Its definition is drawn from the Government guidance 'Working Together to safeguard children'. The guidance can be found at the following link:

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters/safeguardingandsocialcare/safeguardingchildren/workingtogether/workingtogethertosafeguardchildren/>

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