

14 June 2019

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 13193

I refer to your information request received on 29 May.

You asked if all Cafcass Cymru Family Court Advisors based in South Wales have received training on the Child Impact Assessment Framework. You mention the framework considers 'parental alienation' and you provided a link to the Cafcass England website.

Cafcass Cymru Family Court Advisors have not received the training you have referenced. The Child Impact Assessment Framework relates to Cafcass (England). Cafcass Cymru is a part of Welsh Government and is a separate organisation to Cafcass in England.

However, whilst not undertaking the specific training you refer to, I can confirm Cafcass Cymru practitioners have been engaging with a range of learning opportunities about the issue of alienation, alongside the development of our practice guidance. These opportunities have included webinars, podcasts, team workshops and a sector-wide event co-facilitated with Cardiff University.

Cafcass Cymru is also developing practice guidance in relation to children who resist and refuse contact, of which alienating behaviours will be considered as a factor. The practice guidance is in the final stages of completion, and will be launched later this month.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.



Requests for an internal review should be addressed to:

Nigel Brown
Chief Executive
Cafcass Cymru
Sarn Mynach
Llandudno Junction
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You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. Normally, however, you should pursue the matter through our internal procedure before you complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745
Email: casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth Gymraeg. Cewch ateb Cymraeg i bob gohebiaeth Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh. Correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not involve any delay.

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