



Gwasanaeth Cyngori a Chynorthwyo Llys i Blant a Theuluoedd
Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service

16 March 2017

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 11122

Thank you for your request for information received on 18 February. I have responded to your request in the same order as you originally set it out.

1. the number of cases involving an investigation in to Parental Alienation in the last two year period and
2. the number of cases during the same period in which Parental Alienation was found to be taking place.
3. information regarding tools in place for investigating Parental Alienation.

We do not hold information regarding parts 1, 2 and 3 of your request.

4. Number of cases requiring involvement of experts.

Whilst CAFCASS Cymru holds information which falls within the description specified in your request, it can only be retrieved by examining individual case files. In order to identify and locate the information, we estimate it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

In 2016, CAFCASS Cymru introduced a new electronic case management system, resulting in court reports and court orders being more accessible than in previous years. We have undertaken a sample exercise on 10 electronic case files to identify and collate the information. This exercise took 40 minutes. From the results of the exercise, we estimate it will take in excess of 266 hours for each year to gather the requested information. This is based on an average of 4000 case files per year x 4 minutes = 266 hours. Retrieving the information for 2015 would involve an examination of hard copy files and this would take far longer. Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.



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. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to:

Nigel Brown
Interim Chief Executive
CAFCASS Cymru
Sarn Mynach
Llandudno Junction
Conwy
LL31 9RZ

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
Fax: 01625 524 510
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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