

3 April 2023

Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 17261

I refer to your information request received on 6 March and to your additional email received on 8 March.

On 8 March, in response to your 6 March email, we provided to you a link to our published documents on our website. Although not an equivalent comparison to the Cafcass (England) website link you provided in your initial request, it was hoped providing a prompt response would enable you to access the information you required.

Your follow up email on 8 March confirmed you regarded the initial response insufficient; it also clarified the wide scope of your request setting out in detail the range of information you were seeking.

We treated your 8 March email as clarification of your initial 6 March request and registered your request for information with the above ATISN number. In our acknowledgement email sent to you on 10 March, we set the target date for responding as 3 April to fall within 20 working days (the statutory period of time to respond to freedom of information requests) of your initial 6 March email.

In your 8 March email, you asked us to confirm from a list of policies which, if any of them, Cafcass Cymru has. Whilst we do not have policies on the subject areas listed, I can confirm we have documents relating to the subject matter listed at numbers 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 20 and 21 of your request.

You also asked for a list of all additional policies Cafcass Cymru have. We do not hold information meeting the description of this part of your request. In our earlier correspondence to you we explained Cafcass Cymru is part of the Welsh Government and general policy issues are the domain of the Welsh Government and, as such, apply to Welsh Government as a whole. As an operational arm and division of the Welsh Government, Cafcass Cymru in the main develops practice guidance, procedures and protocols that relate exclusively to its own remit.

If you are dissatisfied with our 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
Chief Executive
Cafcass Cymru
cafcasscymru@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

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
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Website: www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely