



Cafcass Board meeting 13 July 2023

FJYPB UPDATE



FJYPB AND CAFCASS WORK PROGRAMME



Highlight	Work undertaken	Impact
Challenging delay in the family courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FJYPB interviewed Jacky Tiotto and Sir Andrew McFarlane, President of the Family Division. Focused on what has been achieved to reduce delay for children and what more is being done. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video of recording to be played at the Voice of the Child Conference 2023
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning and Improvement Board Public Law Practice Improvement Programme Sub-Group Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Steering Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeping children at the heart of decision making. Asking questions about how any proposed changes will improve outcomes for children and their experience of Cafcass. Children and young people directly contributing to public law practice improvement in Cafcass including the relaunch of the 26 week timescale. Children and young people sharing what makes them unique and the importance of understanding their diversity and the impact on their lives.
Regional Performance Boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office inspection Benchmarking Performance Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FJYPB contribute directly to each Regional Performance Board ensuring the focus remains on the best outcomes for children and young people.
Improved participation and communication with children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Word busting Subject access requests Feedback Introduction and goodbye letters Animated video explainer for children in proceedings Sharing recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear and understandable language used. Redeveloped 'My Cafcass Journey' Feedback procedure. Hear to Listen Children understanding what will happen in proceedings. Children and young people understand what is being recommended to court regarding their proceedings and have the opportunity to feed back.
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How best to deal with children's complaints How best to share recommendations Safe Contact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighting the importance of these issues for children and young people. Embedding best practice into direct working practice
Voice of the Child Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building trust to enable children and young people to participate in their family court proceedings in the context of delay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people sharing their key messages to over 300 professionals in the Family Justice System on the importance of relationship building, being kept informed, and encouraging them to participate in their proceedings. Influencing practice.

FJYPB MEETING 17TH JUNE 2023

- Cafcass Ambitions
- FJYPB Handbook
- Children's Day video
- Voice of the Child Conference



CAFCASS – CHILDREN’S DAY 20TH JUNE 2023



“It was so fulfilling to see our top tips scattered around the office and actually pinned around people’s desk and knowing that they see that everyday. It’s rewarding to know that what we do with the board actually gets used externally.”

“As an FJYPB member the children’s day at the NBC was really impactful. Having the privilege to see how much Cafcass has changed -in regards to open letters and guardian fact files- since my experience was really healing and pleasing. The day was so fun and we all had the opportunity to see insights on how willing Cafcass were to see the identified difficulties or complaints that had received in feedback and then how they are going to or have changed to make their service was incredibly rewarding. Thank you for a great day.”

“The day was so fun and really insightful. I was able to learn more about the team children and young people have behind them all throughout their court journey. I had an amazing day!”



IMPACT OF DELAY ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



FJYPB member's Olivia, Andrew, Oliver and Jayden attended the Royal Courts of Justice to interview Sir Andrew McFarlane – President of the Family Division and Jacky Tiotto, CEO Cafcass on the delay in the family courts.



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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

19-20 MAY **2023**





ARCHBISHOPS' COMMISSION ON FAMILIES AND HOUSEHOLDS

"Many thanks indeed for supporting the Archbishops' Commission on Families and Households. It was great to have Olivia and Andrew with us yesterday. As always, they did an excellent job. Please will you pass on our very sincere thanks to them for contributing so well. I hope that they enjoyed the launch".

Professor Jan Walker

Archbishops' Commission on
Families & Households



FJYPB SCHOOL RESOURCE

FJYPB met with the DfE and the
PSHE Association



VOICE OF THE CHILD 2023

The Family Justice Young People's Board are inviting you to attend our child and young person led 2023 **VIRTUAL LIVE EVENT**. It will be fun, interactive and will focus on:

Building trust to enable children and young people to participate in their family court proceedings in the context of delay.

The event will include:

- **INTERACTIVE PRESENTATIONS** led by children and young people.
- **PANEL SESSION** – with key stakeholders
- **KEY MESSAGES** from FJYPB members.
- **IN MY SHOES** – real life experiences from children and young people.

SAVE THE DATE

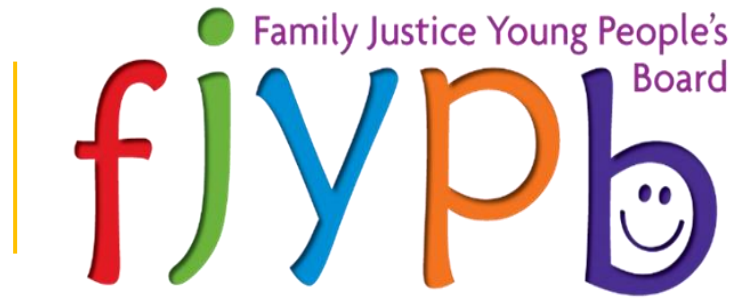
To secure your place at this live event, please contact us:

FJYPB@cafcass.gov.uk



Join us 27th July 2023





The conference will be held over two live stream events taking place on the **27th July 2023**

Session 1: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Will focus on TRUST and how professionals can work to build meaningful trust with the children and young people that they work with. We will specifically be looking at those children and young people who have been subject to Deprivation of Liberty, Care Leavers, and the impact of delay.

Session 2: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Will include the panel session with the key stakeholders from across family justice to respond to questions from the FJYPB and the audience.