



CHILDREN AND FAMILY COURT ADVISORY AND SUPPORT SERVICE

Paper for the Board Meeting on 12 June 2019

Cafcass Annual Report and Accounts

KEY POINTS

- The Cafcass Annual Report and Accounts for 2018-19 have been drafted in line with current disclosure requirements and have been subject to audit and review by the National Audit office.
- Approval is now sought from the Board.

1. AIM AND PURPOSE

- 1.1. To present the 2018-19 Annual Report and Accounts (ARA) to the Board for approval.

2. ACTION FOR THE BOARD

- 2.1. To consider and approve the 2018-19 ARA, following recommendation from the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC).

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The ARA have been drafted in line with current disclosure requirements. The ARA incorporates previous comments from the ARAC and the Board. MOJ policy colleagues have reviewed and arranged Ministerial clearance. The ARA have also been subject to audit and review by the National Audit Office (NAO), the findings from which have been reported to ARAC. Ministerial approval has also been received.

4. KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER

- 4.1. This is the final year of reporting against our current strategic plan. The ARA looks ahead to our refreshed strategic plan.
- 4.2. As with previous years, an easy read version of the ARA is being produced and will be promoted via our external newsletter, website and social media channels.

5. BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN AND SERVICE USERS

- 5.1. The ARA are an important means of demonstrating the accountability of the organisation to its stakeholders, service users, to the general public and to Parliament.

6. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

- 6.1. There are no financial implications arising from the approval by the Board of the enclosed ARA.

7. RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 There are no risks arising from the approval of the Board of the enclosed ARA.

8. DIVERSITY ANALYSIS

8.1. The content of the ARA is based on the FREM, which stipulates the aspects relating to diversity that we must report on.

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