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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 9 June 2015 which was received by our office on 10 June 2015. You made the following requests for information:

[1] am looking into informed consent and decision making by 8-12 year olds in child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS).

What [are] your procedures in relation to working with children of this age group? How do you decide what information can be discussed with a child between the ages of 8-12 years of age? Do you use specific guidance, consent forms and what is your current practice?

I am looking for any information you may have around this area that I am researching. I have considered all documentation around consent for children and young people I can find.

Do you have any specific information around this subject area that you could share with me? I am looking for consent forms, legal requirements, best practice guidance or any other information you think would be useful.

Please see below for our response.

Please note that Cafcass is not part of CAMHS; Cafcass practitioners are appointed by the court in family law proceedings involving children, in order to represent the voice of the child and safeguard the child's welfare. For more information about the remit of Cafcass please see the ['what we do'](#) section on our website.

The Cafcass [Operating Framework](#) sections 1.16 – 1.22 sets out how Cafcass works with children and young people. There are [tools](#) available to support practitioners in their direct work with children and families; these documents can be seen in our

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[leaflets and resources for working with children](#), and also in Sections C & D of our [forms, templates and tools](#) page.

We hope that you feel your question has been answered effectively. If you are unhappy with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may ask for an internal review to be undertaken. If you are dissatisfied with the way the internal review is handled or with the final decision made at that review about the information released, you are free to contact the Information Commissioner's office (www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk):

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