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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 23 September 2015. You made the following requests for information:

I would like to have copies of the relevant guidelines and framework and operating framework for Family Court Advisors compiling Section 7 reports. I am particularly interested in areas that should not be covered in Section 7 reports and instead left to experts (such as pseudo-psychological assessments and opinions).

Please see below for our response.

Please see the Cafcass [Operating Framework](#) (sections 4.19-4.24) which sets out what Cafcass practitioners should have regard to when working on a section 7 report. Cafcass practitioners also use a [standard form](#) of report which provides template headings for each subsection.

Cafcass does not have any information setting out areas that should not be covered in a section 7 report, as each case is different and all Cafcass recommendations are based on professional judgement of how a child's welfare can best be promoted and safeguarded, with reference to the [Welfare Checklist](#), and all recommendations are case specific. Cafcass only undertakes work at the direction of the court.

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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