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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 28 September 2015. You made the following requests for information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please supply me a copy of the following;

- 1) What CAFCASS deems as safeguarding issues/concerns.
- 2) Of that list, please list what CAFCASS recommends in terms of contact if, within that list, that there are no domestic violence, drink or drug matters.

Please see below for our response.

- 1) Relevant recorded information in relation to assessing safeguarding issues include:
 - The relevant sections of the [Operating Framework](#), such as the section on Risk Assessment (page 17);
 - The Cafcass [Child Protection Policy](#);
 - Cafcass [tools for evidence informed practice](#), which can be found on our website under section B.
- 2) When making a recommendation on the time spent by a child with an adult party, Cafcass officers use their professional judgement to assess what would be in the best interests of the particular child. These assessments are carried out with reference to the [Welfare Checklist](#), and all recommendations are case specific.

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

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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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