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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 19 October 2015. You made the following requests for information:

I am writing for a copy of the policy in regards to CAF/CASS interviewing a child without an adult present even if it is not the adult, this is in regards to NOT having a Court Order to talk to the child without an adult present. Please can I have a copy of this policy sent to me via email as it may lead to further investigation/action in the future

Please see below for our response.

Cafcass has no policy on this specific issue. In private law proceedings that continue after the first hearing, the court appointed officer will usually seek consent from at least one parent in order to speak with the child alone. If consent is not given, the court may direct that the interview takes place in the absence of permission from the parent.

For other information about how Cafcass works with children and young people, please see the Cafcass [Operating Framework](#):

- Section 1.16-20 'Working with children and young people'
- Section 1.21-22 'Seeing children'
- Section 2.21-23 'Visiting children'
- Section 2.24-25 'Interviewing'

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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