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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 18th March 2015. You made the following requests for information:

Could you please give me some information about the impact of parental conflict tool on the website?

I would like to know what purpose it is designed to serve, whether Cafcass workers use it, and how the information gained from using it is incorporated into the recommendation to court.

Please see below for our response.

The use of this tool is a matter for the practitioner's professional judgement. If its use is deemed appropriate by the practitioner, as explained on our [website page Forms, Templates and Tools](#), it is suggested to be used post-interview to analyse the impact of parental conflict and the level of parental influence on a child's wishes and feelings. It is designed to help identify and clarify any emotionally harmful influence of one or both parents on the child.

There are no further recommendations for its use; its use and incorporation into recommendations depends on the nature of the case and the professional judgement of the practitioner. All recommendations to court will be based on what the Cafcass officer assesses is in the child's best interests in that specific case, which will be influenced by a number of different factors.

Cafcass does not collect information on whether this tool is used.

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

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