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## **Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your email of 17 October 2015. You made the following requests for information:

Can you forward your guidelines and policies written for guardian ad litem regarding home education. I am an aspiring law student and cannot find any guidelines on this subject.

Please see below for our response.

Cafcass has no specific guidance/policy for our Family Court Advisers in relation to home education. The role of Cafcass is to assess children's needs and write reports or a case analysis to the court recommending how a child's welfare can best be promoted and safeguarded, with reference to the [Welfare Checklist](#). All practitioner advice and recommendations are case specific and are based on their professional judgement of the child's welfare.

For more information about our role and our policies please see the [Cafcass Operating Framework and policies](#) on our website.

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](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)):

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