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

Thank you for your email of 26 May 2015 which was received by our office on 27 May 2015. You made the following requests for information:

1. How many (if any) child psychologists or psychiatrists are either in the fulltime employment of Cafcass or as a member of it's Board?

This information relating to Cafcass staff is not held, as this is not a requirement for Cafcass staff. The current Cafcass Board members are not child psychologists or psychiatrists; please see here for [Board members](#) and their backgrounds.

All Cafcass Family Court Advisers (which includes those acting as Children's Guardians) are qualified social workers with a Diploma in Social Work (or recognised equivalent) and at least three years post qualifying experience in social work with children and families at risk. As a condition of employment, Family Court Advisers must maintain their registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

The job description for a Family Court Adviser, including person specification, is available on Cafcass' website [here](#).

2. Guardian ad Litem- How many solicitors are approved by Cafcass to perform this service? Within this group, how many (if any) hold a degree in child psychology or psychiatry?

The appointment of a solicitor as guardian ad litem is made by the solicitor and the court; Cafcass has no role in approving such appointments.

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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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Yours sincerely,

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