Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 14 June 2016. You made the following requests for information:

I am looking for advice about the procedures and practice guidance in [Somerset] for Local Authorities in managing relinquished babies [and] want to ascertain that the procedure and practice guidance is a nationally agreed procedure. Do you have a copy of the guidance that could be emailed?

Please see below for our response.

There is a Cafcass/ADCS Good Practice Guidance for Adoption Agencies and Cafcass: Children Relinquished for Adoption (March 2013). Other relevant guidance is the Department for Education’s statutory guidance on adoption (July 2013).

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):

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