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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 19 February 2016. You made the following requests for information:

- 1) Can you provide the contact name, number and email address for the individual responsible for the recruitment and retention of permanent and agency social work staff.

The Human Resources Team is Cafcass' lead for recruitment and retention of social work roles, and can be contacted on HR@Cafcass.gsi.gov.uk

- 2) How many agency social work staff do CAFCASS employ as of February 2016 ?

As of 22 February 2016, Cafcass is engaged with 75 agency social workers.

- 3) Does CAFCASS engage in a preferred supplier agreement to employ agency and permanent social work staff ?
 - (a) If yes, who is on the PSL
 - (b) If no, how does CAFCASS recruit agency and permanent social work staff ?

Since 1 June 2014, Cafcass has had a preferred supplier agreement for the recruitment of agency social work staff. All suppliers are able to submit candidates for temporary vacancies, which are then subject to a competitive selection process. Six suppliers are currently on the preferred supplier list. These are:

- Eden Brown;
- iPeople;
- Sanctuary;
- Capita;

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- Caritas;
- Action First.

Cafcass does not use agencies for the recruitment of permanent social work staff.

4) Under what circumstances would CAF/CASS engage agency or permanent social work staff outside of these agreements ?

Cafcass would only engage with a supplier not on the agency framework when none of the suppliers on the preferred supplier list are able to provide a suitable candidate to fill an agency social work vacancy.

5) When does the current agreement / PSL come to an end?

Cafcass' current agency framework is due to expire on 31 May 2017.

6) When is this contract due to be re-tendered ?

There is currently no date set for when the agency framework will be re-tendered.

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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