Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 13 May 2016. You made the following requests for information:

Please could you supply us with a list of your agency spend on Family Court Advisers for last financial year. Also, could you send across each individual name of the workers who occupy the current agency positions and what post it is they hold.

Please could these be current workers working for CAFCASS at the moment.

Please see below for our response.

1) The total spend on agency Family Court Advisers in 2015-16 financial year was £4,301,955.

2) Individual names are exempt from disclosure under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act, as these constitute personal information of Cafcass staff. However, please see below for the positions occupied by current agency staff:

   - 68 agency Family Court Advisers
   - 59 agency Business Support/Administrative staff

Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act provides that:

1. Any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject.
2. Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if-
   a. it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1), and
   b. either the first or the second condition below is satisfied.
3. The first condition is-
   a. in a case where the information falls within any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of "data" in section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene-
      (i) any of the data protection principles, or
      (ii) section 10 of that Act (right to prevent processing likely to cause damage or distress), and
   b. in any other case, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene any of the data protection principles if the exemptions in section 33A(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998 (which relate to manual data held by public authorities) were disregarded.

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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