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Dear Janet Finch-Saunders AM

Petition P-05-751 Recognition of Parental Alienation

Thank you for the letter dated 10 December 2018 from the then Chair of the Petitions Committee.

Cafcass Cymru practitioners have been engaging with a range of learning opportunities about the issue of alienation, alongside the development of our practice guidance. These opportunities have included webinars, podcasts, team workshops and a sector-wide event co-facilitated with Cardiff University.

The practice guidance is now in the final stages of completion, and will be launched at a national event for Cafcass Cymru practitioners in June 2019. At this event, a range of eminent key note speakers will present on the topic of alienation, very much focussing on the impact of such behaviour on children and informing evidenced-based best practice. There will be ongoing learning opportunities beyond the launch of the guidance.

We will be more than happy to forward to you a copy of the practice guidance when it is published.

Yours sincerely

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