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Dear Janet Finch-Saunders AM

Petition P-05-751 Recognition of Parental Alienation

Thank you for your letter dated 18 November 2019.

Following the publication and launch of the Cafcass Cymru practice guidance *Children's Resistance Or Refusal To Spend Time With A Parent*, Cafcass Cymru will monitor the impact and effect of the guidance through our supervision arrangements with our practitioners. Through an organisation-wide programme the guidance will embed into practice and be used by family court advisors to aid their assessment, analysis and advice to the court in respect of children and their families.

In order to ensure the practice guidance is kept fresh in the minds of our practitioners, we will be providing regular practice development sessions around its use and this work has already commenced. The guidance has been positively received by practitioners and feedback to date indicates it is being used in practice to support robust and evidence-based decision making for children. We will of course continue to monitor and review its implementation and effectiveness.

Yours sincerely

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