Consultation on the future inspection of CaFaSs

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statutory functions, including the public sector equality duty.

- Cafcass's practice is timely, proportionate to need, fair, balanced and delivered in accordance with professional social work standards.

The impact of leaders on private and public law practice with families is likely to be judged outstanding if the following applies.

- In addition to meeting the requirements of a 'good' judgement, there is evidence that leaders and managers are confident, ambitious and influential in changing the lives of children in family proceedings. They innovate and generate creative ideas to sustain the highest-quality services for children and families. They know their strengths and weaknesses well and both respond to and are resilient to new challenges. Professional relationships between Cafcass and its partner organisations are mature and well developed. Accountabilities are embedded and result in confident, regular evaluation and improvement in the quality of advice given to the family courts.

The impact of leaders on private and public law practice with families is likely to be judged requires improvement to be good if the following applies.

- Any widespread or serious failures have been identified by Cafcass and are being effectively addressed, but the characteristics of good leadership are not consistently in place.

The impact of leaders on private and public law practice with families is likely to be judged inadequate if the following applies.

- Either of the 2 practice judgements is inadequate and leaders and managers have not been able to demonstrate sufficient understanding of the failure. Leaders and managers have been ineffective in prioritising challenging weak practice and making improvements.

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1. Under section 1(1) of the Children Act 1989, where the court is determining any issue relating to the upbringing of a child or the administration of a child's property, the child's welfare shall be the court's paramount consideration. This paramountcy principle makes family proceedings a unique form of litigation. ↩

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