

**Freedom of Information request**  
**LSB reference: 20140225**

I would like to request the following information:

██████████ is a psychiatrist who has been contracted to undertake parenting assessments of families involved with social services.

The money was usually paid to his company ██████████.

Usually this arrangement would have been agreed between parties involved in the legal proceedings – CAFCASS, the local authority, the family and the court, and the resulting cost split between two or more of these parties.

The portion paid by the court would usually have been paid by the body responsible for legal aid.

Please could you provide the following information for each of the last thirteen years, individually for each year (financial year or calendar year is fine, whichever is more convenient)–

What was the total amount paid in legal aid (whether directly or through solicitors or other agencies) for work undertaken ██████████ and/or his ██████████  
██████████ (otherwise known as ██████████  
██████████) for each of those years?

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email sent on 25 February 2014, requesting information about the total amount paid in legal aid for work undertaken by [REDACTED] in the last thirteen years.

I regret to advise you that the information you require is not held by the Legal Service Board (LSB). The LSB was created in 2009 by the Legal Service Act 2007 as the independent oversight regulator of the legal professions in England and Wales. We have no role in the administration of legal aid. May I advise that you refer your request to the Legal Aid Agency, which is the executive agency of the Ministry of Justice with responsibility for the administration of civil and criminal legal aid in England and Wales. A link to their website is attached here: <http://www.justice.gov.uk/about/laa>

I hope that this has been of assistance, but if you are dissatisfied with this response to your request for information, you have the right to ask for an internal review / to submit a complaint (see LSB's Freedom of information - Complaints procedure: [http://www.legalservicesboard.org.uk/can\\_we\\_help/lsb\\_policies\\_procedures/freedom\\_of\\_information/index.htm](http://www.legalservicesboard.org.uk/can_we_help/lsb_policies_procedures/freedom_of_information/index.htm))

Yours sincerely

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