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Dear

Response to follow up letter on collective concerns about research representation in Family Justice Council Guidance (December 2024)

Thank you for your follow up letter dated 7 April 2025. We apologise for the delay in sending a response.

Your letter has been shared with the Chair of the Family Justice Council Working Group on responding to allegations of alienating behaviours.

The Family Justice Council is of the view that the prevalence or frequency of alienating behaviour is not the focus of the guidance, rather the guidance sets out clear guidance on how such cases should be conducted to protect children.

As noted in our previous letter, the Council considered almost 100 responses to the proposed guidance and drew upon academic research both from the UK and internationally. This is a complex area of family law, and the purpose of the guidance was to provide clarity and consistency across the Family Justice System.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Bee Ezete

Secretary to the Family Justice Council and Private Secretary to the President of the Family Division