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Dear Dr Taylor

It has come to my attention as CEO of Cafcass that at a virtual launch event for Dr Charlotte Proudman's new book on 15 April 2025, you made some extremely offensive remarks about Cafcass practitioners. The context of this appears to have been during a discussion where you are reported to have said, that some perpetrators of domestic abuse and even child abusers might be family justice professionals. You made a statement which was summarised to me as follows, '**on the basis of probabilities there must be social workers and Cafcass practitioners who go home and abuse their kids.**'

I seek to place you on notice that Cafcass takes such allegations extremely seriously. Not only is it unhelpful in the context of the debate about domestic abuse in the family court, but there is no evidential basis upon which the statement appears to have been made. In addition, it would have been frightening for any young person or potential family member needing a Cafcass service to be listening to such extraordinarily unprofessional and inflammatory words. Cafcass refutes the suggestion that any of its staff should be presumed to perpetrate abuse against their own children without any evidence whatsoever to support such a statement. It is also extremely concerning to me that you considered it appropriate to make such comment in a public setting with no regard for the impact or consequences for children and families or indeed Cafcass practitioners themselves.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge, by return, that your comments were inappropriate and made without foundation, and provide me with your personal reassurance that such comments will not be repeated by you in future. Further, I would be expecting to have a written apology from you that I will share with the organisation.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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