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Cafcass Reference: 3738

### **Cafcass Letter to the Court**

Court:	
Court Case No:	RefTest
Date of Hearing:	

#### **Child/ren the proceedings are about** (subject/s of the application)

Name of child	Gender	Date of birth	Age
Jamie Dutton	Not Known	08/10/2010	14
Kayce Dutton	Not Known	09/10/2015	9
Lee Dutton	Not Known	07/12/2019	2

#### **Adults involved in the proceedings** (adult parties)

Name of adult	Gender	Relationship to child/ren	Date of birth
Ian Boardman	Not Known		09/08/1985
Evelyn Dutton	Not Known		01/02/1986

**WARNING:** This letter is confidential and the rules of the court prevent it being shared. There may be serious consequences if the information included in this letter is communicated without authorisation and the court may need to be informed.

**NOTE:** Significant factual errors (not matters disputed by the adults) in this letter should be referred to the author. Any concerns about other aspects of the letter (for example, the extent of enquiries, the opinions expressed in it or matters disputed by the parties) must be addressed in court.

John Dutton III	Male		09/08/1985
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The Court sent Cafcass the application in the above case, listed for first hearing as above.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Court about Cafcass' work to date.

What is happening for this child?
Who is this letter about and what is the background to this application? What are the current arrangements and summary of issues?
Summary of Cafcass enquiries
<p><b>Mediation and Information Assessment Meeting (MIAM):</b> Has one taken place, if yes - outcome, if no - why not.</p> <p>The average annual energy bill in England, Scotland and Wales will increase to £1,738 from January, heaping further pressure on household finances, as the price cap rises by 1.2%.</p> <p>The energy regulator <a href="#">Ofgem</a> said its quarterly cap would go up by £21 a year, or about £1.75 a month, for a typical household's gas and electricity use.</p> <p>The increase for the January-March cap comes on top of a 10% rise for the October-December period, when it was <a href="#">£1,717 a year</a>.</p> <p>As temperatures drop during the winter, consumers also face a squeeze from <a href="#">rising mortgage costs</a> and <a href="#">higher inflation</a> as well as <a href="#">threatened price rises</a> by retailers as a result of changes made in last month's budget.</p> <p>The price cap is set every three months by <a href="#">Ofgem</a>, the regulator that covers Great Britain, and is the maximum suppliers can charge their 26 million household customers for each unit of gas and electricity.</p> <p><b>Cafcass</b> Is the family previously known to Cafcass, if so, briefly state relevance to current application.</p> <p>The average annual energy bill in England, Scotland and Wales will increase to £1,738 from January, heaping further pressure on household finances, as the price cap rises by 1.2%.</p> <p>The energy regulator <a href="#">Ofgem</a> said its quarterly cap would go up by £21 a year, or about £1.75 a month, for a typical household's gas and electricity use.</p> <p>The increase for the January-March cap comes on top of a 10% rise for the October-December period, when it was <a href="#">£1,717 a year</a>.</p> <p>As temperatures drop during the winter, consumers also face a squeeze from <a href="#">rising mortgage costs</a> and <a href="#">higher inflation</a> as well as <a href="#">threatened price rises</a> by retailers as a result of changes made in last month's budget.</p>

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## Police

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## Local Authority

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### **Other agencies**

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### **Summary of safeguarding issues and strengths within the family system**

The following is a summary of the relevant safeguarding issues and strengths within the family identified during interviews with the parents/other adults.

What is the parents' understanding of the impact on the child?

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The summary above does not reflect the entirety of the calls. Any additional information and/or detail would need to be provided to the court as part of the parents' own evidence.

### **Analysis of issues arising from safeguarding or risk identification and impact on the child**

Include the impact of any cha The average annual energy bill in England, Scotland and Wales will increase to £1,738 from January, heaping further pressure on household finances, as the price cap rises by 1.2%.

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Where the Local Authority are involved, what is our understanding of the nature of that involvement, what intervention and assessments are taking place, what Cafcass thinks needs to happen to promote the child's safety.

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#### Advice to the court

e.g.

- Planning Together for Children.
- Fact-Finding Hearing necessary to determine next steps; include rationale for recommending a Fact-Finding Hearing, or not, where there are allegations of domestic abuse.
- Full family assessment by Cafcass under section 7.
- Rule 16.4 appointment.
- Further enquiries needed to assess risk; for example, is there information from other agencies required – set out rationale for this.
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Should this letter be shared with the Local Authority? If yes, set out reasoning for this.

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To enable this to be completed we ask the court to direct:

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Advice on interim arrangements:

To include our rationale where we are not supporting any interim arrangements.

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[Delete as applicable]

**Either:**

A copy of this letter has been sent to the adults involved in the proceedings.

**OR**

A copy of this letter has not been sent to the adults involved in the proceeding, because it contains information that may put an adult or child at risk if disclosed prior to a hearing. The court's direction in relation to disclosure are requested.

Letter completed and signed by

Family Court Adviser