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CPS Perjury Act Solicitors

Thank you for your letter dated 1st December. We are treating your request as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

In your request you asked for the following information.

1/ Are you aware that the police are not taking reports on Perjury in the family courts?

2/ Should the Police be taking all legitimate reports of perjury seriously?

3/ Has the CPS at any time instructed or advised the Police, to tell members of the public on reporting Perjury in the family courts that they can do nothing as it is a civil matter?

4/ How many reports of Perjury in the family courts have made it to the CPS in the last 5 years?

5/ How did those reports reach the CPS? such as via Police or other?

6/ How many of those reports in the past 5 years were investigated?

7/ How many of those reports ended in prosecution?

8/ How many reports of Perjury in the criminal courts have reached the CPS in the last 5 years?

9/ Does the CPS agree that unchallenged Perjury perverts the course of justice, undermines the court process and can lead to unsafe judicial outcomes?

10/ Does the CPS accept the Perjury Act is blanket legislation which covers the act of Perjury in all courts and tribunals which includes the family courts? 11/ Do all officers and agents of the CPS recognise the The Perjury Act as law?

12/ what is the main professional objective of a CPS officer or agent?

13/ if a member of the public can prove that someone has committed perjury in the family court and they are a victim of such perjury, what course of action is open to

them to initiate an investigation by law enforcement, if they do not have the funds to engage lawyers?

I can confirm that we do not hold the information in the scope of this request. In relation to your questions 1 and 2 I would suggest you take this up with the relevant police force.

I relation to quests 3 - 13 these are questions that would need to be answered by the CPS. Please re-direct your enquiry to <u>IAT@cps.gov.uk</u>

As part of our duty to provide advice and assistance, the remit of HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate is to inspect the Crown Prosecution Service and the Serious Fraud Office.

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this email and send to the below email address:

info@HMCPSI.gov.uk

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