



The Professional Association for Family Court  
Advisers and Independent Social Work Practitioners

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### **Nagalro looks forward to working with new ministers to ensure safeguards for children remain robust**

Nagalro looks forward to working with new ministers Edward Timson at DfE and Helen Grant at MoJ who will be dealing with issues about family courts. We welcome the fact that both have personal experience in family courts and bring an understanding of this complex area to their new responsibilities. There are crucial issues awaiting them such as the modernisation of the family courts, and ensuring high quality social work with children and families in Cafcass and local authorities.

We are keen to work together with ministers to ensure there is no reduction in the statutory safeguards available for children through proposed changes to family courts or new child protection guidance to local authorities. Children need robust scrutiny of care plans, and Children's Guardians who can spend enough time with them. We have ideas about how independent social workers can assist courts to achieve good outcomes for children without delay, and can assist with 'growing' the next generation of skilled social workers through mentoring and training.

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