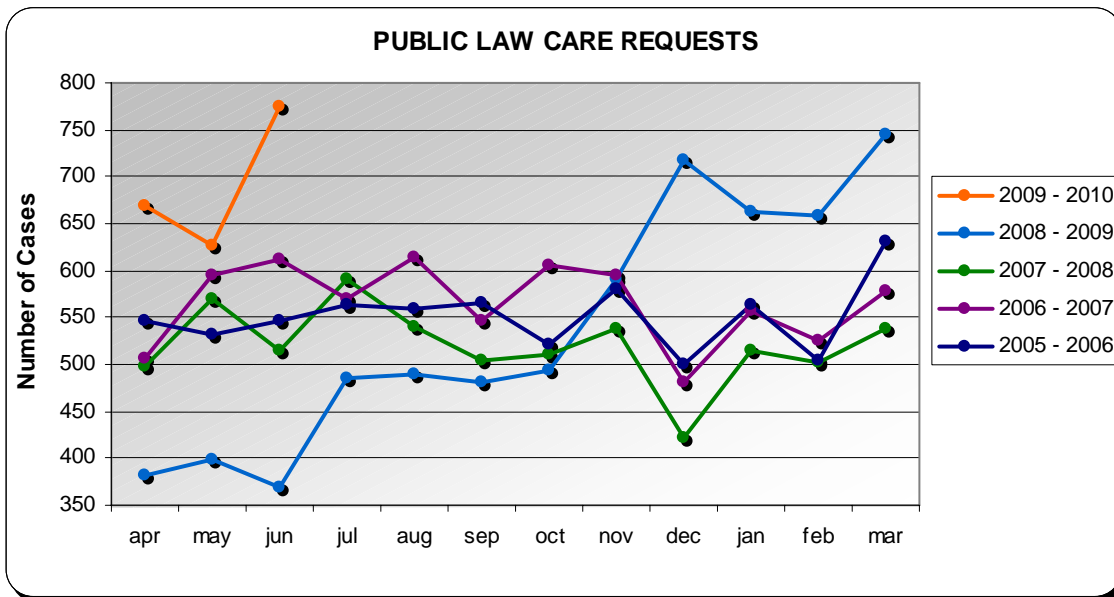




CAFCASS CARE DEMAND - LATEST QUARTERLY FIGURES

2008-2009: Cafcass experienced a 27.3% drop in demand for care cases across the country April to June 2008, in comparison to the same period in the previous year. Demand levelled off for the period of July to October 2008 but then rose sharply resulting in a significant increase in applications. The second half of the 2008-2009 year saw nearly 50% more care applications than the first half. Care demand for March 2009 was 745 cases, amounting to an increase of 39% compared to March 2008. Overall, care demand for 2008-2009 was up 3.7% compared to the previous year.

2009-2010: Care demand has continued to remain at an unprecedentedly high level for the first quarter of 2009-2010. June 2009 is the highest care demand figure ever recorded for a single month.



Month	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10
apr	546	507	497	381	670
may	532	595	569	399	627
jun	547	613	514	368	774
jul	564	569	590	485	
aug	559	614	542	490	
sep	565	546	504	481	
oct	521	606	511	494	
nov	581	595	539	590	
dec	501	480	422	717	
jan	563	558	514	663	
feb	504	525	502	658	
mar	630	578	536	745	
Total	6,613	6,786	6,240	6,471	

Note: Figures in the above table and graph are provided from our current national case management system (CMS) [April 2006 to present] and historical manual systems. The unit of measurement is a case and is counted upon receipt of the application from the Court and entry into our CMS. A case can involve multiple children and multiple application types. The CMS is a live system and any late entries will be accounted for upon the release of subsequent updates to this data. Updates to this monthly information will be quarterly, week commencing the third week of the following months: July, October and January.