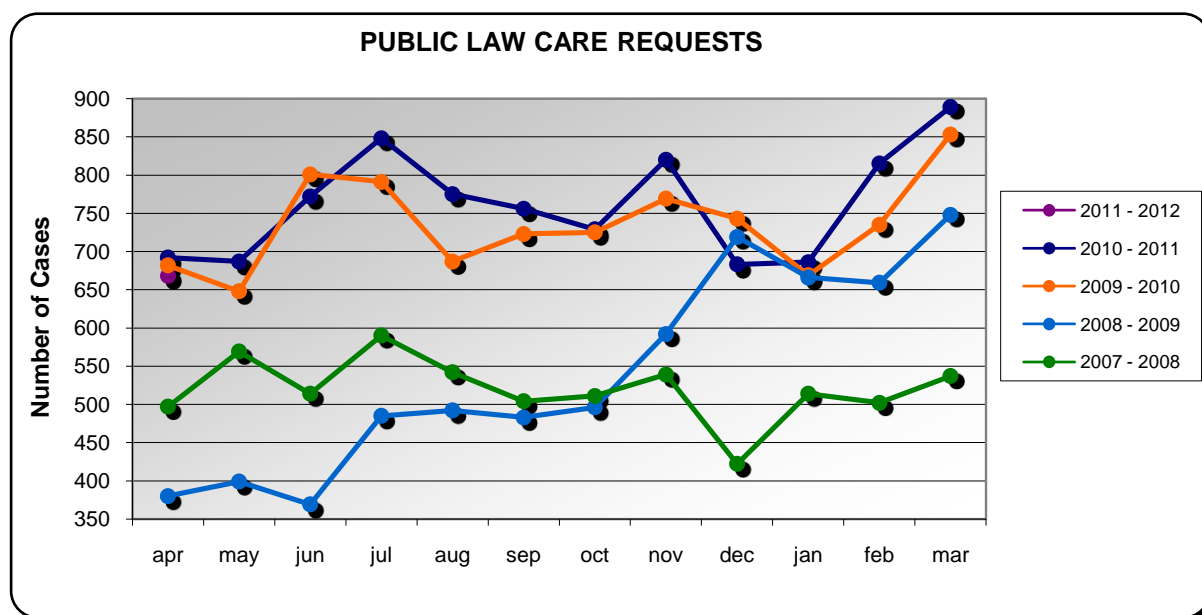


CAFCASS CARE DEMAND - LATEST FIGURES FOR APRIL 2011

2009-2010: Care demand remained at unprecedentedly high levels throughout the year. During the year, Cafcass received 8,826 Care applications. As a whole, 2009-10 saw a 36% increase in public law Care applications when compared to 2008-09.

2010-2011: Care application demand remained at a very high level. During 2010-11, Cafcass received a total of 9,152 new applications. This figure is 3.7 % higher when compared to the previous year. Care application demand for all months in this year were the highest ever recorded by Cafcass for the individual months except June and December 2010. March 2011 saw the highest ever number of Care applications recorded in an individual month, with 889 applications.



Month	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12
apr	497	380	682	692	668
may	569	399	648	687	
jun	514	369	801	772	
jul	590	485	791	848	
aug	542	492	687	775	
sep	504	483	723	756	
oct	511	496	725	729	
nov	539	592	769	820	
dec	422	719	743	683	
jan	514	666	669	686	
feb	502	659	735	815	
mar	537	748	853	889	
Total	6,241	6,488	8,826	9,152	668

Notes:

1. Figures in the above table and graph are provided from the Cafcass national case management system (CMS). The unit of measurement is a Care application, upon its receipt by Cafcass from the Court and its entry into CMS. An application can involve multiple children. CMS is a live system and any late entries will be accounted for at the time of release of subsequent updates to this data. Updates to this information will be published on a monthly basis, in the second week of each month.

2. Pre-release of these statistics has been made available to the Children's Minister, Tim Loughton MP in accordance with The Pre-Release Access to Official Statistics Order 2008.