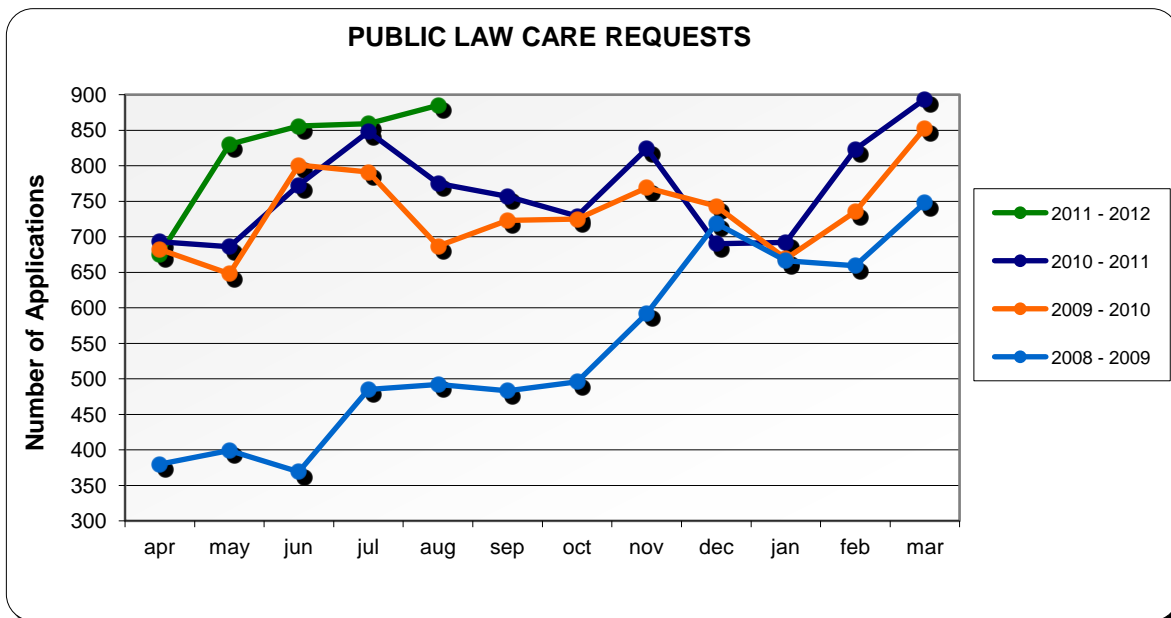




CAFCASS CARE DEMAND - LATEST FIGURES FOR AUGUST 2011

2010-2011: During 2010-11, Cafcass experienced a 4.1% increase in care applications with 9,184 new applications up from 8,826 in 2009-10, which itself saw a 36% increase on applications we received in 2008-2009. Care application demand for all months during 2010-2011 have been the highest ever recorded by Cafcass for the individual months except June and December 10. March 2011 saw the highest ever number of care applications recorded in an individual month, with 894 applications.

2011-2012: Care application demand has remained at a very high level. Between April and August 2011, Cafcass received 4,105 new applications. This figure is 8.7% higher when compared to the same period last year. Applications received between May to August this year has been the highest ever recorded by Cafcass for these individual months. The latest figures for August are the second highest care applications ever recorded for a single month by Cafcass.



Month	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12
apr	380	682	693	675
may	399	648	686	830
jun	369	801	773	856
jul	485	791	848	859
aug	492	687	775	885
sep	483	723	757	
oct	496	725	729	
nov	592	769	824	
dec	719	743	690	
jan	666	669	692	
feb	659	735	823	
mar	748	853	894	
Total	6,488	8,826	9,184	4,105

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.