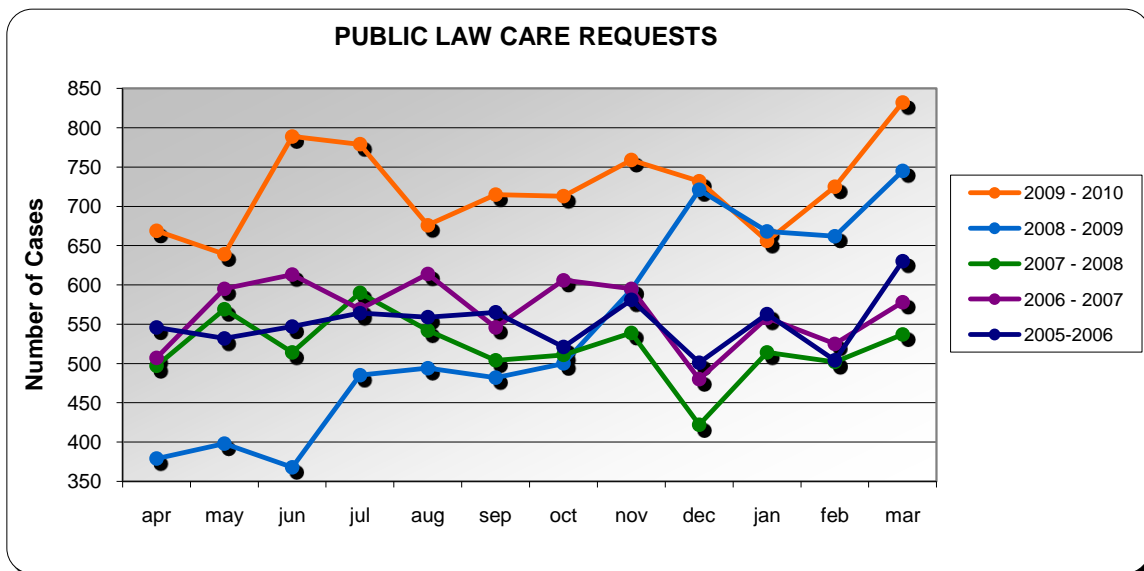




CAFCASS CARE DEMAND - LATEST QUARTERLY FIGURES (Quarter 4: 2009-10)

2008-09: 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 as a result of a significant increase in applications. The second half of the 2008-09 year saw nearly 50% more care applications than the first half. Overall, care demand for 2008-09 was up 4% compared to the previous year.

2009-10: Quarter 4 care demand has continued to remain at unprecedentedly high levels. Comparing the whole year of 2009-10 to last year, care demand is up by 34% (2188 cases). March 2010 (832 cases) was the highest care demand figure ever recorded for a single month since Cafcass began collecting this data.



Month	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10
apr	546	507	497	379	669
may	532	595	569	398	639
jun	547	613	514	368	789
jul	564	569	590	485	779
aug	559	614	542	494	676
sep	565	546	504	482	715
oct	521	606	511	500	713
nov	581	595	539	594	759
dec	501	480	422	721	732
jan	563	558	514	668	656
feb	504	525	502	662	725
mar	630	578	537	745	832
Total	6,613	6,786	6,241	6,496	8,684

Note: Figures in the above table and graph are provided from our 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 CMS. A case can involve multiple children and multiple application types. A care case specifically includes a care (section 31) application. 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 each year: July, October, January and April.