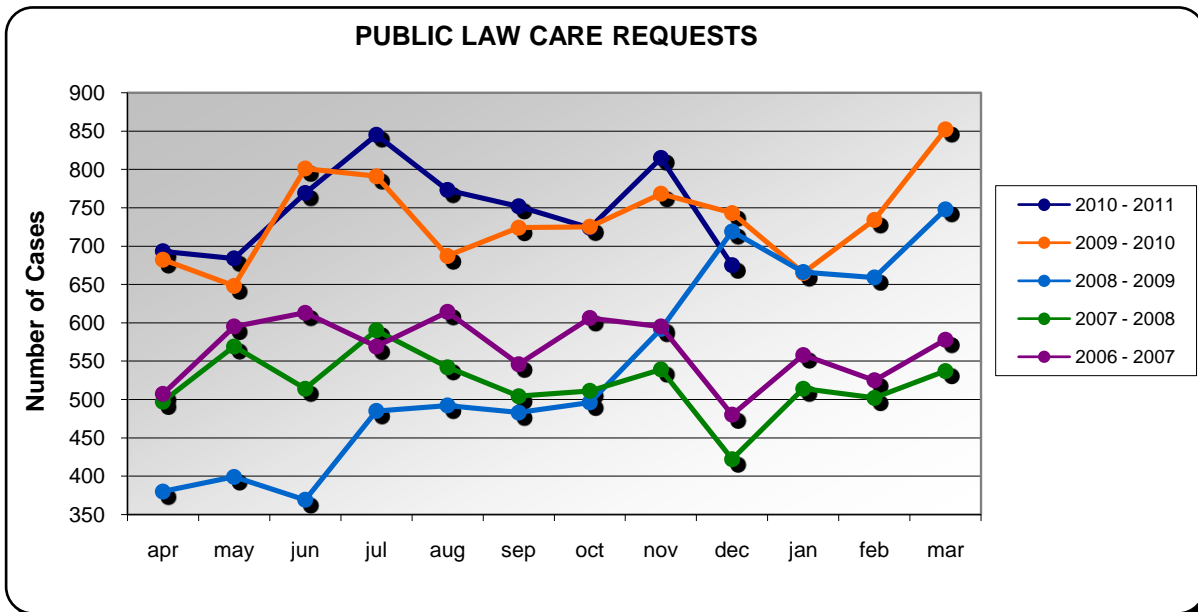




**CAFCASS CARE DEMAND - LATEST FIGURES FOR APRIL - DECEMBER 2010**

**2009-2010:** Care demand remained at unprecedentedly high levels throughout the year. During the year, Cafcass received 8,820 care applications. March 2010 saw the highest ever number of care applications recorded in an individual month, with 852 applications. As a whole, 2009-10 saw a 35.9% increase in public law care applications when compared to 2008/09.

**2010-2011:** Care application demand has remained at a very high level. Between April and December 2010, Cafcass received 6,730 new care applications. This figure is 2.5 % higher when compared to the same period last year. Care application demand for all months in the current year have been the highest ever recorded by Cafcass for the individual months except June, October and December 2010.



Month	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11
apr	507	497	380	682	693
may	595	569	399	648	684
jun	613	514	369	801	769
jul	569	590	485	791	845
aug	614	542	492	687	773
sep	546	504	483	724	752
oct	606	511	496	725	724
nov	595	539	592	768	815
dec	480	422	719	743	675
jan	558	514	666	665	
feb	525	502	659	734	
mar	578	537	748	852	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,786</b>	<b>6,241</b>	<b>6,488</b>	<b>8,820</b>	<b>6,730</b>

**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.