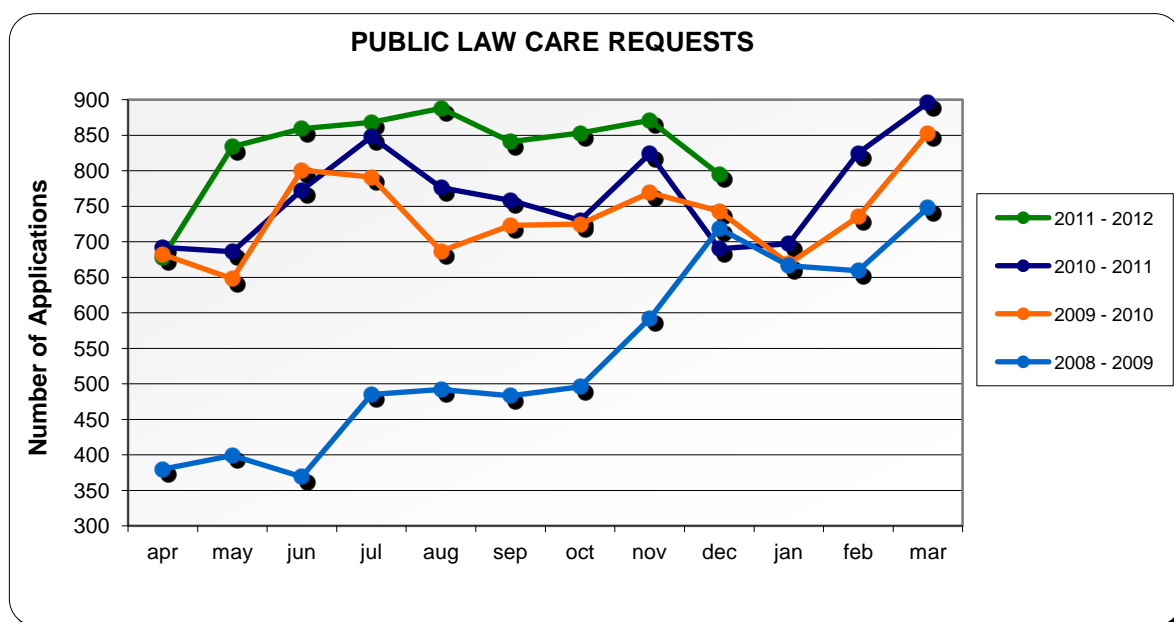




CAFCASS CARE DEMAND - LATEST FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 2011

2011-2012: Care application demand has remained at a very high level. Between April and December 2011, Cafcass received 7,487 new applications. This figure is 10.5% higher when compared to the same period last year. Applications received between May to December this year have been the highest ever recorded by Cafcass for these individual months.

2010-2011: During 2010-11 Cafcass experienced a 4.2% increase in care applications with 9,195 new applications up from 8,826 in 2009-10, which itself saw a 36% increase on applications we received in 2008-2009. March 2011 saw the highest ever number of care applications recorded in an individual month, with 896 applications.



Month	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12
apr	380	682	692	678
may	399	648	686	834
jun	369	801	773	859
jul	485	791	848	868
aug	492	687	776	888
sep	483	723	758	841
oct	496	725	730	853
nov	592	769	824	871
dec	719	743	690	795
jan	666	669	697	
feb	659	735	825	
mar	748	853	896	
Total	6,488	8,826	9,195	7,487

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.