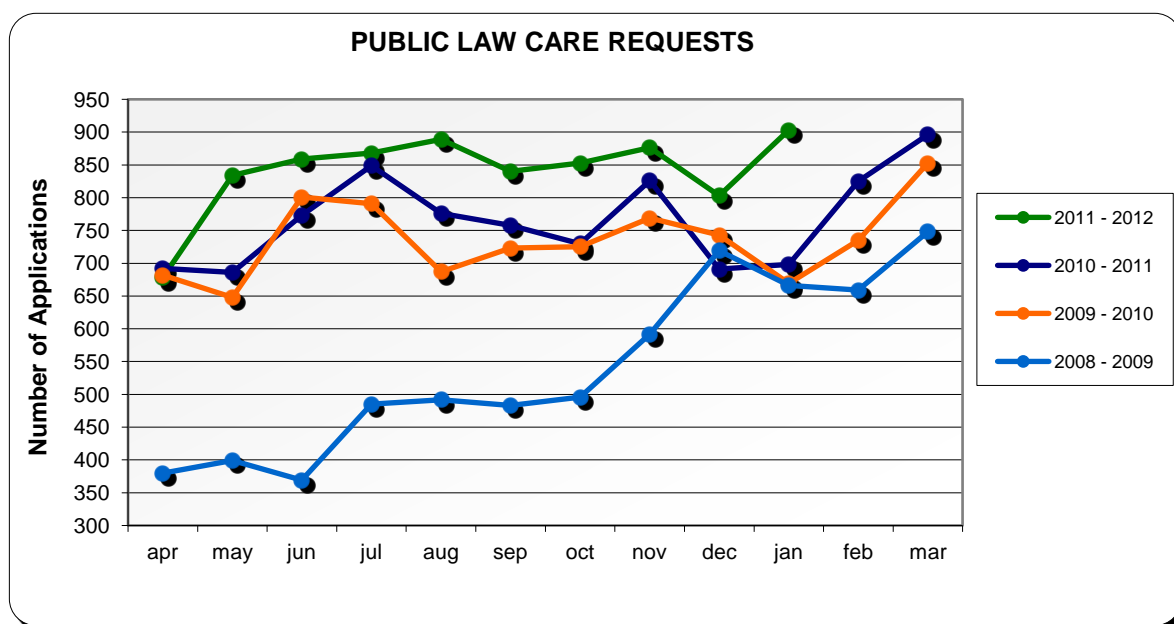




## CAFCASS CARE DEMAND - LATEST FIGURES FOR JANUARY 2012

**2011-2012:** Care application demand has remained at a very high level. Between April 2011 and January 2012, Cafcass received 8,403 new applications. This figure is 12.4% higher when compared to the same period last financial year. Applications received between May 2011 to January 2012 this year have been the highest ever recorded by Cafcass for these individual months. January 2012 saw the highest ever number of care applications recorded in an individual month, with 903 applications.

**2010-2011:** During 2010-11 Cafcass experienced a 4.2% increase in care applications with 9,200 new applications up from 8,826 in 2009-10, which itself saw a 36% increase on applications we received in 2008-2009.



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	849	868
aug	492	687	776	889
sep	483	723	758	840
oct	496	725	730	853
nov	592	769	826	876
dec	719	743	691	803
jan	666	669	698	903
feb	659	735	825	
mar	748	853	896	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,488</b>	<b>8,826</b>	<b>9,200</b>	<b>8,403</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.