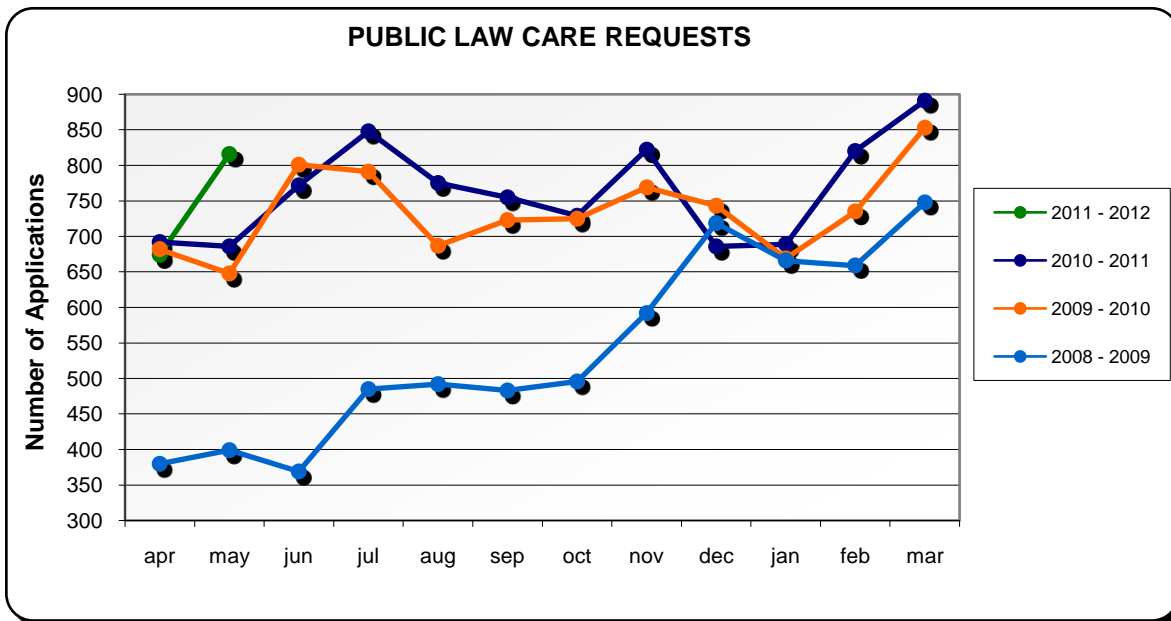




## CAFCASS CARE DEMAND - LATEST FIGURES FOR MAY 2011

**2010-2011:** Care application demand remained at a very high level. During 2010-11, Cafcass received a total of 9,165 new applications. This figure was 3.8% higher than the previous year. Care application demand for all months in this year was the highest ever recorded by Cafcass for the individual months except June and December 2010. March 2011 saw the highest ever number of care applications recorded in an individual month, with 891 applications.

**2009-2010:** Care demand remained at unprecedentedly high levels throughout the year. During the year, Cafcass received 8,826 care applications. As a whole, 2009-10 saw a 36% increase in public law care applications when compared to 2008-09.



Month	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12
apr	380	682	692	674
may	399	648	686	816
jun	369	801	772	
jul	485	791	848	
aug	492	687	775	
sep	483	723	755	
oct	496	725	729	
nov	592	769	822	
dec	719	743	686	
jan	666	669	689	
feb	659	735	820	
mar	748	853	891	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,488</b>	<b>8,826</b>	<b>9,165</b>	<b>1,490</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.