



Meeting	Board
Date	Wednesday, 21 October 2020
Title of report	2019-20 Annual Report and Accounts
Purpose	For information
Public/private report	Public
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KEY POINTS

- The Cafcass Annual Report and Accounts (ARA) for 2019-20 have been drafted in line with current disclosure requirements and have been subject to audit and review by the National Audit office.
- Approval was given by the Board to the ARA in July 2020, subject to completion of final work by the National Audit.
- The National Audit is still underway, and it is expected that the ARA will be laid before Parliament in November 2020.

1. AIM AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 To present the 2019-20 Annual Report and Accounts for to the Board.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The ARA have been drafted in line with current disclosure requirements. The Report incorporates previous comments from the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC) and the Board. The Report has also been subject to audit and is in the final stages of review by the National Audit Office (NAO). The findings to-date from this review have been shared with ARAC.

3. KEY STRATEGIC AREAS TO CONSIDER

- 3.1 A child-friendly version of the ARA has been produced and will be promoted via our website and social media channels. Key content from the annual report has been 'lifted' from the report and will be promoted on these channels. The impact of this promotion will be tracked and recorded by the Communications team.

4. IMPACT ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- 4.1 The ARA are an important means of demonstrating the accountability of the organisation to its stakeholders, children and young people, to the general public and to Parliament.

4.2 The Family Justice Young People's Board were involved in the production of this year's report and we will celebrate their contribution when the report is published.

5. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the presentation to the Board of the enclosed ARA.

6. RISK ANALYSIS

6.1 There are no risks arising from the presentation to the Board of the enclosed ARA.

7. DIVERSITY ANALYSIS

7.1 The content of the report is based on the FREM (Government Financial Reporting Manual), which stipulates the minimum aspects relating to diversity we must report on.

8. ACTION REQUIRED

8.1 The Board is asked to **NOTE** the report.