

# Cafcass Performance Update – Appendix 4

## DFJ Durations

Duration is measured in calendar weeks from application issue date to the date the application was completed.

**Care and Supervision (s31) application duration in calendar weeks by DFJ**

DFJ Area	2014 - 2015				2015-2016				2016-17
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Birmingham	44	41	35	43	36	38	35	36	46
Blackburn/Lancaster	32	37	33	29	29	26	29	26	27
Bournemouth and Dorset	23	27	31	30	31	29	27	28	24
Brighton	35	30	30	33	32	30	35	28	31
Bristol (A, NS and G)	28	26	26	26	28	30	32	28	31
Carlisle	30	31	32	32	32	37	36	38	41
Central London	38	37	35	33	36	32	33	30	28
Cleveland and South Durham	23	21	23	23	24	25	26	24	25
Coventry	36	37	42	34	28	28	31	35	35
Derby	24	23	27	24	29	23	25	28	26
Devon	28	31	27	27	28	27	25	31	31
East London	42	36	34	33	32	30	30	36	32
Essex and Suffolk	28	26	24	25	23	24	25	25	26
Guildford	36	35	32	30	32	26	24	33	25
High Court	38	26	39	29	67	36	41	35	28
Humberside	30	23	27	31	32	26	26	28	27
Leicester	29	30	31	29	30	30	25	30	36
Lincoln	21	23	22	25	28	22	26	31	33
Liverpool	26	27	27	27	29	27	27	27	28
Luton	32	28	32	27	30	29	30	31	28
Manchester	30	30	33	31	34	30	29	29	29
Medway	32	32	30	29	28	26	31	30	31
North Yorkshire	19	25	21	21	21	23	23	21	30
Northampton/Milton Keynes	31	32	31	30	30	30	31	37	34
Northumbria and North Durham	31	31	28	34	33	34	31	32	29
Norwich	24	23	24	24	25	27	29	26	24
Nottingham	33	31	29	33	32	31	30	32	32
Peterborough	24	24	25	26	28	36	23	28	26
Portsmouth (Hampshire and IOW)	29	28	29	27	27	29	29	30	26
Reading	32	36	33	34	37	29	30	28	35
South Yorkshire	37	31	31	29	27	26	29	28	27
Stoke on Trent	24	23	25	27	29	28	28	26	27
Swindon	27	29	38	26	23	23	28	29	27
Taunton	36	33	28	35	37	29	30	23	24
Truro	17	20	16	18	22	19	24	21	22
Watford	39	35	32	29	33	31	30	36	30
West London	38	38	34	37	32	34	30	30	28
West Yorkshire	27	29	29	26	26	29	30	30	28
Wolverhampton/Telford	32	34	38	36	38	34	33	35	37
Worcester	25	29	28	26	33	32	29	34	34
<b>National</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

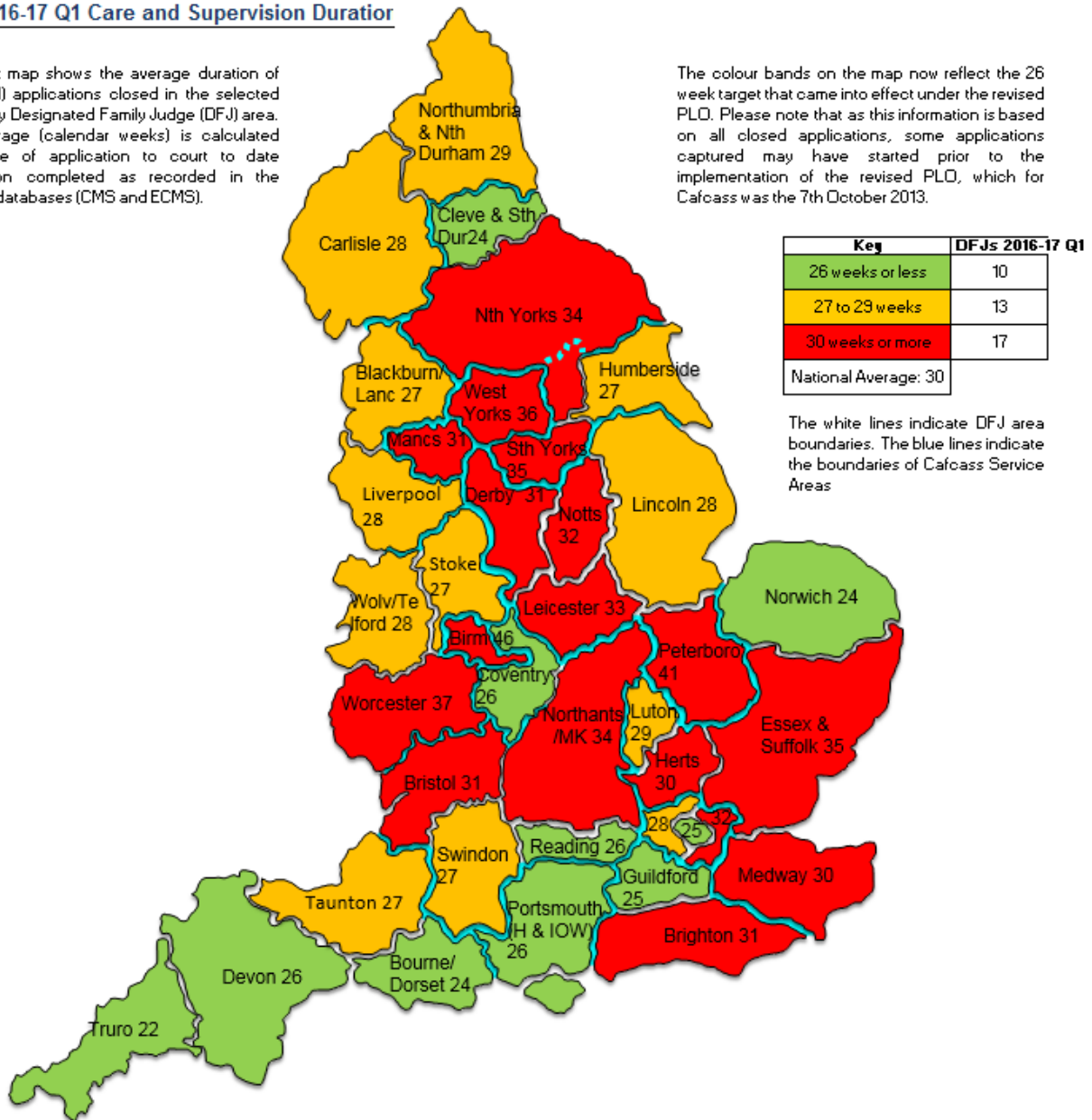
Banding	Weeks	Number of DFJ's in each band by quarter								
<b>Red</b>	<b>30+</b>	22	21	21	17	21	17	19	21	17
<b>Amber</b>	<b>27 - 29</b>	7	7	10	11	12	11	10	11	13
<b>Green</b>	<b>26 or less</b>	11	12	9	12	7	12	11	8	10
<b>National average</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

Data is taken from the Cafcass Management systems, the Case Management System (CMS) and the Electronic Case Management System (ECMS). ECMS is a live and continually updated national database. Each application can involve multiple children. ECMS is a live system and any late entries will be accounted for at the time of release of subsequent updates to this data.

## DFJ 2016-17 Q1 Care and Supervision Duration

This heat map shows the average duration of care (s31) applications closed in the selected quarter by Designated Family Judge (DFJ) area. The average (calendar weeks) is calculated from date of application to court to date application completed as recorded in the Cafcass databases (CMS and ECMS).

The colour bands on the map now reflect the 26 week target that came into effect under the revised PLO. Please note that as this information is based on all closed applications, some applications captured may have started prior to the implementation of the revised PLO, which for Cafcass was the 7th October 2013.



## DFJ 2016-17 Q1 Private Case Duration

This heat map shows the average duration of closed Private Law cases, excluding those with a Rule 16.4 appointment, where the last hearing was within the selected quarter, by Designated Family Judge (DFJ) area. The average (calendar weeks) is calculated from date of the first application to court to date of the last hearing as recorded in the Cafcass databases (CMS and ECMS).

The red / amber / green bandings are specific to the national average and will vary with each production of this document. ECMS is a live system and any late entries will be accounted for at the time of release of subsequent updates to this data.

