

# Cafcass Performance Update – Appendix (Public Law)

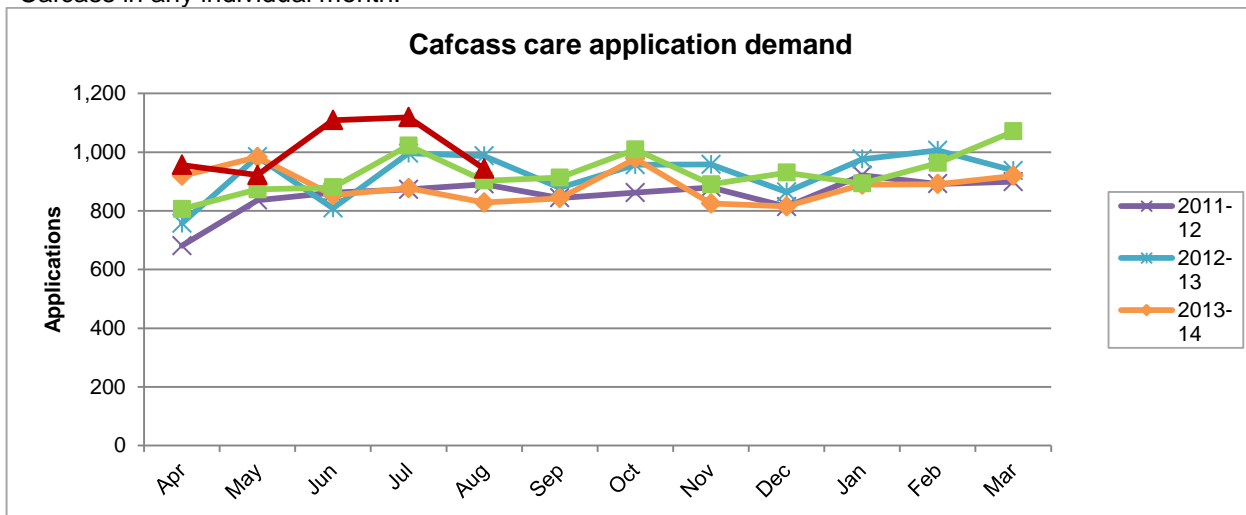
## Public law – Care Application Demand

**2012-13:** Cafcass received 11,110 new applications in this year, an 8.3% increase on the 10,255 received in 2011-12. Applications received during all months, except June, were the highest ever recorded by Cafcass for these individual months at this time. The comparatively lower demand in June 2012 is believed to be due to the lack of working days available due to the special bank holidays in the year.

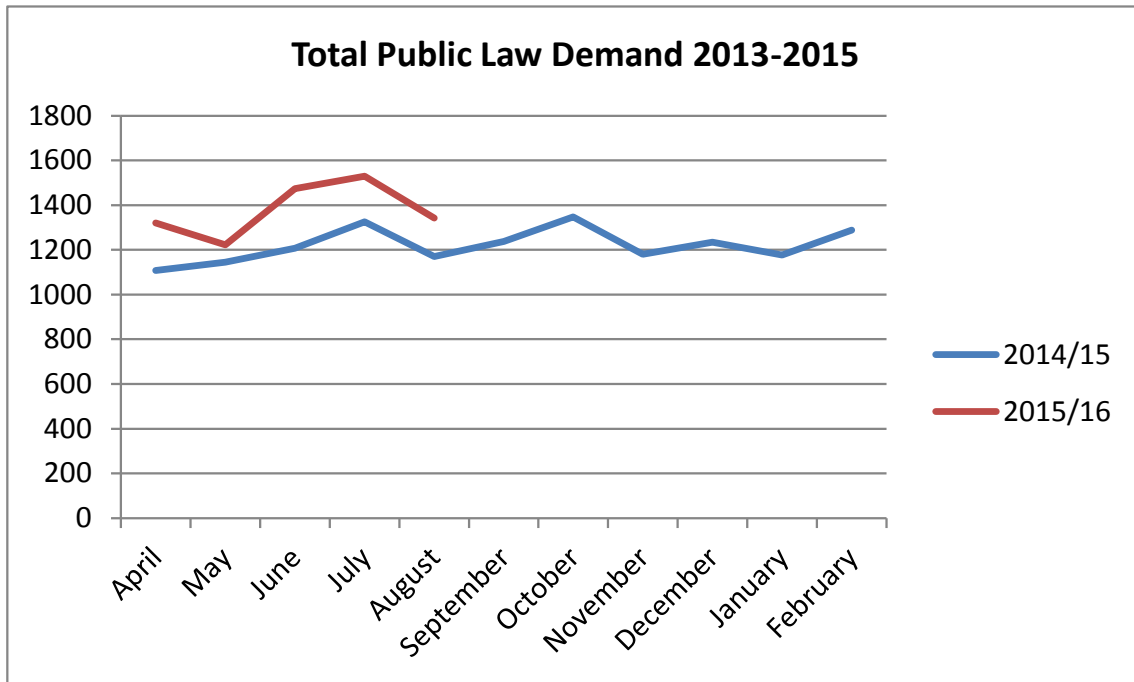
**2013-14:** Cafcass received a total of 10,620 care applications in this year, a 4.4% (490 applications) decrease on the 11,110 received last year. The demand for all individual months bar April and October 2013 was lower than the same months in the previous year. When compared to 2011-12, the 2013-14 year's figure is 3.6% (365 applications) higher.

**2014-15:** Cafcass received a total of 11,153 new care applications in this year. This figure is 5% higher (533 applications) than the 10,620 applications received in the previous financial year and 0.4% (43 applications) higher than the demand during the same period in 2012-13.

**2015-16:** Between April and August 2015, Cafcass received 5,049 care applications. This figure is 12.6% (565 applications) higher than the same period last year and 13.2% (589 applications) higher when compared to the same period in 2013. The figure for July 2015 (1,119 applications) is the highest number of applications received by Cafcass in any individual month.

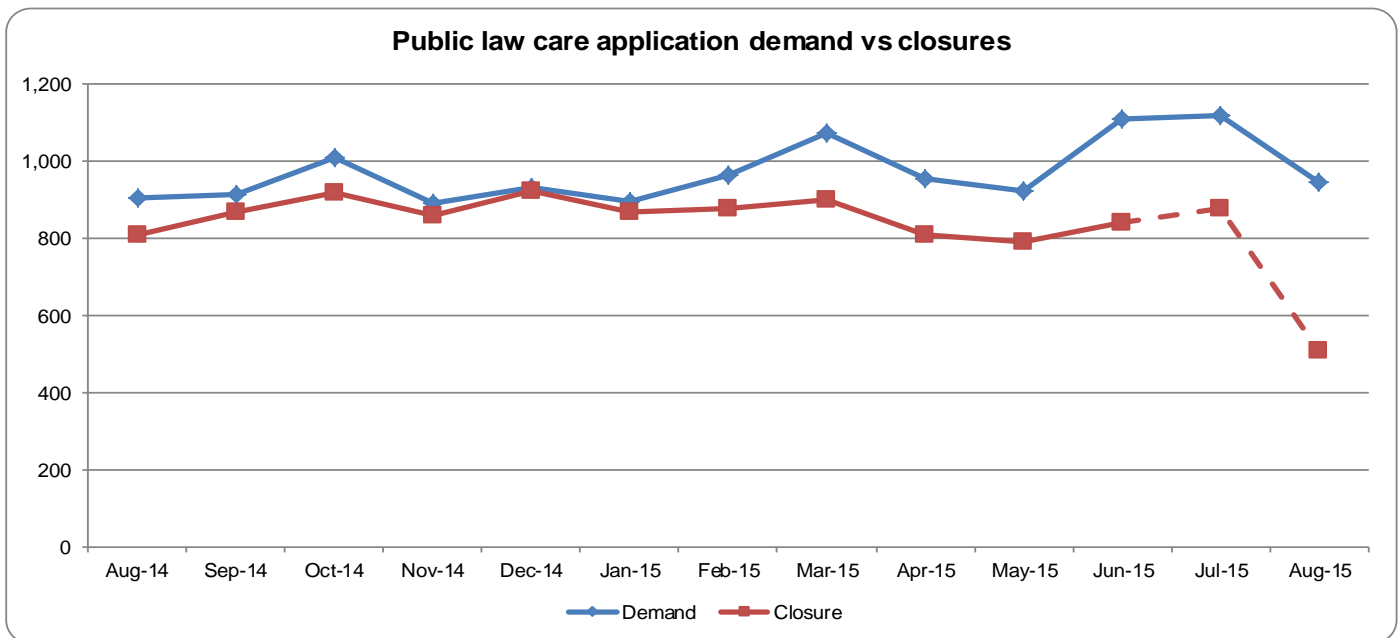


## Public law – Total Demand



Total new Public Law cases have increased by 15.7%. Between April 2015-August 2015 6,889 new cases were received compared to 5,956 for the same period last year.

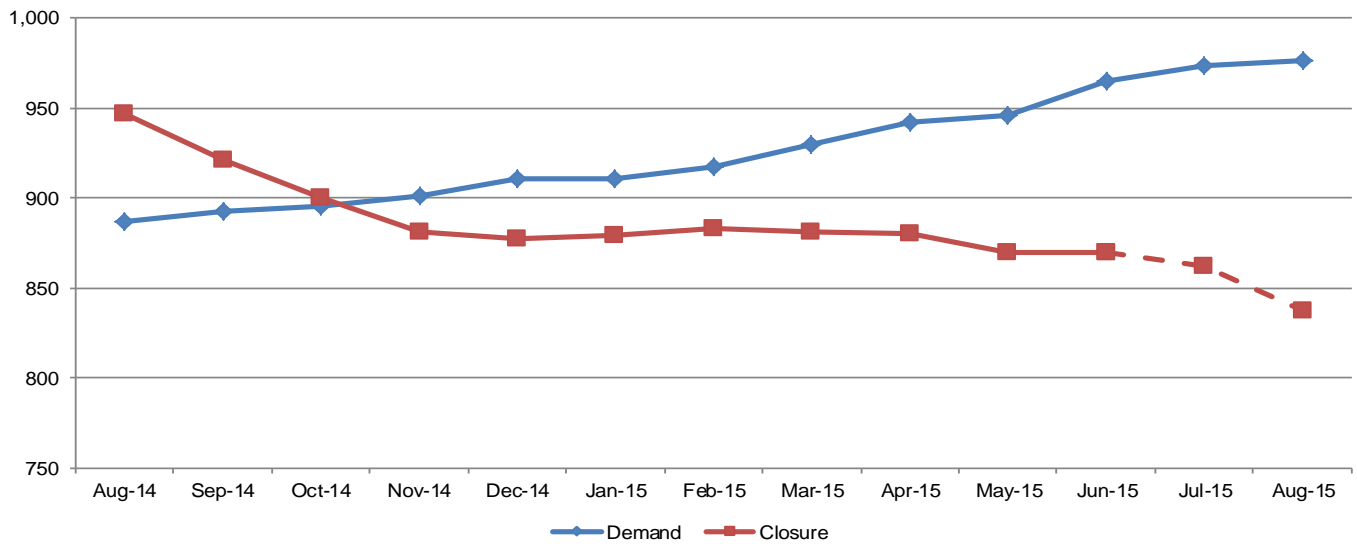
## Public law – Care workload flow



	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15
<b>Demand</b>	903	913	1,009	890	930	893	963	1,071	956	922	1,109	1,119	943
<b>Closure</b>	809	870	920	858	924	866	878	902	808	791	842	879	507

NB. Care closures in the most recent two months are not all concluded due to closure procedures and awaiting court orders – illustrated by the dotted line on the graph

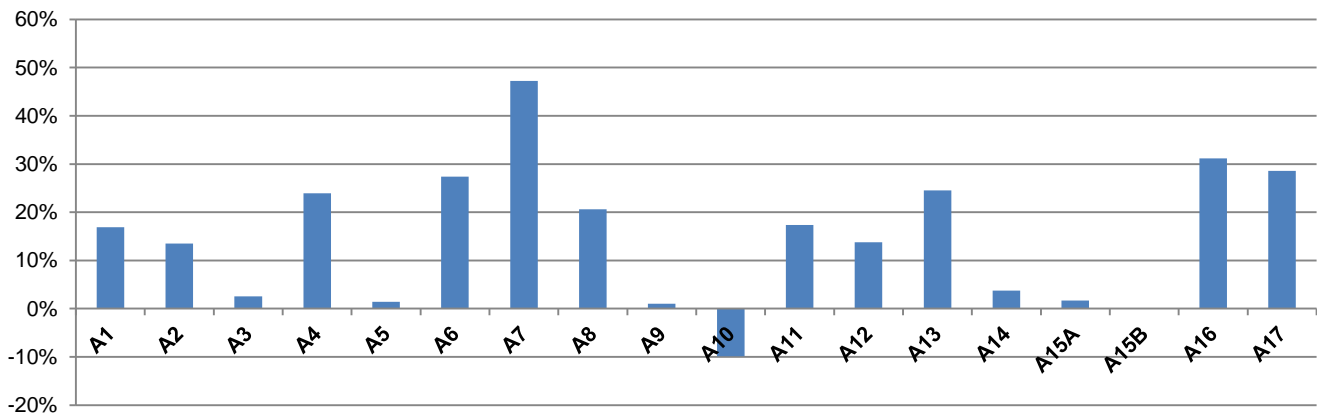
**Public law care application demand vs closures rolling year**



	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15
<b>Demand</b>	887	893	895	901	910	911	917	929	942	946	965	973	977
<b>Closure</b>	947	921	900	881	878	879	883	882	880	870	869	862	837

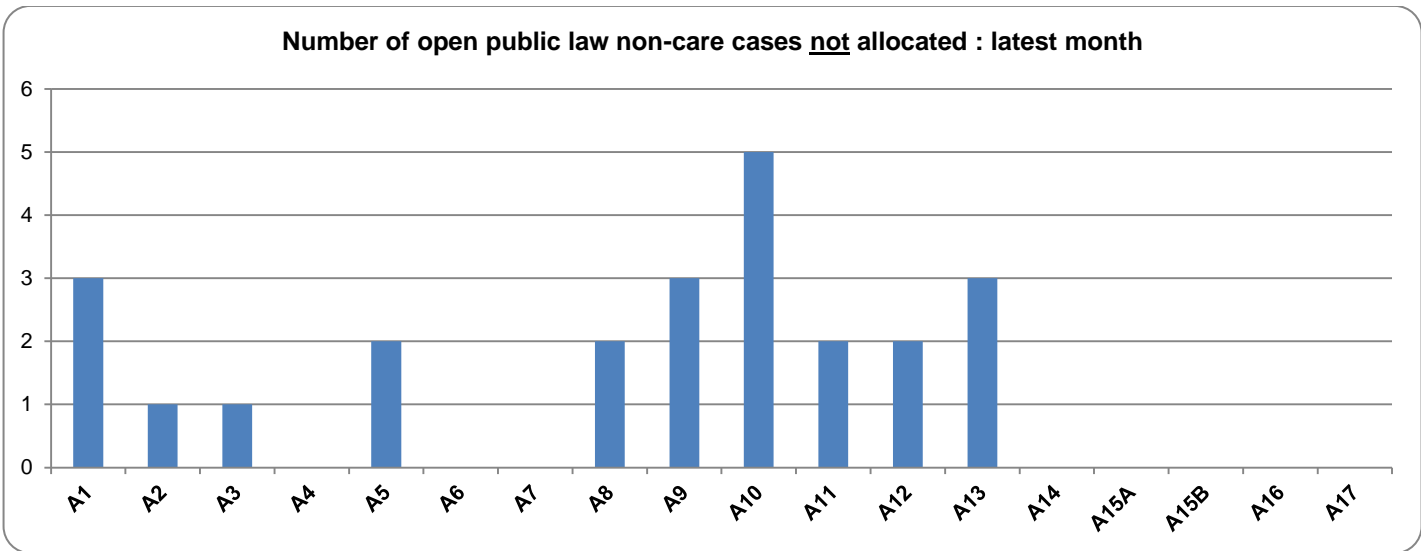
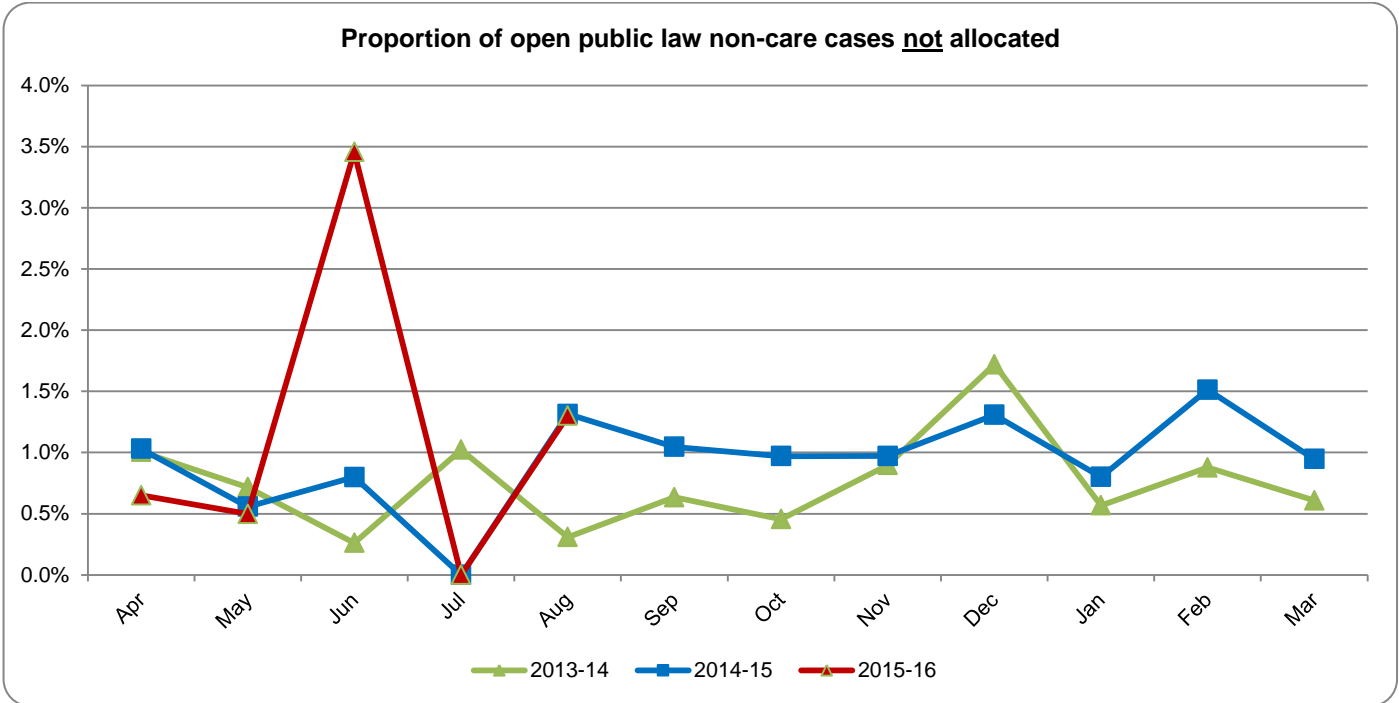
The above graph displays rolling year averages for care application demand and closures, as a supplement to the individual month figures. The rolling year average evens out the seasonal variations and helps to highlight longer term trends.

**Public law care app demand growth: 2015-16 year to date**



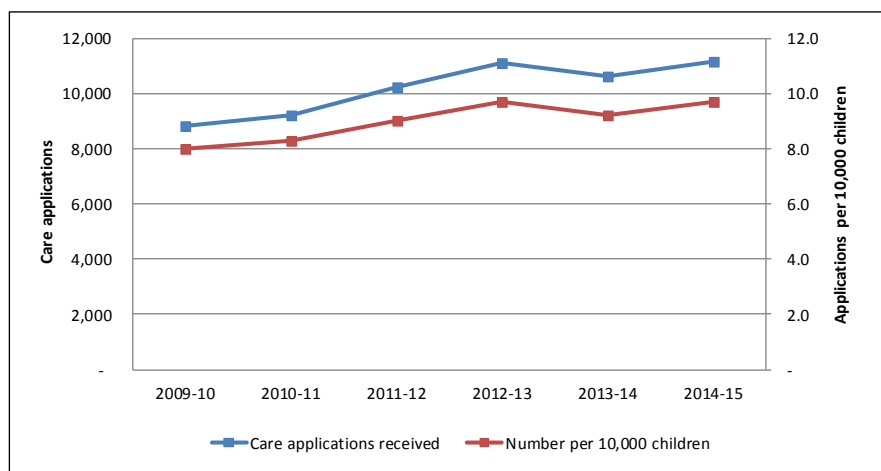
# Public law – Non-Care workload (non KPI)

<b>YTD Performance:</b>	98.8%
<b>Trend:</b>	Stable (last month YTD: 98.8%)



## Care application demand and rates per 10,000 children

Cafcass service area	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15	
	Care applications received	Number per 10,000 children	Care applications received	Number per 10,000 children	Care applications received	Number per 10,000 children	Care applications received	Number per 10,000 children	Care applications received	Number per 10,000 children	Care applications received	Number per 10,000 children
A1	374	9.9	434	11.6	505	13.4	500	13.3	473	12.7	512	13.7
A2	426	10.6	458	11.4	513	12.8	517	13.0	376	9.4	459	11.5
A3	632	11.0	657	11.4	686	11.4	752	12.4	706	11.6	725	11.8
A4	433	11.0	482	12.3	513	12.8	476	11.8	401	10.0	416	10.3
A5	440	9.0	476	9.7	578	11.5	538	10.6	506	10.0	512	10.0
A6	218	5.7	275	7.2	266	6.7	339	8.5	354	8.9	366	9.2
A7	469	6.1	478	6.2	476	6.0	634	8.0	593	7.4	604	7.5
A8	455	7.4	476	7.8	569	9.4	648	10.6	605	9.9	706	11.5
A9	699	8.6	736	9.2	806	10.0	923	11.5	1,038	12.9	1,144	14.3
A10	338	7.2	341	7.3	380	8.0	451	9.5	480	10.1	473	10.0
A11	659	7.4	738	8.3	826	9.1	892	9.8	904	9.9	922	10.0
A12	570	10.4	510	9.3	561	9.7	669	11.4	628	10.7	582	9.9
A13	221	6.6	200	6.0	298	8.8	357	10.5	339	9.9	418	12.1
A14	889	6.5	942	6.8	1,011	7.3	1,027	7.3	996	7.1	1,070	7.5
A15	1,394	8.4	1,267	7.5	1,471	8.1	1,689	9.1	1,559	8.3	1,559	8.2
A16	413	7.4	424	7.5	417	7.4	357	6.3	334	5.8	339	5.9
A17	201	5.4	309	8.3	377	9.8	338	8.8	325	8.4	335	8.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,831</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>9,203</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>10,253</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>11,107</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>10,617</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>11,142</b>	<b>9.7</b>



### Notes:

1. Figures in the above table and graph are provided from the Cafcass national case management systems (CMS and ECMS) as well as the ONS. The units of measurement are A) care applications upon receipt from the court and entry into the database by Cafcass and B) the child population (0-17) as estimated by ONS based on 2012 population projection.
2. The calculated figures are multiplied by 10,000 to obtain tangible units and therefore represent the applications per 10,000 child population.
3. Child population figures are provided by Local Authority and have been repackaged geographically into Cafcass service area.
4. ECMS is a live system, continually updated and is subject to change when further updates are made. Data from CMS is a static snapshot on the day it ceased to be a live database, 11th July.

## Breakdown of Q1 2015-16 durations by 'old' applications

The table below shows the breakdown of closures for 'old' applications (received before 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014). As the data shows below, a majority (94%) of the applications closed in the recent quarters were received after 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 by which date the revised PLO came into effect. The average duration for these applications is 27 weeks.

Q1 1516	Applications received <u>on or after</u> 22nd April 2014		Applications received <u>before</u> 22nd April 2014	
	Number of disposals	Average Duration	Number of disposals	Average Duration
<b>DFJ</b>				
Avon, North Somerset & Gloucester	50	29	0	n/a
Bedfordshire	42	27	3	85
Berkshire	15	30	1	95
Birmingham	52	31	8	77
Black Country and Shropshire	58	30	13	71
Cheshire & Merseyside	163	27	8	64
Cornwall/Truro	20	22	0	n/a
Coventry & Warwickshire	55	25	1	65
Cumbria	11	29	0	n/a
Derbyshire	78	23	4	102
Dorset	29	26	3	58
East London	118	29	5	85
Essex and Suffolk	86	22	1	76
Greater Manchester	129	28	13	71
Hampshire/Isle of Wight	70	25	3	77
Herefordshire & Worcestershire	45	30	3	66
Hertfordshire	31	29	4	70
High Court	6	33	0	n/a
Humberside and North Lincolnshire	55	28	5	62
Inner London	122	30	19	70
Kent	75	26	4	70
Lancashire	90	26	4	91
Leeds and West Yorkshire	131	25	4	64
Leicestershire	37	27	2	77
Lincolnshire	34	27	1	61
Norfolk	30	24	0	n/a
North & East Devon	21	23	0	n/a
North Yorkshire	24	22	0	n/a
Northamptonshire	27	28	1	67
Northumbria & North Durham	100	28	10	81
Nottinghamshire	50	28	2	74
Peterborough and Cambridge	24	26	0	n/a
Plymouth & Torbay	43	27	1	79
South Yorkshire	99	25	1	60
Staffordshire	66	27	1	85
Surrey	23	28	1	150
Sussex	62	27	7	59

<b>Swindon</b>	17	23	0	n/a
<b>Taunton and Yeovil</b>	30	33	2	77
<b>Teesside and South Durham</b>	73	22	3	64
<b>Thames Valley</b>	23	24	4	71
<b>West London</b>	99	28	10	60
<b>National</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>72</b>