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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 10 April 2015. You made the following requests for information:

[Official figures on Cafcass involvement in parental order applications or its work with children born to surrogate parents for last year.](#)

Please see the table below for the number of parental order applications recorded by Cafcass case management systems as received by Cafcass.

Please note the following points about the data:

- Parental Order applications listed here are based on the following application types received in England: Parental Order (s54 HF&E), Parental Order (s30 HF&E) and Human Fertilisation and Embriology Act.
- Totals are based on the date the application was received (by year from April - March).
- The data sources are the Cafcass national databases (Case Management System (CMS) and ECMS). 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 2014.

Number of Parental Order Applications	
Year	Total
2014-15	241

We hope that you feel your question has been answered effectively. If you are unhappy with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may ask for an internal review to be undertaken. If you are dissatisfied with the way the internal review is handled or with the

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final decision made at that review about the information released, you are free to contact the Information Commissioner's office (www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk):

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