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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 22 October 2015. You made the following requests for information:

In the press recently ([The Independent Sun 02/03/2014](#)) the UK Surrogacy figures for 2013(167), 2011(131) and 2007(47) have been quoted with CAF/CASS as the source.

Please could you advise if the remaining figures are available; from the first year available year to date

Please see below for our response.

The figures held by Cafcass are the number of parental order applications received by Cafcass (England); this does not necessarily correlate with the number of surrogacy arrangements as it does not show the outcomes of these applications.

Please see the table below for the number of parental order applications recorded by the Cafcass case management systems which were received by Cafcass in England. Information is not held before 2005, and is not considered a reliable source prior to 2008 with the introduction of our case management system (please see more details on the data sources below).

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 calendar year from January - December).
- Please note that there may be some margin of human error in the data entry. The data sources are:
 - ECMS: ECMS is a live system, continually updated and is subject to change when further updates are made; it was introduced on 11 July 2014.
 - CMS: Prior to July 2014, information is taken from CMS (Case Management System) which was introduced national in 2007-08; data from CMS is a static snapshot on the day it ceased to be a live database, 11th July 2014.
 - Legacy: Data prior to 2007-08 is from manual recording and legacy databases

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Year	Number of parental order applications received
2005	44
2006	52
2007	55
2008	67
2009	58
2010	96
2011	131
2012	149
2013	167
2014	229
2015 (Jan - Aug)	220

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 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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