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## **Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your email of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015. You made the following request:

Further to the info kindly provided I have been informed that some details are incorrect and that some firms liaised with you last year to correct.

In the circumstances could you now forward a fresh report for the regions sought previously for the 12 months of 2014. This request is again made pursuant to freedom of information

Please see the below tables for our response.

These list the number of solicitor appointments per firm from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 in Essex, Kent, Surrey, Sussex and the Greater London area. This data is taken from cases where the subject children have been appointed a children's guardian with a lead application of:

- Care/Supervision Section 31
- Discharge of Care/Supervision Section 31
- EPO Section 44
- Rule 16.4 appointments

Please note that:

- Solicitor data is reported by firm and shows the total number of appointments to cases by firm, and within those cases how many different individual solicitors were appointed per firm.
- Only subject children on the lead application are counted and data is reported by case:

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- if a subject child is on more than one case in the period they will be counted twice
- a case can contain multiple applications of different types, but only the lead application is counted here
- All data relates to cases allocated to teams in the Greater London, Surrey, Sussex, Essex and Kent areas. Cases allocated to these teams may be outside of these geographic cases and likewise cases in the area may not show up as they are allocated to teams outside of the areas stated above.
- All data comes from Cafcass national databases CMS and ECMS. ECMS is a live system which is continually updated and therefore data is subject to change when further updates are made; CMS is a static database where no further updates will be made and therefore the data included here is from a snapshot from the date it ceased to be a live database, 11<sup>th</sup> July.

#### Data from London:

Firm	Number of Appointments per Firm	Number of Solicitors Appointed per Firm
A K Gulati & Co	6	1
Adlams (St Neots)	1	1
Aitken Harter Solicitors (London)	22	3
Atkins Hope (Clapham)	1	1
Atkins Hope Solicitors (Croydon)	34	10
Avadis & Co Solicitors	15	1
Barford Fraser Solicitors (Chatham)	1	1
Baxter Harries	6	2
Berry and Lamberts Maidstone	1	1
Bindmans LLP (London)	12	3
Blackfords LLP (Woking)	10	1
Blaser Mills (Harrow)	1	1
Blaser Mills (Staines/Middlesex)	1	1
Blaser Mills Solicitors (Harrow)	5	1
Boyd Carter (Braintree)	9	1
Burke Niazi Solicitors (Catford)	2	1
Burke Niazi (Holloway)	9	3
CAFCASS Legal Solicitors	13	6
Campbell Chambers	2	1

Campbell Chambers Solicitors	3	1
Cb4law Solicitors	1	1
Charles Allotey & Co (Brixton/London)	4	1
Child Law Partnership (Basingstoke)	2	1
Child Law Partnership (Guildford)	6	2
Children & Families Law Firm LLP (London)	8	4
Children and Families Law Firm LLP	1	1
Cook Taylor Solicitors	1	1
Cooper Stott Solicitors	1	1
Cooperative Legal Services	3	1
Co-operative Legal Services (London)	6	2
Covent Garden Family Law (London)	21	3
Creighton & Partners (Bedford Sq)	120	11
Creighton & Partners (Staines-Mddx)	19	8
Creighton and Partners	5	1
Daniel & Harris	16	3
Davis, Simmonds & Donaghey Solicitors	1	1
Deborah Baxter & Co (Reading)	1	1
DH Law	4	1
Duncan Lewis (Lewisham)	24	2
Duncan Lewis Solicitors (Harrow)	5	4
Duncan Lewis Solicitors (New Cross)	47	12
Duncan Lewis solicitors (Tooting)	3	1
Dunning & Co Solicitors (London)	2	2
Edward Hayes LLP	5	2
Edward Hayes LLP (Chichester)	1	1
Edward Oliver & Bellis	4	1
Edwards Duthie (Ilford)	7	1
Edwards Duthie (Plaistow)	11	3
Edwards Duthie Solicitors (East Ham/London)	32	6
Enfield Family Law Limited	1	1
Eskinazi & Co	53	7
Ewings & Co Solicitors	12	4
F H Bright & Sons	2	2
Fahri Jacob (Crouch End)	6	1
Fisher Meredith LLP	7	3
FMW Law	31	4

Fort & Co (Slough/Berks)	1	1
Fort & Co Solicitors (Slough)	2	1
Frank Brazell & Partners	7	3
Freemans Solicitors (London)	7	3
Futter Chapman Family Law (Peterborough)	1	1
Galbraith Branley	1	1
Gary Jacobs & Co Ltd (London)	33	5
Goodman Ray LLP	1	1
Goodman Ray Solicitors LLP (Finsbury)	32	7
Gough & Co (London)	3	1
GT Stewart (incorporating Lomax Lloyd-Jones)	10	2
Guile Nicholas Solicitors	8	2
Hanne & Co Solicitors	37	6
Harris Temperley LLP	55	5
Hayes Law	4	1
Hecht Montgomery Solicitors	1	1
Hepburn Delaney	1	1
Hereward & Foster (Canning Town)	1	1
Hitchman & Co (Crayford/Kent)	3	1
HKH Kenwright & Cox (Ilford)	5	1
Hodge, Jones and Allen Solicitors(Gower St/London)	35	7
Hopkin Murray Beskine Solicitors (London)	21	3
Hornby and Levy Solicitors	5	2
Hudgell and Partners	1	1
Hudgell and Partners (Woolwich)	2	1
Hunt & Coombs Solicitors (Peterborough)	1	1
IBB Solicitors (Uxbridge)	16	2
Imran Khan & Partners (London Office)	1	1
Irvine Thanvi Natas (Stratford)	5	1
ITN Solicitors / Irvine Thanvi Natas	5	1
J D Spicer & Zeb	5	3
John Itsagwede & Co	1	1
JWP Solicitors	1	1
Kennard Wells (Epping)	1	1
Kennard Wells (Leytonstone)	1	1
Larcomes LLP	1	1
Lawrence & Co Solicitors	24	4

Lillywhite Williams & Co (Dagenham)	3	1
LMK Law	1	1
Lock & Marlborough	8	2
Lovell Chohan (Hounslow)	1	1
Lovell Chohan Solicitors (Hounslow)	1	1
Mackesys Solicitors	3	1
Maria Jones Solicitors	6	1
Matwala Vyas LLP	12	1
McCormacks Law	20	4
McCormacks Law (Stratford)	2	1
McMillan Williams (Bexleyheath)	12	1
McMillan Williams (Herne Hill)	23	1
McMillan Williams (Wallington)	8	3
McMillan Williams Solicitors (Fulham)	13	3
McMillan Williams Solicitors (Thornton Heath)	10	3
McMillen Hamilton McCarthy	9	2
Michaels & Co	4	1
Miles & Partners (Stratford)	8	1
Miles & Partners LLP (London E1)	69	6
Miles & Partners LLP (London)	4	1
Milner Elledge Solicitors (Dagenham/Essex)	2	2
MK Law Solicitors Ltd (Deptford)	6	3
Morrison Spowart (Catford)	4	2
Morrison Spowart Solicitors	1	1
Moss & Coleman (Hornchurch)	1	1
Munro Solicitors (Forest Gate)	31	2
Myria Pieri & Co	33	1
Nicholls Christie & Crocker	6	1
Norman H Barnett & Co (East Ham London)	26	3
NYAS	1	1
Osbornes Solicitors LLP	31	5
Owen White & Catlin (Feltham)	2	1
Owen White & Catlin LLP (Ashford)	1	1
Philcox Gray & Co (London)	20	3
Powell Spencer & Partners (Kilburn)	5	2
PS Law LLP	1	1
Quality Solicitors Amphlett Lissimore	15	3

QualitySolicitors Alexander & Partners (Harlesden)	1	1
QualitySolicitors Bretherton Law (St.Albans)	1	1
QualitySolicitors Brethertons (St Albans)	1	1
Rayat & Co Solicitors	5	1
Russell Cooke (Kingston)	8	4
Russell-Cooke Solicitors (Kingston)	4	1
SBS Solicitors	1	1
Scott Moncrieff and Harbour	1	1
Shepherd Harris & Co	4	2
Sheppersons Solicitors (Reigate Office)	1	1
Slater Bradley & Co.(Putney)	1	1
St Luce & Co	5	5
St Luce & Co	4	1
Steel & Shamash (Waterloo/London)	21	4
Sternberg Reed (Barking)	21	3
Sternberg Reed (Kentish Town)	3	1
Tallents (Mansfield)	2	1
Tallents Solicitors (Newark)	1	1
The International Family Law Group LLP	1	1
Thomas Dunton Solicitors	3	1
TV Edwards (Dundons)	3	3
TV Edwards (Tottenham)	3	1
TV Edwards LLP	6	1
TV Edwards LLP	36	11
TV Edwards LLP (Clapham)	29	10
Tyrer Roxburgh Solicitors LLP	1	1
Veja & Co Solicitor (Middlesex)	2	1
Venters Solicitors	17	4
Venters Solicitors (Reigate)	1	1
Vickers & Co	14	2
VKS Solicitors	10	1
Williams & Co (Edgware)	17	4
Wilson Solicitors LLP	6	1
Wilson Solicitors LLP (Tottenham)	19	3
Wimbledon Solicitors (London)	3	3
Wimbledon Solicitors (South Wimbledon)	2	1
Wiseman Lee LLP (East Ham)	2	1

YVA Solicitors	2	1
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### Data from Essex

Firm	Number of Appointments per Firm	Number of Solicitors Appointed per Firm
Adams Harrison (Cambridge)	1	1
Anthony King & Co (Basildon)	1	1
Bawtrees LLP	2	1
Bawtrees LLP (Witham)	5	1
Baxter Harries	16	2
Birkett Long LLP	10	1
Boyd Carter (Braintree)	3	1
Bright & Sons (Maldon)	5	1
Bright & Sons Solicitors	7	1
BTMK Solicitors LLP	8	2
CB 4 Law (Cambridge)	5	5
Crane & Staples	2	1
Cumming & Riley (Grays)	1	1
Edwards Duthie Solicitors (East Ham/London)	1	1
F H Bright & Sons	55	33
Fahri Jacob (Crouch End)	1	1
Fisher Jones Greenwood	2	1
Fisher Jones Greenwood LLP (Colchester)	2	1
Fisher Jones Greenwood Solicitors (incorporating	4	2
Garrods Solicitors	8	2
Gary Jacobs & Co Ltd (London)	18	5
Jefferies Essex LLP (Southend-on-Sea)	9	2
Jefferies Solicitors	22	2
Michaels & Co	1	1
Milner Elledge Solicitors (Dagenham)	1	1
Milner Elledge Solicitors (Dagenham/Essex)	1	1
Milner Elledge Solicitors (Romford/Essex)	1	1
Munro Solicitors (Forest Gate)	5	2
Silver Fitzgerald (Cambridge)	3	1
Sparlings Solicitors	2	2



Sternberg Reed (Barking)	6	2
Stevens Solicitors (Haverhill)	1	1
Taylor Haldane Barlex LLP	2	1
White & Co (Southend)	7	1

### Data from Surrey and Sussex

Firm	Number of Appointments per Firm	Number of Solicitors Appointed per Firm
Atkins Hope Solicitors (Croydon)	10	3
Atkins Hope Solicitors (Rochester)	1	1
Bennett Griffin	9	1
Blackfords LLP (Woking)	10	4
Bosley & Co (Brighton)	31	1
CAFCASS Legal Solicitors	1	1
Child Law Partnership (Basingstoke)	2	1
Child Law Partnership (Guildford)	24	4
Churchers Bolitho Way (Cosham)	2	1
Creighton & Partners (Bedford Sq)	11	4
Creighton & Partners (Staines-Mddx)	10	6
Duncan Lewis Solicitors (New Cross)	1	1
Edward Hayes LLP (Chichester)	2	1
Elaine Parkes	3	1
Elaine Parkes Solicitors	21	2
Ewings & Co Solicitors	1	1
Fitzhugh Gates	3	1
Fitzhugh Gates LLP (Brighton)	37	1
Gaby Hardwick (Hastings)	7	1
Harney & Wells	2	2
Harney & Wells (Brighton/E Sussex)	86	6
Harney and Wells	18	1
Heald Nickinson	5	2
Lawson Lewis Blakers	29	1
McMillan Williams (Wallington)	3	1
McMillan Williams Solicitors (Croydon)	1	1
McMillan Williams Solicitors (Thornton Heath)	5	1

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Messrs Lawson Lewis Blakers	1	1
Mullenders Solicitors	1	1
Philcox Gray & Co (London)	1	1
QS Chamberlain Martin Solicitors (Bognor Regis)	6	1
Railton Solicitors	2	1
Russell Cooke (Kingston)	19	3
Spearpoint Franks	1	1
Spearpoint Franks Solicitors (Brighton)	41	3
Spearpoint Franks Solicitors Ltd	16	3
Stephen Rimmer LLP	6	1
Stephen Rimmer LLP (Eastbourne)	7	1
Stephen Rimmer Solicitors	1	1
Tennant & Knight (Brighton)	4	1
Tennant & Knight Solicitors	2	1
Venters Solicitors	25	2
Venters Solicitors (Reigate)	2	1
Wannop & Fox Solicitors now WFSB LAW	1	1
Wannop Fox Staffurth & Bray	5	1
Wannop Fox Staffurth & Bray (Worthing/W.Sussex)	5	2
Wannop LLP (Chichester)	5	1
Wannops LLP (Worthing)	7	1
WMC Legal LLP	1	1
Woolley Beavis Diplock	6	1
Woolley Bevis Diplock	24	1

### Data from Kent

Firm	Number of Appointments per Firm	Number of Solicitors Appointed per Firm
Atkins Hope Solicitors (Croydon)	17	4
Atkins Hope Solicitors (Rochester)	2	1
Barford Fraser Solicitors	1	1
Barford Fraser Solicitors (Chatham)	38	3
Barford Fraser Solicitors (Tonbridge)	10	2
Barford Fraser Solicitors Ltd	1	1
Berry & Lamberts Solicitors (Maidstone/Kent)	18	1

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Berry and Lamberts	6	1
Berry and Lamberts Maidstone	4	1
Boys & Maughan (Margate)	8	1
Boys & Maughan (Ramsgate)	5	1
Boys & Maughan Solicitors	1	1
Boys And Maughan(India House)	1	1
Clarke Kiernan	1	1
Clarke Kiernan Solicitors	2	1
Covent Garden Family Law (London)	1	1
Davis Simmonds & Donaghey (Herne Bay)	14	1
Davis, Simmonds & Donaghey (Strood)	3	2
Davis, Simmonds & Donaghey Solicitors	44	3
DSD LAW	8	2
Duncan Lewis Solicitors (New Cross)	1	1
Elaine Parkes Solicitors	1	1
Evans Main Solicitors	3	1
Evans Main Solicitors (Sevenoaks/Kent)	2	1
Ewings & Co	1	1
Ewings & Co Solicitors	26	3
GT Stewart (incorporating Lomax Lloyd-Jones)	20	2
Hayes Law	1	1
Hitchman & Co (Crayford/Kent)	1	1
Howarth Scott Solicitors	1	1
Kingsfords Solicitors (Ashford Bank Street)	18	1
McMillan Williams (Bexleyheath)	5	1
Morris Sutherland	18	1
Morrison Spowart (Catford)	1	1
Pearsons (Chatham)	4	1
Pearsons (Gillingham)	3	1
Pearsons Solicitors	10	1
Railton Solicitors	7	1
Reeves & Co Solicitors (Maidstone)	10	1
Robinson Allfree (Margate)	1	1
Robinsons Solicitors (Canterbury)	1	1
Rootes & Alliot Solicitors (Folkestone)	17	6
Thomas Boyd Whyte	1	1
TV Edwards (Tottenham)	1	1



Venters Solicitors	5	1
Venters Solicitors (Reigate)	1	1
Vinod Kumar Sharma Solicitors	1	1

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](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)):

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