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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 29 April 2015. You made the following requests for information:

I do wish to enquire about the allocation of work by Cafcass to Dorset practitioners over the last five years or so in respect of both public law and private law work. Is there anywhere on the website where I may look at figures in order to see how much work is allocated to whom?

Please see below for our response.

The below table lists the number of solicitor appointments per firm from 1st April 2011 – 30th April 2015 in Dorset. 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:

- *The data refers to cases over the last five years as requested; there may be some margin of human error in the data entry.*
- 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:
 - if a subject child is on more than one case in the period they will be counted twice

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- 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 Dorset area (Dorset team/ A8 LT 2). 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 Dorset area.
- 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, 11th July.

Firm	Number of Appointments per Firm	Number of Solicitors Appointed per Firm
A5 New Walk Centre	1	1
Aldridge Brownlee Solicitors LLP	1	1
Aldridge Brownlee Solicitors LLP (Bournemouth)	94	3
Andrews McQueen (Bournemouth)	13	1
Battens	2	1
Battens Solicitors (Dorset)	15	1
Battens Solicitors Ltd - Weymouth	1	1
Battens Solicitors Ltd (Dorset)	15	2
Bindmans LLP (London)	1	1
Bournemouth Borough Council	6	3
Child Law Partnership (Basingstoke)	1	1
Child Law Partnership(BS)	1	1
Coles Miller Solicitors LLP (Poole)	1	1
Creighton & Partners	1	1
David Hurley Associates	3	1
Dorset County Council	6	4
Dutton and Gregory	1	1
Dutton Gregory	3	1
Dutton Gregory LLP (Bournemouth)	43	3
Dutton Gregory LLP (Southampton)	4	1
Emery Johnson Astills (Leicester)	1	1
Eric Robinson	1	1
Eric Robinson Solicitors	3	2
Eric Robinson Solicitors (Bitterne/Southampton)	9	4
Footner & Ewing (Totton)	1	1

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Gales (Bournemouth)	1	1
Hampshire County Council Legal Dept	5	2
Hampshire Law Solicitors	1	1
Heald Nickinson	7	1
Humphries Kirk	1	1
Humphries Kirk LLP (Bournemouth)	1	1
Humphries Kirk Solicitors (Dorchester)	1	1
Hurleys (Bournemouth)	4	3
Jacobs & Reeves (Parkstone-Poole)	1	1
Jacobs & Reeves (Wimborne)	4	1
Jacobs & Reeves Solicitors (Poole)	2	2
Laceys (Bournemouth)	6	1
Laceys Solicitors	1	1
Larcomes LLP	1	1
Lawrence & Co	1	1
Legal & Democratic Services	1	1
Messrs Footner & Ewing (Brunswick Pl)	1	1
Mustoe Shorter	69	2
Mustoe Shorter (Weymouth)	5	1
Mustoe Shorter Solicitors & Advocates	1	1
Mustoe Shorter Solicitors & Advocates (Weymouth)	9	1
Pengillys	1	1
Pengillys LLP (Weymouth)	72	3
Quality Solicitors D'angibau (Bournemouth)	3	2
Ralph & Co	1	1
Redferns	15	3
Redferns Solicitors	1	1
Richard Filleul Solicitor (Wimborne)	3	1
Simon Lacey Law Associates	5	1
Walkers 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):



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