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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 6 June 2015 which was received by our office on 8 June 2015. You made the following requests for information:

Please can you supply me with An updated list of solicitors and barrister firms from the West Midlands, Birmingham, and London area, that have been appointed by Cafcass from July 2012 to date, Who have either worked as Solicitors or Solicitor Guardians and how many times they have been appointed in any year from any firms.

The below table lists the number of solicitor appointments per firm from 1 July 2012 – 31 May 2015 in A12 (which includes Birmingham and the West Midlands) and A15 (which includes London). 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 four 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 A12 and A15 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 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.

Solicitor firms appointed in A12 1 July 2012 – 31 May 2015

Firm	Number of Appointments per Firm	Number of Solicitors Appointed per Firm
Addison O'Hare	1	1
Addison O'Hare (Walsall)	6	2
Addison O'Hare/Enock Evans	1	1
Anthony Collins Solicitors	240	9
Baches Solicitors	281	8
Bailey Wright & Co.	14	1
Barbara Carter	42	2
Blair Allison Family Law Solicitors	216	5
Brendan Fleming Solicitors (Birmingham)	12	3
Brittons Solicitors Limited	1	1
Cartwright King (Birmingham)	16	1
Cartwright King Solicitors (Birmingham)	26	2
Carvers (Hodge Hill)	26	3
Carvers (Ward End)	13	2
Carvers Law (Hodge Hill Branch)	2	1
Carvers Solicitors (Hodge Hill)	69	3
Carvill & Johnson	69	5
Challinors (West Bromwich)	27	5
Challinors Solicitors	11	3
Challinors Solicitors - in administration w/e 12.8	7	3
Challinors Solicitors (Nottingham)	1	1
Challinors Solicitors (West Brom)	1	1
Challinors Solicitors (West Bromwich)	1	1
Challinors White & Billingham	5	1
Clark Brookes Turner Cary Partnership	23	2
CMHT Solicitors (Aldridge)	3	2

D & N Solicitors	1	1
D & N Solicitors (Wolverhampton)	6	1
D&N Solicitors	1	1
DM Partnership	19	2
DM Partnership (Birmingham)	13	2
Duncan Lewis Solicitors (Birmingham)	1	1
Edner Wilson-Cole	1	1
Enoch Evans LLP	10	1
Enoch Evans LLP (Walsall)	1	1
ESN Solicitors (Erdington)	20	3
Evans Derry Solicitors	16	1
Fawcett and Pattni Solicitors	1	1
FBC Manby Bowdler (Wolverhampton)	8	1
Fish & Co (Wolverhampton)	1	1
Fountain Solicitors (Walsall)	1	1
Glaisyers (Birmingham)	156	4
Greens Solicitors (Birmingham)	3	2
Greens Solicitors LLP	15	1
Grindeys LLP	2	1
Harringtons (Sutton Coldfield)	8	1
Harringtons Solicitors	33	1
HRS Family Law (Birmingham)	9	3
HRS Family Law (Dudley)	2	1
HRS Family Law (Smethwick)	2	1
James Pearce & Co. (Ward End)	3	2
Kerrigans Family Law Limited	66	7
Kerwoods (Redditch)	1	1
Lovesy Marsh Solicitors	1	1
Lovsey Marsh (Birmingham) - now ceased trading	13	1
M. J. Darby & Co (Halesowen)	1	1
Millichips (West Bromwich)	165	4
Mortimers (Bridgnorth)	14	3
Osborne & Co (Birmingham)	93	2
Oxford Law Group	2	1
Pickerings Solicitors (Tamworth)	17	4
Pickerings Solicitors LLP	29	4
Price Mistry	2	1
Quality Solicitors (Codsall/Staffs)	1	1
Quality Solicitors CMHT	75	1
Quality Solicitors CMHT (Walsall)	153	5
Quality Solicitors Edward Hughes	1	1
Quality Solicitors Evans Derry	9	1
Quality Solicitors Evans Derry	36	2
Quality Solicitors Silks	6	2
Quality Solicitors Silks	19	3

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Quality Solicitors Talbots (Codsall)	1	1
Quality Solicitors Talbots (Stourbridge)	85	2
Quality Solicitors Talbots (Wolverhampton)	85	2
QualitySolicitors Talbots (Dudley)	16	1
QualitySolicitors Talbots (Kidderminster)	2	1
Rashid & Co. (Birmingham)	1	1
Rees Page Solicitors	149	4
ReesPage Solicitors	1	1
Roberta McDonald	35	1
Sally Wilcock Solicitors	4	1
Sanders & Co (Stourbridge)	14	2
Sharrats Family Law	34	1
Sharrats Family Law	79	1
Sharrats Family Law (Wton)	1	1
Smith Dawson (Wolverhampton)	3	2
Smith Dawson Solicitors	2	2
Talbots (Fountain Arcade, Dudley)	7	1
Talbots (Stourbridge)	11	3
Terrells LLP Solicitors	1	1
The Family Firm (Birmingham)	11	2
The Family Firm (Northfield)	21	1
The Family Firm (Redditch)	3	2
The Family Firm (Solihull)	3	1
Thomas Horton (Worcester)	1	1
Thomas Horton LLP (Bromsgrove)	1	1
Thornes Solicitors	9	4
Timms Solicitors (Derby)	1	1
Tyndallwoods - this office only	7	2
Tyndallwoods Solicitors	2	1
Waldrons (Dudley)	35	2
Waldrons Solicitors	2	1
Walker & Co	1	1
Walker & Co (Walsall)	1	1
Walker & Co. (Walsall)	33	3
William Wright & Co.	1	1
William Wright & Son	18	2
Wright Solicitors (Dudley)	104	3

Solicitor firms appointed in A15 1 July 2012 – 31 May 2015

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Firm	Number of Appointments per Firm	Number of Solicitors Appointed per Firm
A K Gulati	1	1
A K Gulati & Co	41	2
A. K. Gulati	1	1
Adlams (St Neots)	4	1
Aitken Harter	1	1
Aitken Harter (London)	20	4
Aitken Harter Solicitors (London)	56	3
Aitken Kelly Associates	1	1
AKP Solicitors (Upton Park)	1	1
Albin & Co Solicitors (Reading)	1	1
Alexander & Partners (Craven Park)	4	3
Alexander & Partners(CP)	1	1
AM Legal Services	1	1
Amphlett Lissimore	2	1
Amphlett Lissimore (Greystoke House)	2	1
Amphlett Lissimore Bagshaws LLP	11	1
Anthony Morris Solicitors (Crawley/W Sussex)	2	2
Atkins Hope	3	2
Atkins Hope (Clapham)	15	4
Atkins Hope Solicitors (Croydon)	123	11
Avadis & Co Solicitors	54	1
B G Solicitors & Notary Public	5	1
Barford Fraser Solicitors (Chatham)	1	1
Barford Fraser Solicitors (Tonbridge)	2	2
Barnes and Partners	1	1
Barnet Family Law	1	1
Baxter Harries	14	3
Berry and Lamberts Maidstone	1	1
BG Lawyers LLP	3	1
Bindmans LLP (London)	44	4
Blackfords LLP (Woking)	24	1
Blackfords LLP (Wokingvv)	1	1
Blaser Mills (Harrow)	4	1
Blaser Mills (Staines/Middlesex)	3	1
Blaser Mills Solicitors	9	1
Blaser Mills Solicitors (Harrow)	15	1
Boyd Carter (Braintree)	34	1
Bright & Sons Solicitors	1	1
Bromley Council	1	1
Burke Niazi Solicitors (Catford)	6	1

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Burke Niazi (Holloway)	48	4
Burke Niazi Solicitors (Holloway)	5	3
Burke Niazi Solicitors (Lewisham)	2	1
Burstow Law	1	1
CAFCASS Legal Solicitors	139	8
Campbell Chambers	12	1
Campbell Chambers Solicitors	7	1
Cb4law Solicitors	1	1
Charles Allotey & Co (Brixton/London)	16	1
Charles Allotey & Cobrix	1	1
Charles Ete & Co	2	1
Charles Ete & Co.	1	1
Child Law Partnership (Basingstoke)	6	1
Child Law Partnership (Guildford)	27	2
Children & Families Law Firm LLP (London)	47	5
Children and Families Law Firm LLP	2	1
Clarke Kiernan Solicitors	1	1
Cook Taylor Solicitors	3	1
Cooper Stott Solicitors	1	1
Cooperative Legal Services	3	1
Co-operative Legal Services (St. Paul's House)	17	2
Covent Garden Family Law (London)	87	4
Cray Valley Solicitors (Orpington)	1	1
Creighton & Partners	3	3
Creighton & Partners (Bedford Sq)	528	13
Creighton & Partners (Staines-Mddx)	92	11
Creighton & PartnersB	1	1
Creighton and Partners	9	1
Creighton and PartnersB	1	1
Daniel & Harris	81	4
David Barney & Co	1	1
Davies & Co (Bromley)	1	1
Davis Simmonds & Donaghey (Herne Bay)	2	1
Davis, Simmonds & Donaghey (Strood)	1	1
Davis, Simmonds & Donaghey Solicitors	6	2
Dawson Cornwell Solicitors	10	1
Deborah Baxter & Co (Reading)	7	2
Desor & Company (Hayes/Middlesex)	1	1
DH Law	9	1
Drummonds Kirkwood LLP (Epsom)	1	1
DSD LAW	2	1
Duncan Lewis & Co (Harrow)	1	1
Duncan Lewis & Co (Hackney)	1	1
Duncan Lewis & Co (Harrow)	26	8
Duncan Lewis & Co Solicitors (Harrow)	1	1

Duncan Lewis & Co. (Dalston)	1	1
Duncan Lewis (Hackney)	1	1
Duncan Lewis (Harrow)	1	1
Duncan Lewis (Lewisham)	52	2
Duncan Lewis (Tooting)	3	2
Duncan Lewis Solicitors	13	3
Duncan Lewis Solicitors (Dalston)	1	1
Duncan Lewis Solicitors (Falcon Road)	1	1
Duncan Lewis Solicitors (Hackney)	8	6
Duncan Lewis Solicitors (Harrow)	47	15
Duncan Lewis Solicitors (New Cross)	130	12
Duncan Lewis solicitors (Tooting)	13	2
Duncan Lewis Solicitors(Middlesex)	3	1
Dunning & Co	2	2
Dunning & Co Solicitors (London)	16	2
Edward Hayes LLP	24	4
Edward Hayes LLP (Chichester)	1	1
Edward Oliver & Bellis	21	1
Edwards Duthie	1	1
Edwards Duthie (Barking Road)	1	1
Edwards Duthie (Ilford)	17	1
Edwards Duthie (Plaistow)	45	4
Edwards Duthie Solicitors (Beckton)	13	4
Edwards Duthie Solicitors (East Ham/London)	93	8
Edwards Duthie SolicitorsEH	27	6
Enfield Family Law Limited	1	1
Eskinazi & Co	198	7
Eskinazi & Co Solicitors	1	1
Evans Main Solicitors (Sevenoaks/Kent)	1	1
EVE WEE	1	1
Ewings & Co	5	2
Ewings & Co Solicitors	64	5
F Barnes (Romford)	3	1
F H Bright & Sons	3	1
F. Barnes & Son (Gidea Park)	3	1
Fahri Jacob (Crouch End)	24	2
Fahri Jacob Solicitors	5	2
Fahri Jacobs	1	1
Fairbrother & Darlow	2	1
Faradays Solicitors (Finsbury Park/London)	1	1
Farrell Matthews & Weir	8	4
Fisher Meredith	1	1
Fisher Meredith	1	1
Fisher Meredith LLP	12	4
Fisher Meredith LLP	38	3

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Fisher Meredith LLP (Kennington)	4	2
Fisher Meredith LLP (London)	4	3
Fisher Meredith LLP (London_	1	1
FMW Law	27	6
FMW Law	102	5
FMW Law Limited	1	1
Fort & Co (Slough/Berks)	2	1
Fort & Co Solicitors (Ealing)	6	1
Fort & Co Solicitors (Slough)	5	1
Frank Braz	1	1
Frank Brazell & Partners	42	3
Frank Brazell and Partners Solicitors	1	1
Freeman & Co	6	1
Freeman Solicitors	1	1
Freemans (w1)	2	1
Freemans Solicitors	1	1
Freemans Solicitors	2	1
Freemans Solicitors (London)	27	6
Futter Chapman Family Law (Peterborough)	1	1
Galbraith Branley	7	1
Gary Jacobs & Co Ltd (London)	179	10
Goodman Ray (London)	21	10
Goodman Ray LLP	2	1
Goodman Ray Solicitors	3	3
Goodman Ray Solicitors LLP (Finsbury)	157	12
Gough & Co (London)	9	1
GT Stewart (incorporating Lomax Lloyd-Jones)	47	2
Guile Nicholas	7	1
Guile Nicholas Solicitors	25	2
Hanne & Co Solicitors	129	7
Harris Temperley LLP	222	5
Harris Temperley LLP Solicitors	6	2
Hayes Law	8	2
Hayes Law	14	1
HCL Hanne & Co	11	4
Hecht Montgomery Solicitors	9	1
Helen Robbins Solicitors	1	1
Hepburn Delaney	3	2
Hereford and Foster	2	1
Hereward & Foster (Canning Town)	18	4
Hereward & Foster Solicitors	2	2
Hitchman & Co (Crayford/Kent)	23	2
HKH Kenwright & Cox (Ilford)	18	1
Hodge Jones & Allen	1	1
Hodge Jones & Allen LLP	6	4

Hodge Jones & Allen LLP (London)	1	1
Hodge, Jones and Allen Solicitors(Gower St/London)	152	11
Hodges Jones & Allen	2	1
Hopkin Murray Beskine Solicitors (London)	88	4
Hopkins Murray Beskine Solicitors	1	1
Hornby and Levy Solicitors	22	6
Hudgell & Partners	2	1
Hudgell & Partners (35-36 Market St/London)	1	1
Hudgell and Partners	2	1
Hudgell and Partners (Woolwich)	2	1
Hunt & Coombs Solicitors (Peterborough)	1	1
IBB Solicitors (Uxbridge)	69	3
IBB Solicitors (Market Hse - Uxbridge)	1	1
Imran Khan & Partners (London Office)	2	1
International Family Law Group	1	1
Irvine Thanvi Natas (Stratford)	11	1
ITN Solicitors / Irvine Thanvi Natas	11	1
J D Spicer & Zeb	15	4
J D Spicer & Zeb	39	3
JD Spicer & Co	1	1
Jefferies Solicitors	1	1
JI Solicitors	6	1
John Itsagwede & Co	1	1
JWP Solicitors	1	1
K & S @ Law Solicitors	1	1
Kennard Wells (Epping)	3	1
Kennard Wells (Leytonstone)	10	1
Larcomes LLP	3	1
Lawrence & Co	35	5
Lawrence & Co Solicitors	87	5
Lawrence & Co. Soliciotr	2	1
Lawrence and Co	2	2
Lawrence Davies and Co	4	2
LB Hammersmith & Fulham	1	1
Lillywhite Williams & Co (Dagenham)	19	1
LMK Law	3	1
Lock & Marlborough	27	3
London Borough of Bexley	1	1
London Borough of Croydon	2	2
London Borough of Lambeth	1	1
Lovell Chohan (Hounslow)	1	1
Lovell Chohan Solicitors (Hounslow)	5	2
M K Law (Bromley)	1	1
Mackesys	1	1
Mackesys Solicitors	19	3

Mackesys Solicitors (London)	3	2
Maria Jones Solicitors	18	1
Matwala Vyas LLP	56	1
McCormacks Law	79	6
McCormacks Law (Mile End)	3	1
McCormacks Law (Stepney)	16	3
McCormacks Law (Stratford)	15	3
McMillan Hamilton and McCarthy	1	1
McMillan Williams	8	5
McMillan Williams - Heath Road	2	1
McMillan Williams (Bexleyheath)	37	1
McMillan Williams (Herne Hill)	75	2
McMillan Williams (Kew)	3	2
McMillan Williams (Wallington)	39	6
McMillan Williams Solicitors	1	1
McMillan Williams Solicitors (Croydon)	4	1
McMillan Williams Solicitors (Fulham)	44	3
McMillan Williams Solicitors (Thornton Heath)	52	6
McMillan Hamilton McCarthy	34	2
McMillan Hamilton McCarthy (London)	2	1
McMillan Williams	4	1
Messrs Hodge Jones & Allan	1	1
Michaels & Co	30	1
Michaels & Co (Essex)	14	1
Miles & Partners (Stratford)	38	1
Miles & Partners LLP (London E1)	271	7
Miles & Partners LLP (London)	12	1
Milner Elledge Solicitors (Dagenham/Essex)	3	2
MK Law Solicitors Ltd	6	3
MK Law Solicitors Ltd (Deptford)	12	4
MK-Law	1	1
MLC Solicitors	1	1
Morgan Hall Solicitors	1	1
Morrison Spowart (Catford)	7	5
Morrison Spowart Solicitors	5	2
Moss & Coleman (Hornchurch)	3	3
Moss Beachley Mullem & Coleman (London)	1	1
MTG Solicitors (Hayes/Middx)	1	1
Mullenders Solicitors	1	1
Mullinger Banks	1	1
Munro Solicitors	20	2
Munro Solicitors (Forest Gate)	93	3
Myria Peiri & Co	3	1
Myria Pieri & Co	103	1
Myria Pierri & Co Solicitors	8	1

Nicholls Christie & Crocker	30	2
Norman H Barnett & Co (East Ham London)	82	4
Norman H Barnett & Co. (Barking Rd/London)	8	4
Norman H. Barnett & Co	3	1
NYAS	4	2
NYAS (National Youth Advocacy Service)	1	1
Oliver Fisher	2	1
Oliver Fisher	1	1
Osbornes Solicitors LLP	117	5
Osbornes Solicitorschange	1	1
Osborneschange	1	1
Owen White & Catlin (Feltham)	5	1
Owen White & Catlin LLP (Ashford)	3	1
Pearsons (Gillingham/Kent)	1	1
Peter Bonner	1	1
Peter Bonner -(No Longer Taking Family Cases)	1	1
Philcox Gray & Co	6	2
Philcox Gray & Co (London)	59	4
Philcox Gray & Co Solicitors	1	1
Powell Spencer & Partners (Ealing/London)	6	2
Powell Spencer & Partners (Kilburn)	21	2
PS Law Llp	2	1
Pumfrey & Lythaby	1	1
Punatar & Co Solicitors	1	1
Quality Solicitors Amphlett Lissimore	55	4
Quality Solicitors Hereward & Foster LLP	4	1
QualitySolicitors Alexander & Partners (Harlesden)	11	2
QualitySolicitors Bretherton Law (St.Albans)	1	1
QualitySolicitors Brethertons (St Albans)	1	1
Rawal & Co	2	1
Rayat & Co Solicitors	20	1
Roger Long & Co	2	1
Ronald Fletcher Baker	3	1
Rosie Bracher Solicitors (Barnstaple/Devon)	1	1
Rudlings Wakelam	1	1
Russell Cooke	4	3
Russell Cooke (Kingston)	55	5
Russell-Cooke Solicitors (Kingston)	10	3
Russell-Cooke Solicitors (London WC1)	1	1
S A Carr & Co.	2	1
SBS Solicitors	1	1
Shepherd Harris & Co	19	2
Sheppersons Solicitors (Reigate Office)	15	2
Slater Bradley & Co.(Putney)	14	2
Smith Law Partnership (Braintree)	1	1

South London Legal Partnership	2	1
Sparlings Solicitors	1	1
St Luce & Co	1	1
St Luce & Co	12	1
St.Luce & Co	2	1
Steel & Shamash (Waterloo/London)	102	7
Steel and Shamash	3	1
Sternberg Reed	24	4
Sternberg Reed (Barking)	46	4
Sternberg Reed (Kentish Town)	4	1
Sternberg Reed (Romford)	1	1
Suffolk County Council	1	1
Sweetman Burke & Sinker (W. Ealing/London)	2	1
T.G.Baynes	2	1
Tallents (Mansfield)	2	1
Tallents Solicitors (Newark)	1	1
The International Family Law Group LLP	1	1
Thomas Boyd Whyte	2	1
Thomas Boyd Whyte	3	1
Thomas Dunton Solicitors	15	1
Thompson & Co (Toot)	1	1
Thompson and Co Solicitors	1	1
TLT LLP (Bristol)	1	1
Tubervilles Solicitors	1	1
Turbervilles Solicitors	14	2
TV Edwards	1	1
TV Edwards dept	40	13
TV Edwards (Tottenham)	16	4
TV Edwards (Tower)	1	1
TV Edwards LLP	12	2
TV Edwards LLP	93	11
TV Edwards LLP (Clapham)	119	15
TV Edwards LLP TH	6	4
TV Edwards solicitors (TH0)	1	1
TV Edwardschange	3	2
Tyrer Roxburgh & Co. (1st Michael's Terrace)	1	1
Tyrer Roxburgh Solicitors LLP	4	2
Veja & Co Solicitor (Middlesex)	7	1
Venters Solicitors	19	5
Venters Solicitors	55	5
Venters Solicitors (Reigate)	2	1
Vickers & Co	63	2
VKS Solicitors	18	1
Wainwright & Cummins Solicitors LLP	1	1
Wheeler Galvin & Wheeler	7	4



Wheeler, Galvin & Wheeler	1	1
Wilkinson Pope Solicitors	1	1
Williams & Co (Edgware)	65	4
Wilson & Co.	1	1
Wilson Solicitors LLP	8	2
Wilson Solicitors LLP (Tottenham)	98	4
Wimbledon Solicitors (London)	9	3
Wimbledon Solicitors (South Wimbledon)	2	1
Wiseman Lee LLP (East Ham)	4	1
YVA Solicitors	3	1

How many Cafcass officer's have left Cafcass in the Birmingham region from 2012 and 2013 and 2014 and 2015.

This request is substantially similar to part of your previous request made recently in CAF 15-102 which Cafcass has already provided an answer to on 25 June: **'Can you please advise me of the number of family court advisors employed by Cafcass at their Birmingham Office [A12]? and who have had complaints made about their work.? and have left Cafcass or moved back to Social Work from 2010 until 2015.** I would like this information by year ending for the past five years [by calendar year].'

In the short time which has elapsed between these requests there has been no change in the position of Cafcass and a response to this repeated request is therefore exempt under Section 14(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

14 Vexatious or repeated requests.

(2)Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.

How many Cafcass officer's in the birmingham region were off sick from March 2013 until to date and how long ? in each consecutive month. i.e long term sickness or short?

Due to the way sickness instances are recorded centrally, it is not possible to give the total number of staff absent in each month; the information recorded centrally is the start date of any new instance of sickness. Please find a table showing this information (the number of new sickness instances per month, and the total number of days lost to sickness absence per month) below.

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Please note that, as explained above, Cafcass does not hold the specific requested information centrally. In order to provide a response, each of the 95 sickness instances would need to be checked individually and compare these to the individual's working patterns at the time in order to calculate manually the number of working days absent per individual. The cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit which for Cafcass is £450. In our estimation the cost (a flat rate of £25 per hour provided by the FOI Act) would exceed the appropriate limit which is 18 hours for Cafcass, in order to complete one or more of the following activities permitted to be accounted for, which are:

- Determining whether the information is held;
- Locating the information, or a document containing it;
- Retrieving the information, or a document containing it; and
- Extracting the information from a document containing it.

A response to this request is therefore exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

[12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.](#)

1. *Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.*
2. *Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit. .*
3. *In subsections (1) and (2) "the appropriate limit" means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.*
4. *The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
(a) by one person, or
(b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign,
the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.*
5. *The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated.*

Please see the below table which details by month the number of new short and long term sickness absences of Family Court Advisors in the Cafcass Service Area A12 (Birmingham and the Black Country Area); the table also shows the total number of days lost which is a combination of both new cases of sickness absence and ongoing cases.

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Year	Month	Number of new cases of Family Court Advisor sickness absence	Total work days lost (new and ongoing sickness absence)
2013	Mar	3	68
	Apr	3	8
	May	1	112
	Jun	3	18
	Jul	3	6
	Aug	4	65
	Sep	3	55
	Oct	3	118
	Nov	5	27
	Dec	4	24
2014	Jan	7	48
	Feb	3	6
	Mar	4	22
	Apr	1	4
	May	5	163
	Jun	3	27
	Jul	2	3
	Aug	2	141
	Sep	6	121
	Oct	4	33
	Nov	3	26.5
	Dec	8	161.5
2015	Jan	6	69
	Mar	2	2
	Apr	1	3
	May	5	51
	Jun	1	2

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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