



Cafcass National Office  
3rd Floor  
21 Bloomsbury Street  
London  
WC1B 3HF

**Your ref: CAF 15-143**  
**Our ref: Gov/CAF 15-143**

Tel 0300 456 4000

21 August 2015

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

Thank you for your email of 5 August 2015. You made the following requests for information:

[Please advise as allocation to solicitors children panel solicitors by Dorset Cafcass office for last three months](#)

Please see below for our response.

The below table lists the number of solicitor appointments per firm from May – July 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:

- 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
  - 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. Cases allocated to these teams may be outside of these geographic cases and

Baroness Tyler of Enfield Chair  
Anthony Douglas CBE Chief Executive





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, 11<sup>th</sup> July. There may be some margin of human error in the data entry.

Firm	Number of Appointments per Firm	Number of Solicitors Appointed per Firm
Aldridge Brownlee Solicitors LLP (Bournemouth)	11	2
Battens Solicitors Ltd (Dorset)	6	2
Child Law Partnership (Salisbury)	5	1
Dutton Gregory LLP (Bournemouth)	1	1
Eric Robinson (Lymington)	1	1
Eric Robinson Solicitors	1	1
Eric Robinson Solicitors (Bitterne/Southampton)	3	1
Mustoe Shorter	10	2
Pengillys LLP (Weymouth)	8	1
Redferns	4	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)):

**Post**

Information Commissioner's Office  
 Wycliffe House, Water Lane,  
 Wilmslow,  
 Cheshire  
 SK9 5AF

**Fax**

01625 524 510

**Tel**

0303 123 1113

**E-mail**

[casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Governance Team

Baroness Tyler of Enfield Chair  
 Anthony Douglas CBE Chief Executive





Cafcass

[Governance@cafcass.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Governance@cafcass.gsi.gov.uk)

Baroness Tyler of Enfield Chair  
Anthony Douglas CBE Chief Executive



Cafcass, the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service, is a non-departmental body of the Ministry of Justice  
Cafcass National Office, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 21 Bloomsbury Street, London, WC1B 3HF | DX Cafcass 310101 Bloomsbury 11