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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 15 February 2016. You made the following requests for information:

[An up-to-date breakdown of ethnicity categories for children in care proceedings, in particular the number of children who come under the Eastern/European, White European and Roma categories](#)

Please see below for our response.

The below information relates to those children involved in care proceedings (subject to s31 applications) received by Cafcass between 1 July 2015 and 31 January 2016; records are only shown where a case has passed its first chronological hearing. This data reflects only those children involved in care proceedings; it does not reflect all children in the care system, as not all cases conclude with children being looked after.

Data is shown from July 2015 as this is the date diversity monitoring was re-introduced to Cafcass; this includes ethnicity of case participants. It is expected that details are recorded within 4 weeks of the case being received by Cafcass.

Data source: data is taken from the Cafcass national database, ECMS, which is a live system, continually updated and is subject to change when further updates are made. Data is as 1 March 2016.

Ethnicity	# Subjects	% Subjects
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	19	0.19%
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	7	0.07%
Asian/Asian British: Indian	30	0.29%
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	38	0.37%
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	41	0.40%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	92	0.90%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	63	0.61%

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Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other Black	15	0.15%
Eastern: European	40	0.39%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: Other Mixed	119	1.16%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Asian	98	0.96%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black African	72	0.70%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean	160	1.56%
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group	30	0.29%
Other ethnic group: Arab	14	0.14%
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	3000	29.25%
White: European	27	0.26%
White: Gypsy/Roma/Irish Traveller	25	0.24%
White: Irish	3	0.03%
White: Other White	64	0.62%
Refused	8	0.08%
Unknown	12	0.12%
(blank)	6279	61.22%

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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