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

Thank you for your email of 20 April 2016. You made the following requests for information:

Data showing the results of proceedings to identify things such as % of proceedings leading to ICO/ FCO / Supervision order or the proportion of proceedings that achieve the order requested at the start of proceedings (for Staffordshire local authority and national comparison statistics).

The below tables show the final legal outcomes per child for s31 applications made in 2014/15 and 2015/16 at a local level for Staffordshire and at a national level.

- These tables show data per child, rather than per application, as the outcomes can differ between children subject to the same application; therefore showing the child level data gives a fuller picture of the range of legal outcomes.
- The legal outcomes shown are care, supervision, placement and special guardianship; any other outcome type has been grouped under 'other', which may be present alongside all legal outcomes listed for each child. Cafcass only records final outcomes and so no data is held for interim orders.
- The data has been taken from the Cafcass national database ECMS; this is a live system which is subject to continual updating and change. As with any large scale recording system, these figures are subject to possible errors with data entry and processing.

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### Staffordshire local authority: 2014/15

Legal outcome per child*	Section 31 application type					
	Care		Supervision		Total	
Care	83	39%	1	5%	84	36%
Supervision	29	14%	14	64%	43	18%
Special Guardianship	32	15%	2	9%	34	14%
Care and placement	27	13%	0	0%	27	11%
Supervision and Special Guardianship	18	8%	0	0%	18	8%
Placement	11	5%	0	0%	11	5%
Care and Special Guardianship	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Other	13	6%	5	23%	18	8%
<b>Total children</b>	<b>214</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>236</b>	
Total outputs for children that match the application type	111	52%	14	64%	112	47%

\*All outcomes may also include 'other' outcome

### Staffordshire local authority: 2015/16

Legal outcome per child*	Section 31 application type					
	Care		Supervision		Total	
Care	118	51%	4	13%	122	46%
Supervision	37	16%	11	34%	48	18%
Special Guardianship	41	18%	3	9%	44	17%
Care and placement	14	6%	5	16%	19	7%
Supervision and Special Guardianship	6	3%	0	0%	6	2%
Placement	4	2%	0	0%	4	2%
Other	13	6%	9	28%	22	8%
<b>Total children</b>	<b>233</b>		<b>32</b>		<b>265</b>	
Total outputs for children that match the application type	132	57%	11	34%	141	53%

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### National statistics: 2014/15

#### Section 31 application type

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Legal outcome per child*	Care		Supervision		Total	
Care	7133	41%	124	12%	7257	39%
Supervision	3391	19%	459	43%	3850	21%
Special Guardianship	2267	13%	136	13%	2403	13%
Other	1776	10%	257	24%	2033	11%
Care and Placement	1493	9%	14	1%	1507	8%
Supervision and Special Guardianship	930	5%	50	5%	980	5%
Placement	208	1%	9	1%	217	1%
Care and Supervision	128	1%	6	1%	134	1%
Care and Special Guardianship	88	1%	0	0%	88	0%
Care, Supervision and Special Guardianship	43	0%	3	0%	46	0%
Care, Placement and Special Guardianship	22	0%	0	0%	22	0%
Care, Placement and Supervision	3	0%	0	0%	3	0%
Placement and Supervision	2	0%	3	0%	5	0%
Placement and Special Guardianship	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
<b>Total children</b>	<b>17,485</b>		<b>1,061</b>		<b>18,546</b>	
Total outputs for children that match the application type	8,910	51%	518	49%	9,428	51%

\*All outcomes may also include 'other' outcome

### National statistics: 2015/16

Legal outcome per child*	Section 31 application type					
	Care		Supervision		Total	
Care	7618	42%	183	14%	7801	40%
Supervision	3546	20%	576	44%	4122	21%
Special Guardianship	2351	13%	165	13%	2516	13%
Other	1972	11%	274	21%	2246	12%
Care and Placement	1391	8%	30	2%	1421	7%
Supervision and Special Guardianship	953	5%	54	4%	1007	5%
Placement	243	1%	21	2%	264	1%
Care and Supervision	24	0%	2	0%	26	0%
Care and Special Guardianship	13	0%	0	0%	13	0%
Care, Supervision and Special Guardianship	8	0%	0	0%	8	0%
Care, Placement and Special Guardianship	3	0%	0	0%	3	0%
Care, Placement and Supervision	2	0%	0	0%	2	0%
Placement and Special Guardianship	2	0%	0	0%	2	0%
<b>Total children</b>	<b>18,126</b>		<b>1,305</b>		<b>19,431</b>	
Total outputs for children that match the application type	9,059	50%	632	48%	9,691	50%

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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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