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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 17 May 2016. You made the following requests for information:

In relation to the number of Private law cases received can you breakdown the number of cases by date (monthly or annually as best possible) and by gender of applicant. If possible can you distinguish between applicant and respondent.

I would be grateful if the data goes back as far as the data you hold electronically. The best form for me to receive the data would be as an excel spreadsheet.

The number of private law cases received by Cafcass per month since April 2012 can be seen on our website. Please see the attached document for figures relating to dates preceding this. A breakdown of the number and gender of applicants/respondents by year can be seen below. These are broken down by month within the attached document.

Year	Applicants			Year	Respondents		
	Male	Female	Unknown		Male	Female	Unknown
2007	25,909	12,697	1,355	2007	11,479	27,839	1,465
2008	25,798	13,855	444	2008	12,391	27,662	501
2009	30,261	16,798	251	2009	14,973	32,167	365
2010	30,153	17,289	274	2010	15,926	32,409	320
2011	27,421	17,861	154	2011	16,497	29,675	156
2012	29,956	19,472	72	2012	18,184	32,377	86
2013	33,106	19,814	68	2013	18,536	35,551	47
2014	23,450	14,319	100	2014	13,265	24,731	96
2015	24,732	14,074	140	2015	12,778	25,590	126
2016 to date	11,028	6,230	77	2016 to date	5,644	11,324	55

Please note that the data has been taken from the Cafcass national databases CMS and ECMS: data from CMS is from a static snapshot on the day it ceased to be a live database, 11th July 2014; ECMS 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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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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