

Cafcass Performance Update – Appendix 4d DFJ Durations

Duration is measured in calendar weeks from application issue date to the date the application was completed.

Care and Supervision (s31) application duration in calendar weeks by DFJ

DFJ Area	14-15	2015-2016				2016-17				17-18
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Birmingham	41	35	39	36	37	42	34	37	37	40
Blackburn/Lancaster	29	29	26	28	26	27	25	27	31	29
Bournemouth and Dorset	26	31	28	26	28	24	30	33	32	32
Brighton	33	31	31	35	27	30	27	28	26	33
Bristol (A, NS and G)	25	28	30	32	28	30	26	28	31	33
Carlisle	32	32	35	34	39	39	30	30	31	29
Central London	32	36	32	33	30	28	26	25	28	31
Cleveland and South Durham	24	25	24	26	24	25	24	26	30	28
Coventry	34	28	28	30	34	35	38	37	32	33
Derby	24	28	23	25	27	26	24	24	29	30
Devon	27	28	26	25	29	32	28	30	28	29
East London	32	31	31	32	36	32	29	30	31	32
Essex and Suffolk	24	23	24	25	25	26	26	26	28	26
Guildford	29	31	27	25	29	26	28	28	27	29
High Court	60	52	47	49	57	46	42	41	42	44
Humberside	31	32	25	26	27	28	29	30	32	30
Leicester	29	30	30	26	30	34	29	30	35	39
Lincoln	24	28	23	26	31	34	27	28	30	30
Liverpool	26	29	26	27	26	28	24	28	29	28
Luton	27	30	31	30	32	28	32	25	33	31
Manchester	31	34	30	29	29	29	26	26	28	28
Medway	29	28	26	30	30	31	36	29	30	32
Milton Keynes	29	30	31	32	32	34	30	31	34	35
North Yorkshire	20	21	23	23	21	29	25	23	30	22
Northampton	32	27	30	33	43	30	29	42	39	38
Northumbria and North Durham	34	33	35	31	33	30	30	30	32	31
Norwich	24	25	28	29	27	24	23	28	28	28
Nottingham	31	32	31	30	32	32	27	32	36	29
Peterborough	26	28	32	23	29	27	27	26	31	30
Portsmouth (Hampshire and IOW)	27	27	29	29	29	26	25	22	25	25
Reading	34	37	29	31	28	38	33	33	36	39
South Yorkshire	29	27	26	30	29	27	30	30	32	37
Stoke on Trent	27	29	29	27	26	26	26	30	30	28
Swindon	26	22	22	26	29	26	26	25	25	32
Taunton	37	36	29	30	24	24	28	31	30	36
Truro	18	23	22	24	21	20	24	20	23	17
Watford	30	34	30	30	34	30	32	36	35	34
West London	35	30	33	29	29	29	29	29	31	34
West Yorkshire	26	26	30	30	30	28	29	28	30	30
Wolverhampton/Telford	37	38	34	33	35	37	37	32	35	37
Worcester	26	32	30	29	34	34	31	26	24	25
National	30	30	29	29	30	30	28	29	31	31

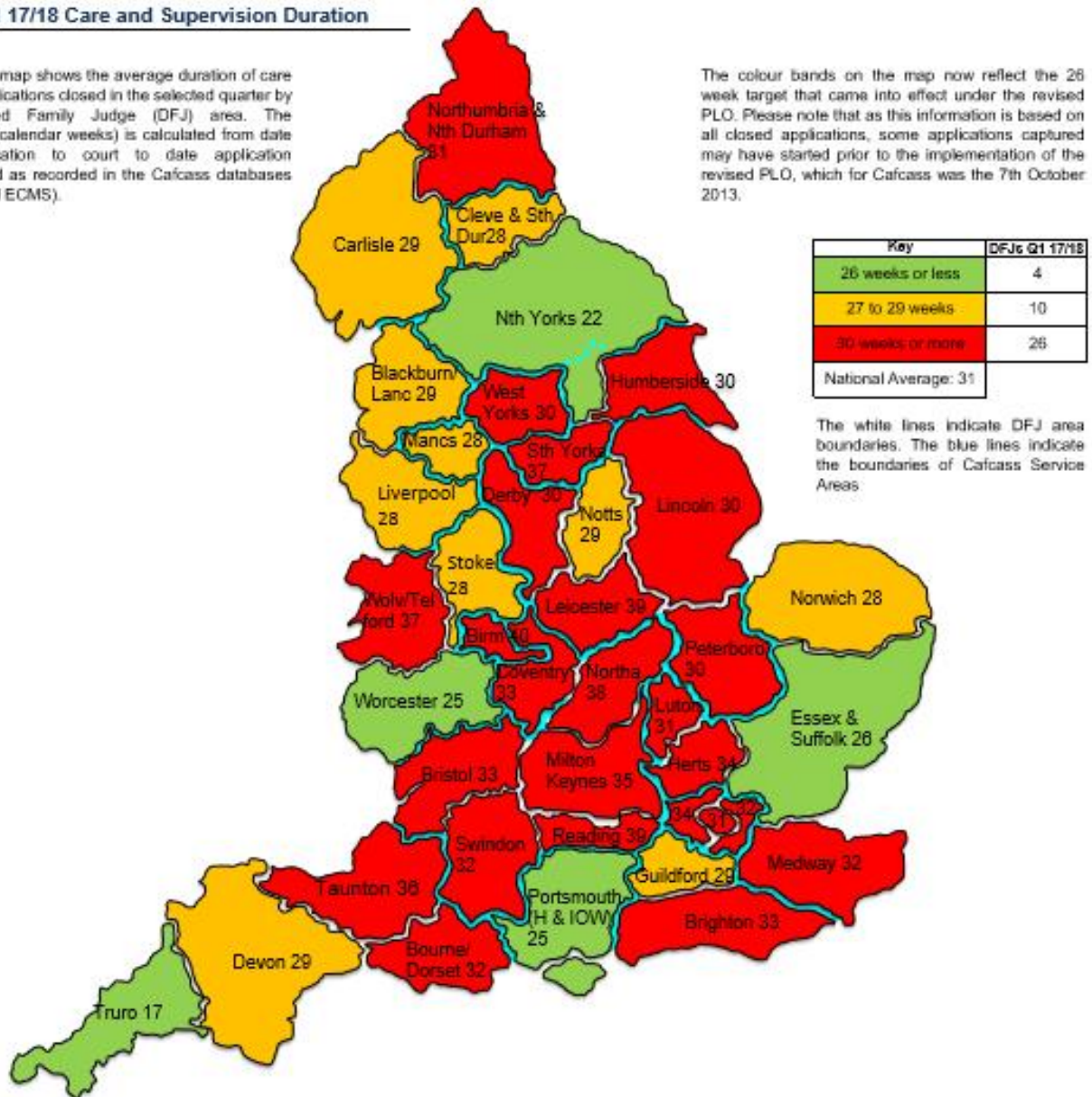
Banding	Weeks	Number of DFJ's in each band by quarter									
Red	30+	17	21	20	20	18	19	14	19	28	26
Amber	27 - 29	10	13	8	8	15	11	13	10	8	10
Green	26 or less	14	7	13	13	8	11	14	12	5	5
National average		30	30	29	29	30	30	28	29	31	31

Data is taken from the Cafcass Management systems, the Case Management System (CMS) and the Electronic Case Management System (ECMS). ECMS is a live and continually updated national database. Each application can involve multiple children. ECMS is a live system and any late entries will be accounted for at the time of release of subsequent updates to this data.

DFJ Q1 17/18 Care and Supervision Duration

This heat map shows the average duration of care (s31) applications closed in the selected quarter by Designated Family Judge (DFJ) area. The average (calendar weeks) is calculated from date of application to court to date application completed as recorded in the Cafcass databases (CMS and ECMS).

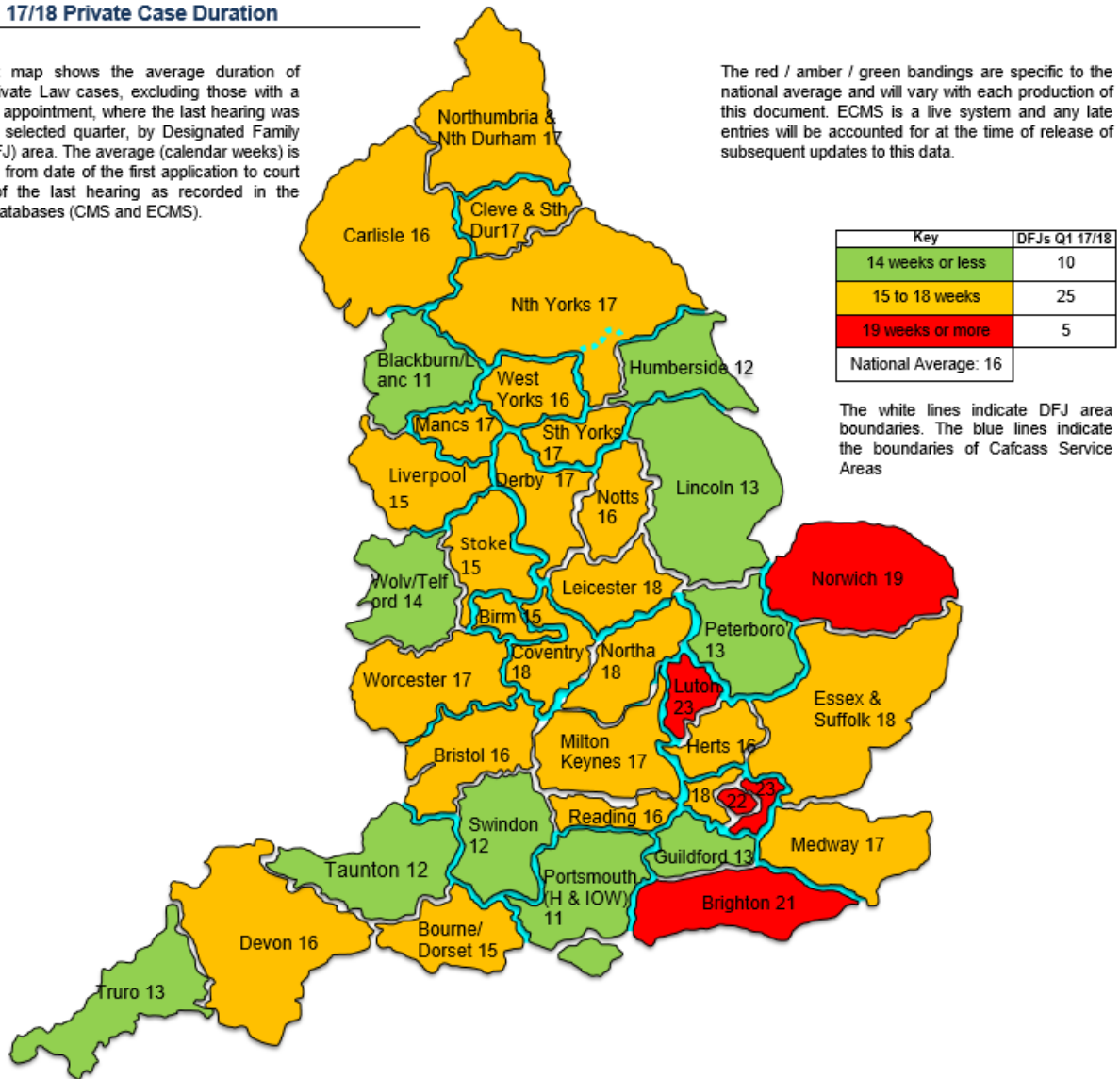
The colour bands on the map now reflect the 26 week target that came into effect under the revised PLO. Please note that as this information is based on all closed applications, some applications captured may have started prior to the implementation of the revised PLO, which for Cafcass was the 7th October 2013.



DFJ Q1 17/18 Private Case Duration

This heat map shows the average duration of closed Private Law cases, excluding those with a Rule 16.4 appointment, where the last hearing was within the selected quarter, by Designated Family Judge (DFJ) area. The average (calendar weeks) is calculated from date of the first application to court to date of the last hearing as recorded in the Cafcass databases (CMS and ECMS).

The red / amber / green bandings are specific to the national average and will vary with each production of this document. ECMS is a live system and any late entries will be accounted for at the time of release of subsequent updates to this data.



*Private law durations have been adjusted following the removal of 16.4s from the calculation. We have amended the data for the current and previous quarters but this meant that in the past the private law durations were overinflated by 2-3 weeks.

The private law duration boundaries have been fixed to 0-14 weeks = Green, 15-18 weeks = Amber and >=19 = Red. We will review this at each quarter and adjust if necessary.