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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for the email received from your colleague Olivia Jennings of 12th August 2016. She made the following requests for information:

- 1) What are the ages of parents involved in care proceedings, and what quantity of care proceedings were there for each age so far this year, in 2015, 2014 and 2013?
 - a. What is the geographic breakdown of these figures?
 - b. If this is not available, in how many proceedings were parents aged 18 or under for the same time periods and geographic breakdown?
 - c. Of these, how many have involved a child aged 1 or under?

Data Source: Data taken from the Cafcass national databases (Case Management System (CMS) and ECMS). ECMS is a live system, continually updated and is subject to change when further updates are made. Data from CMS is a static snapshot on the day it ceased to be a live database, 11th July 2014.

The below tables list the number of Care Applications received by Cafcass from 1st January 2013 and 30th August 2016 broken down by Cafcass Service Area. It shows the number of parents on these cases aged under 18 and aged over 18. The number of Children on the cases aged under 1 are also shown. Some people may be counted twice if they appear on multiple applications which were received in different months. Individuals received on multiple applications in the same month will be counted once. Parents are classed as Adult Respondents to the Application.

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Cafcass Service Area	2013			
	Applications	Parents over 18	Parents under 18	Children under 1
A1	413	649	36	273
A2	678	1070	42	457
A3	701	1055	49	467
A4	509	773	40	357
A5	533	746	38	381
A6	410	678	41	257
A7	708	1081	47	441
A8	551	894	43	334
A9	904	1377	48	543
A10	532	812	41	345
A11	661	1022	65	457
A12	725	1023	51	479
A13	414	629	27	239
A14	834	1336	59	557
A15A	1583	2157	111	922
A15B	14	20	1	4
A16	333	541	27	236
A17	337	530	29	210
Total	10840	16393	795	6959

Cafcass Service Area	2014			
	Applications	Parents over 18	Parents under 18	Children under 1
A1	392	622	26	263
A2	980	1604	57	641
A3	732	1131	51	458
A4	505	779	38	328
A5	503	714	39	335
A6	492	821	31	286
A7	612	910	34	360
A8	501	811	36	301
A9	940	1390	57	510
A10	462	707	29	304
A11	468	761	27	289
A12	792	1181	56	514
A13	487	744	40	295
A14	824	1268	60	482
A15A	1561	2206	78	841
A15B	6	12	0	3
A16	328	510	34	203
A17	307	488	33	190
Total	10892	16659	726	6603

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Cafcass Service Area	2015			
	Applications	Parents over 18	Parents under 18	Children under 1
A1	504	802	28	296
A2	1043	1680	75	655
A3	708	1064	54	444
A4	627	978	54	368
A5	533	789	31	323
A6	532	882	33	286
A7	856	1298	57	456
A8	591	968	35	285
A9	965	1561	56	517
A10	535	826	30	323
A11	486	788	33	304
A12	807	1262	55	524
A13	600	900	41	340
A14	937	1381	80	564
A15A	1618	2319	80	783
A15B	13	13	0	2
A16	406	644	34	225
A17	408	627	33	221
Total	12169	18782	809	6916

Cafcass Service Area	2016			
	Applications	Parents over 18	Parents under 18	Children under 1
A1	475	708	38	247
A2	979	1559	62	517
A3	492	775	35	276
A4	485	774	41	281
A5	394	583	32	237
A6	442	719	24	224
A7	627	1007	27	294
A8	390	652	26	183
A9	739	1172	46	383
A10	388	585	29	197
A11	363	594	14	214
A12	632	1025	33	352
A13	463	684	19	217
A14	735	1080	50	357
A15A	1419	2092	86	638
A15B	6	12	0	0
A16	327	504	21	162
A17	240	396	14	133
Total YTD	9596	14921	597	4912

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Please see above map for location areas.

- 2) In how many care proceedings has a family / parent assessment been used so far this year, in 2015, 2014 and 2013?
 - a. How many of these assessments were residential, and how many were community based?
 - b. What is the geographic breakdown of these figures, and the ages of parents involved in these proceedings?
 - c. Of these, how many have involve a child aged 1 or under?

Cafcass does not collect this data.

- 3) How many care proceedings have involved an unaccompanied asylum seeking child so far this year, in 2015, 2014 and 2013?
 - a. What is the geographic breakdown of these figures?

Cafcass does not collect this data.



- 4) In how many care proceedings have the parents been looked after children / care leavers themselves so far this year, in 2015, 2014 and 2013?
 a. What is the geographic breakdown of these figures?

We only have this information for children subject to Care Proceedings, data for LAC or Care Leavers is available via the DfE on their data site (here <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/statistics>)

- 5) In how many care proceedings have the parents had a learning disability so far this year, in 2015, 2014 and 2013?
 a. What is the geographic breakdown of these figures?

Cafcass does not hold any meaningful data prior to 2016. Therefore the data provided is for the year 2016 only.

Cafcass Service Area	Parents with Learning Difficulties
A1	23
A2	56
A3	49
A4	23
A5	27
A6	56
A7	51
A8	52
A9	57
A10	43
A11	37
A12	49
A13	16
A14	46
A15A	65
A15B	
A16	24
A17	26
Total YTD	700

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 (<https://ico.org.uk/>):

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