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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 18th August 2016. You made the following requests for information:

I am making a freedom of information request for data on the instruction of solicitors by Guardians from Cafcass Reading, in particular:-

1. The firms instructed
2. The frequency of their instruction
3. The named individual number of solicitors instructed in those firms and the frequency
4. The record of cases allocated to Guardians and thereafter appointed solicitors from July 2014 to date.

Please see below for our response.

Solicitors appointed as children's guardian on cases received 1st July 2014 – 31st August 2016 in A7 LT2

Data is based on the ECMS Teams A7 LT2

All cases with an application type of care/supervision s31, Discharge of Care/Supervision s31, Placement (RO and Guardian), EPO s44 and Rule 16.4

All cases within the period and with a lead application type of the above are allocated to teams in Reading area. Cases allocated to this team may be outside of these geographic cases and likewise cases in the area may not show up as they are allocated to teams outside of the Reading area.

A case can contain multiple applications of different types.

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Solicitor data is reported by firm and shows the total number of appointments to cases by firm, and number of appointments to individual solicitors per firm.

Data source: Data taken from the ECMS. ECMS is a live system, continually updated and is subject to change when further updates are made.

| Firm | Number of Solicitors Appointed | Individual solicitors appointed |
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| Barrett & Thomson - Slough | 12 | 1 |
| Barrett & Thomson Solicitors (Slough/Berks) | 5 | 3 |
| Bastian Lloyd Morris Solicitors | 1 | 1 |
| Campbell Chambers Solicitors | 1 | 1 |
| Campbell Hooper & Co (Sunningdale/Berkshire) | 4 | 2 |
| Campbell Hooper and Co | 4 | 1 |
| Child Law Partnership (Guildford) | 4 | 1 |
| Child Law Partnership (Salisbury) | 1 | 1 |
| Clifton Ingram LLP | 4 | 1 |
| Clifton Ingram LLP (Wokingham/Reading) | 3 | 1 |
| Creighton & Partners (Bedford Sq) | 15 | 2 |
| Creighton & Partners (Staines-Mddx) | 15 | 2 |
| Deborah Baxter & Co (Reading) | 1 | 1 |
| Dutton Gregory LLP (Southampton) | 1 | 1 |
| Fairbrother & Darlow | 6 | 2 |
| Fairbrother & Darlow | 24 | 2 |
| Footner & Ewing (Totton) | 3 | 1 |
| Fort & Co Solicitors (Slough) | 1 | 1 |
| Gardner Leader LLP (Newbury) | 9 | 3 |
| Gary Jacobs & Co Ltd (London) | 7 | 1 |
| Griffiths Robertson Solicitors | 30 | 2 |
| Griffiths Robertson Solicitors (Reading) | 30 | 4 |
| Hanne & Co | 1 | 1 |
| IBB Solicitors (Uxbridge) | 1 | 1 |
| Imran Khan & Partners (London Office) | 1 | 1 |
| Lawrence & Co Solicitors | 1 | 1 |
| Lawrence & Co. Solicitors | 1 | 1 |
| Martin Murray & Associates (Slough) | 2 | 1 |
| Messrs Footner & Ewing (Brunswick Pl) | 4 | 1 |
| Miles & Partners (Stratford) | 1 | 1 |
| OLG Solicitors | 1 | 1 |
| Oxford Law Group | 15 | 2 |
| Oxford Law Group Solicitors (Oxford) | 16 | 2 |
| Powell Spencer & Partners (Kilburn) | 1 | 1 |
| Ratcliffe Duce & Gammer | 2 | 1 |

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| Ratcliffe Duce & Gammer LLP | 1 | 1 |
| Rayat & Co Solicitors | 2 | 1 |
| Reeds | 1 | 1 |
| Rowberry Morris (Reading) | 2 | 1 |
| Rowberry Morris (Staines) | 6 | 1 |
| Rowberry Morris Solicitors | 5 | 1 |
| Rowberry Morris(Reading) | 8 | 4 |
| Russell Cooke (Kingston) | 2 | 1 |
| Sternberg Reed (Barking) | 1 | 1 |
| Stone King LLP (Bath/Avon) | 1 | 1 |
| The Head Partnership LLP (Berkshire) | 14 | 1 |
| The Head Partnership Solicitors LLP | 3 | 1 |
| Tubervilles Solicitors | 1 | 1 |
| Turbervilles Solicitors | 2 | 1 |
| TV Edwards LLP | 2 | 2 |
| Watkins Solicitors (Bristol/Avon) | 1 | 1 |
| Wilson Solicitors LLP (Tottenham) | 1 | 1 |
| Withy King (Swindon) | 1 | 1 |
| Grand Total | 282 | 72 |

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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