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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 4th October 2016. You made the following requests for information:

We would like to request that you provide the following information:

A breakdown of your data information relating to Domestic Abuse notifications for the 2016/17 year to date.

Please see below for our response.

Domestic Abuse cases in Cafcass for St Helens LA

Month Year	No of Domestic Abuse Cases
Apr-16	4
May-16	1
Jun-16	4
Jul-16	5
Aug-16	8
Sep-16	4
Total	26

Data relates to the period 1st April 2016 to 30th September 2016. The data shows cases relating to Domestic Abuse.

There is no clear method of discerning whether the record was for alleged or actual Domestic Abuse, it is used as an indicator for Cafcass' Social Workers (Family Court Advisers) that Domestic Abuse is a factor in the case or relevant to a child. The recording of Domestic Abuse

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and other case factors is not mandatory, therefore the data is only representative of cases whereby this has been recorded.

Data source: Data taken from 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.

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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