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### Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 7 November 2016. You made the following requests for information:

Please note that in answer to your questions we can only provide information on DVPPs that Cafcass directly commissions.

1. How many DVPP referrals were made by courts in the last 5 years – broken down if possible into justice areas/courts - and including most recent 2016 data?

Please see table one on the enclosed spreadsheet for this information. Service Areas refer to the way Cafcass divides the regions we work in. In family court cases, the court will order participation in a DVPP as an activity direction and the Family Court Adviser at Cafcass will make the referral. Many other referrals are made through the criminal courts and some people self-refer outside of family proceedings.

2. How many DVPP referrals were completed in the last 5 years – broken down if possible into justice areas/courts - and including most recent 2016 data?

Please see table two on the enclosed spreadsheet for this information. Service Areas refer to the way Cafcass divide the regions we work in.

Please note, some participants start the course in one financial year and complete it in the following year, meaning they are included in both years.

3. In the UK, how many DVPPs are/have been running in the last 5 years – broken down if possible into justice areas/courts - and including most recent 2016 data?

Our Commissioned Services Directory of Resources, which lists all DVPPs commissioned by Cafcass, is available on our website: [https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/grown-ups/domestic-violence-perpetrator-programme-\(dvpp\).aspx](https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/grown-ups/domestic-violence-perpetrator-programme-(dvpp).aspx)

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Please note that there are many other DVPPs available across England that Cafcass does not commission.

4. Over the last 5 years and including most recent 2016 data, how long do perpetrators wait to go on DVPPs? If possible could this be broken down into less than 2 weeks, less than 1 month, less than 2 months, more than 3 months, more than 6 months, more than 9 months.

Please see table on the enclosed spreadsheet for this information for this information.

When compiling this data, we have worked out the time between the participants' suitability assessment and the DVPP start date. Our KPI for timeliness to start the programme is 60 working days from the date the provider receives the referral to starting the programme, which allows for the suitability assessment, the court process and the different programme timetables.

Please note that data on participation in DVPPs may vary from region to region over time.

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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