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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 13 December 2016. You made the following requests for information:

1. For each of the calendar years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, please provide a breakdown by gender of the number of offenders referred to the Integrated Domestic Abuse Programme (IDAP) and Community Domestic Violence Programme (CDVP).

2015 – 321 referrals
2014 – 398 referrals
2013 – 493 referrals
2012 – 172 referrals
2011 – 38 referrals
2010 – No data is available for this year.

These figures relate to all the programmes Cafcass referred men to which were run by Probation. In February 2015 Probation was split and the programmes are now run by Community Rehabilitation Companies. The Integrated Domestic Abuse Programme (IDAP) was used by Cafcass up until this change in February 2015 but the IDAP is now not licenced and has become the Building Better Relationships Programme. Cafcass commissions 16 Community Rehabilitation Companies to deliver the Building Better Relationships programme but also has contracts with third sector providers to deliver the Respect Accredited Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programmes (DVPP). Please see Cafcass' [Commissioned Services Directory of Resources](#) for a list of DVPP Providers.

Please note that Cafcass has never commissioned the Community Domestic Violence Programme (CDVP).

Please note Cafcass currently only commissions programmes to address violence and abuse to women perpetrated by men.

Baroness Tyler of Enfield Chair
Anthony Douglas CBE Chief Executive





2. Please provide a breakdown by gender of the number of places current available on each of these programmes.

The programmes offer national coverage where there is an application for a Child Arrangements Order and an intervention for Domestic Abuse is considered necessary to reduce risk to the child. The numbers are not limited as it is a needs based referral system however there does need to be an order by the court as an Activity Direction for the man to attend. Cafcass can only at this time offer programmes to address behaviour change in men regarding violence and abuse. Programmes for women and gender neutral interventions are emerging and Cafcass are looking closely at research and developments in these areas.

3. Please provide any information relating to the suitability of these programmes for male and female offenders respectively.

The current programmes commissioned for the Family Courts are only suitable for men who have abused women. As referred above Cafcass are looking at developments in this area for the future. The programmes are rooted in research which looks at issues of power and control by men to women and as such is not suitable for female perpetrators where the origins of the abuse may have an alternative pathology.

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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