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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 19 January 2017. You made the following requests for information:

Please send me: all statistics for the last 5 years.

- No of males referred by Cafcass to DVPP.
- No of females referred by Cafcass to DVPP.

Please see below for our response.

Please note Cafcass currently only commissions programmes to address violence and abuse to women perpetrated by men. This is because the current programmes commissioned for the Family Courts are only suitable for men who have abused women. The programmes are rooted in research which looks at issues of power and control by men to women and as such are not suitable for female perpetrators where the origins of the abuse is likely to have an alternative dynamic and would require a different approach. Cafcass are exploring the emerging programmes for women but at the moment are not in a position to be able to offer an accredited national programme. Male victims are signposted to the Respect organisation for support and all allegations by victims of domestic abuse are assessed regarding safety and child impact.

Please see below for the number of male referrals to the Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme (DVPP) for the last five financial years with current statistics for 2016/17. These represent the number of court ordered activities made by the family court in private law proceedings which proceed to referral for the DVPP.

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	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13
TOTAL	444	629	745	946	476

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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