

Cafcass Performance Update – Appendix 4 DFJ Durations

Duration is measured in calendar weeks from application issue date to the date the application was completed.

Care and Supervision (s31) application duration in calendar weeks by DFJ

DFJ Area	2015-2016				2016-17				2017-18	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Birmingham	35	39	36	37	42	34	37	37	39	39
Blackburn/Lancaster	29	26	28	26	27	25	27	31	29	30
Bournemouth and Dorset	31	28	26	28	24	30	33	32	32	32
Brighton	31	31	35	27	30	27	29	27	32	29
Bristol (A, NS and G)	28	30	32	28	30	26	28	31	34	30
Carlisle	32	35	34	39	39	30	31	32	29	34
Central London	36	32	33	30	28	26	25	28	30	27
Cleveland and South Durham	25	24	26	24	25	24	26	30	28	31
Coventry	28	28	30	34	35	38	37	32	32	34
Derby	28	23	25	27	26	24	24	29	30	27
Devon	28	26	25	29	32	29	30	28	30	31
East London	31	31	32	36	32	29	30	31	32	29
Essex and Suffolk	23	24	25	25	26	26	26	28	26	27
Guildford	31	27	25	29	26	28	28	27	29	33
High Court	52	47	49	57	46	42	41	42	43	39
Humberside	32	25	26	27	28	29	30	33	30	25
Leicester	30	30	26	30	34	29	30	35	39	34
Lincoln	28	23	26	31	34	27	28	30	30	33
Liverpool	29	26	27	26	28	24	28	29	28	28
Luton	30	31	30	32	28	32	25	33	31	31
Manchester	34	30	29	29	29	26	26	28	28	28
Medway	28	26	30	30	31	36	29	30	33	30
Milton Keynes	30	31	32	32	34	30	31	34	34	37
North Yorkshire	21	23	23	21	29	25	23	30	22	24
Northampton	27	30	33	43	30	29	43	39	38	42
Northumbria and North Durham	33	35	31	33	30	30	31	32	32	34
Norwich	25	28	29	27	24	23	28	28	28	28
Nottingham	32	31	30	32	32	27	33	36	29	32
Peterborough	28	32	23	29	27	28	26	33	30	31
Portsmouth (Hampshire and IOW)	27	29	29	29	26	25	22	25	25	19
Reading	37	29	31	28	37	33	33	36	38	34
South Yorkshire	27	26	30	29	28	30	30	32	37	31
Stoke on Trent	29	29	27	26	26	26	30	30	28	29
Swindon	22	22	26	29	26	26	24	24	32	44
Taunton	36	29	30	24	24	28	31	28	36	29
Truro	23	22	24	21	20	24	20	23	18	21
Watford	34	30	30	34	30	32	36	35	35	35
West London	30	33	29	29	29	29	29	31	33	30
West Yorkshire	26	30	30	30	28	29	28	31	31	31
Wolverhampton/Telford	38	34	33	35	37	37	33	35	37	30
Worcester	32	30	29	34	34	31	26	24	25	25
National	30	29	29	30	30	29	29	31	31	30

Banding	Weeks	Number of DFJ's in each band by quarter									
Red	30+	21	20	20	18	19	14	19	27	27	26
Amber	27 - 29	13	8	8	15	11	13	10	10	9	10
Green	26 or less	7	13	13	8	11	14	12	4	5	5
National average		30	29	29	30	30	29	29	31	31	30

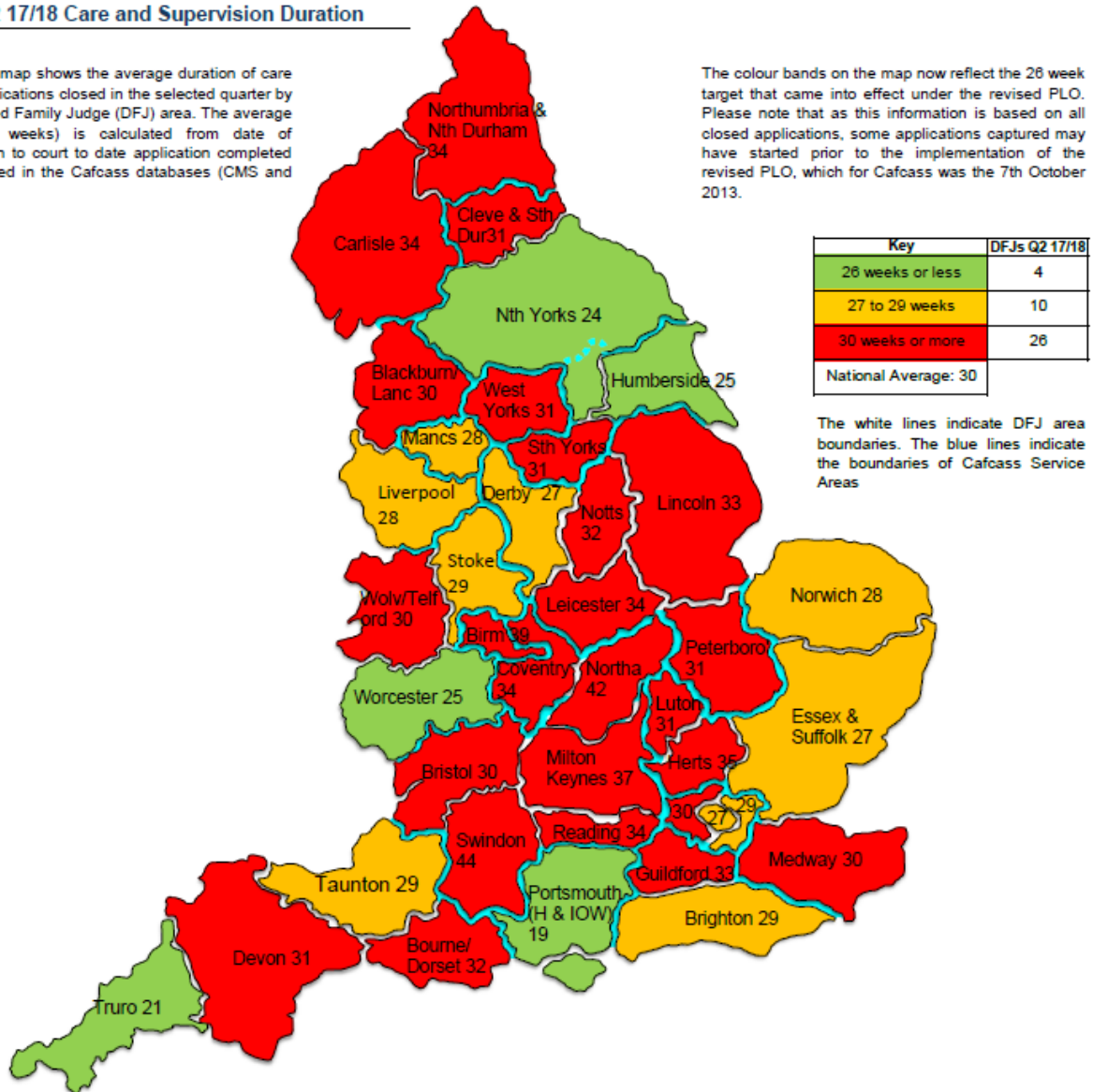
All data updated on the 13th November 2017

Data is taken from the Cafcass Management systems, the Case Management System (CMS) and the Electronic Case Management System (ECMS). ECMS is a live and continually updated national database. Each application can involve multiple children. ECMS is a live system and any late entries will be accounted for at the time of release of subsequent updates to this data.

DFJ Q2 17/18 Care and Supervision Duration

This heat map shows the average duration of care (s31) applications closed in the selected quarter by Designated Family Judge (DFJ) area. The average (calendar weeks) is calculated from date of application to court to date application completed as recorded in the Cafcass databases (CMS and ECMS).

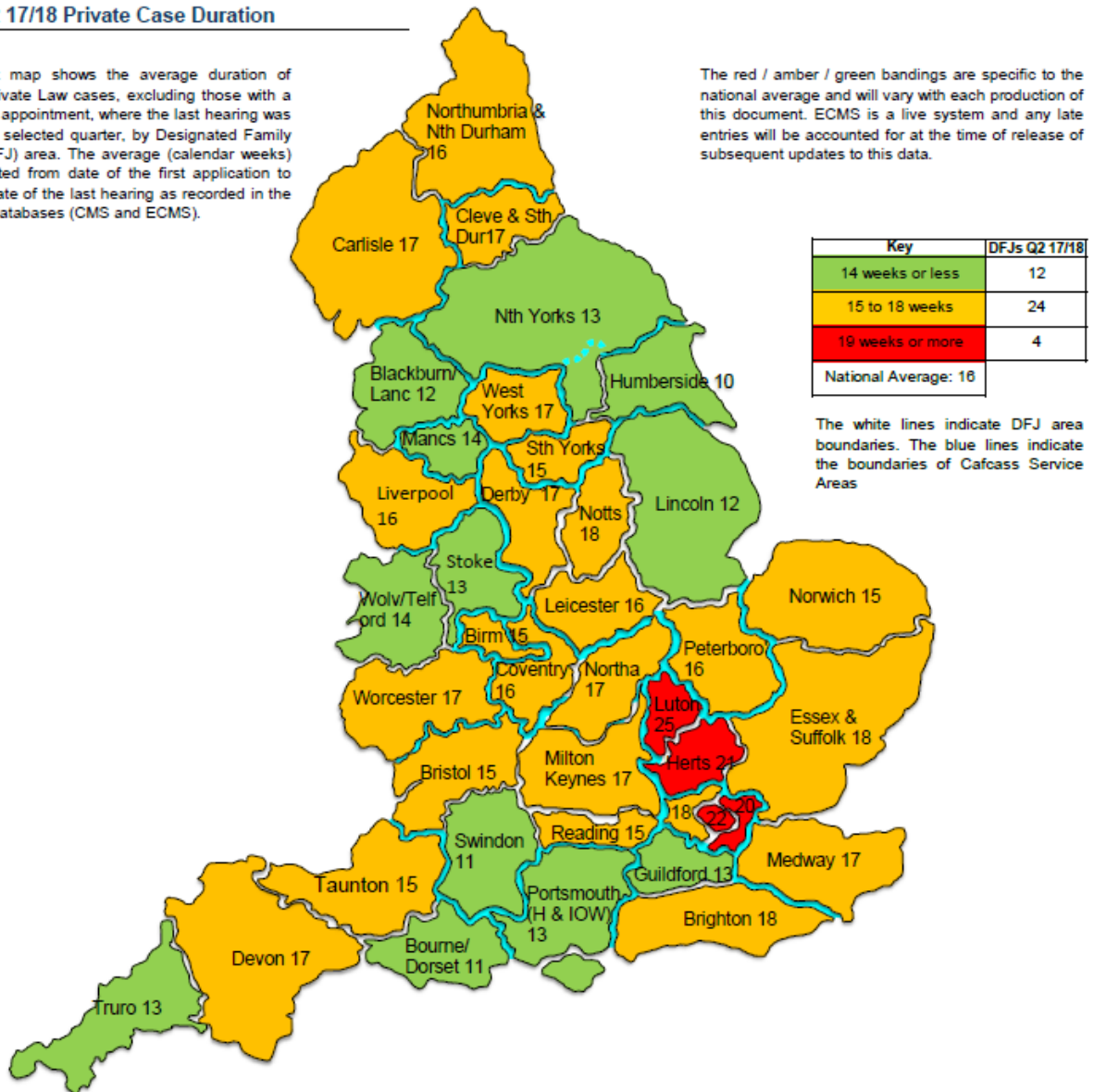
The colour bands on the map now reflect the 26 week target that came into effect under the revised PLO. Please note that as this information is based on all closed applications, some applications captured may have started prior to the implementation of the revised PLO, which for Cafcass was the 7th October 2013.



DFJ Q2 17/18 Private Case Duration

This heat map shows the average duration of closed Private Law cases, excluding those with a Rule 16.4 appointment, where the last hearing was within the selected quarter, by Designated Family Judge (DFJ) area. The average (calendar weeks) is calculated from date of the first application to court to date of the last hearing as recorded in the Cafcass databases (CMS and ECMS).

The red / amber / green bandings are specific to the national average and will vary with each production of this document. ECMS is a live system and any late entries will be accounted for at the time of release of subsequent updates to this data.



*Private law durations have been adjusted following the removal of 16.4s from the calculation. We have amended the data for the current and previous quarters but this meant that in the past the private law durations were overinflated by 2-3 weeks.

The private law duration boundaries have been fixed to 0-14 weeks = Green, 15-18 weeks = Amber and >=19 = Red. We will review this at each quarter and adjust if necessary.