



Meeting	Board
Date	Wednesday, 26 January 2022
Title of report	2020-21 Annual Report and Accounts
Purpose	For information
Public/private report	Public
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KEY POINTS

- The Cafcass Annual Report and Accounts (AR&A) for 2020-21 were drafted in line with disclosure requirements and have been subject to audit and review by the National Audit Office.
- Approval was given by the Board to the AR&A on 14 October 2021, subject to completion of outstanding work by the National Audit Office.
- The report was laid before Parliament on 28 October 2021 and published on gov.uk on the same date.
- The National Audit Office issued an unqualified audit certificate in respect of the ARA.

1. AIM AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 To present the published 2020-21 Annual Report and Accounts to the Board.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The AR&A was drafted in line with disclosure requirements and received certification from the National Audit Office on 22 October 2021.

3. KEY STRATEGIC AREAS TO CONSIDER

- 3.1 A child-friendly version of the AR&A was produced and promoted via our website and social media channels.

4. IMPACT ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- 4.1 The AR&A are an important means of demonstrating the accountability of the organisation to its stakeholders, children and young people, to the general public and to Parliament.
- 4.2 The Family Justice Young People's Board was involved in the production of this year's report and its contribution was recognised in the published report.

5. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the presentation to the Board of the enclosed AR&A.

6. RISK ANALYSIS

- 6.1 There are no risks arising from the presentation to the Board of the enclosed AR&A.

7. DIVERSITY ANALYSIS

- 7.1 The content of the report is based on the FREM (Government Financial Reporting Manual), which stipulates the minimum aspects relating to diversity we must report on.

8. ACTION REQUIRED

- 8.1 The Board is asked to **NOTE** the publication of the report.