

1 March 2023

Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 17111

Thank you for your information request received on 31 January 2023. You asked:

How many applications were made recommending removals of children using the following legislation.

1 Emergency powers under s.46, D1

2. Interim Care Orders

3. Emergency Protection Orders

4. Please advise the Identified Emergency Harm a. Domestic Violence b. Sexual Abuse c. Self Harm d. Induced or Fabricated Illness e. Parental alienation f . Other please identify

5. The ages and gender of the removed children.

6. Of these applications how many were refused versus the number granted.

You requested this information in relation to the last five years.

Our Response

Cafcass Cymru does not make or receive applications recommending removals of children. Cafcass Cymru only becomes involved in cases when asked to do so by the court. The following is therefore based on the information we hold in relation to those cases in which we were involved.

1 Emergency powers under s.46, D1

No information held.

2. Interim Care Orders

There are 1053 Interim Care orders (over 903 cases) recorded on our case management system, for the period 1 February 2018 – 31 January 2023, as the outcome from hearings against care applications where that is the order.

3. Emergency Protection Orders (EPOs)

Of the 903 cases identified above, 58 had an EPO.

4. Please advise the Identified Emergency Harm a. Domestic Violence b. Sexual Abuse c. Self Harm d. Induced or Fabricated Illness e. Parental alienation f . Other please identify

We undertook a manual review of the application for each of the 58 case files which had an EPO.

The applications do not list an 'Identified Emergency Harm' *per se* and they do not include the categories you listed, although Sexual Abuse is mentioned in 9 of the applications as the grounds for the application.

Other reasons given for the grounds for the application being made are as follows (NB there could be more than one reason included on some applications which is why the total exceeds 58):

Physical Harm	39
Emotional Harm	37
Neglect	40.

5. The ages and gender of the removed children.

6. Of these applications how many were refused versus the number granted.

We do not hold information matching these parts of your request.

If you are dissatisfied with our handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to:

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Please remember to quote the ATISN reference numbers above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. Normally, however, you should pursue the matter through our internal procedure before you complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
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Yours sincerely