

9 February 2024

Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 20105

Thank you for your information request received on 17 January.

You asked for the annual number of fact finding hearings in which Cafcass Cymru is involved relating to domestic abuse in Private Law children proceedings in the Family Courts in Wales from 2010 to 2023 (or the most recent year available) and if the reason for the fact finding hearing is not recorded then please just send me the annual number of fact finding hearings in private law children proceedings in the family courts in Wales from 2010-2023 in which Cafcass Cymru was involved.

Our response

We do not record the reasons for fact finding hearings. The following information therefore relates to the numbers of fact finding hearings in private law proceedings in which Cafcass Cymru was involved as recorded on our case management system (noting the court may deal with a larger number than we are aware of, or have recorded):

Year	Fact finding hearings
2010	4
2011	35
2012	49
2013	46
2014	41
2015	47
2016	66
2017	82
2018	152
2019	222
2020	245
2021	302
2022	295
2023	150

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:

Nigel Brown
Chief Executive
Cafcass Cymru
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Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number 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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

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Yours sincerely