

16 September 2024

Dear

### **Request for Information - ATISN 20870**

Thank you for your information request received on 20 August 2024. You asked:

1. *How many private law cases have CAF/CASS Cymru provided advice to the Court in the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 (year to date)?*
2. *How many public law cases have CAF/CASS Cymru provided advice to the Court in the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 (year to date)?*
3. *Does CAF/CASS contribute towards the costs involved in funding sessions at a Family Contact Centre/Family Time Centre?*
  - a. *If so what funding is provided?*
  - b. *Is this funding for contact time in both private and public law arrangements?*
4. *What was the CAF/CASS budget in the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?*

### **Response to parts 1 and 2 of your request**

For 2021 to 2023, the information is published within our Annual Reports. Please see the following link. [Cafcass Cymru annual reports | GOV.WALES](#)

For 2024, during the period 01/01/2024 to 20/08/2024, Cafcass Cymru filed reports in respect of 1056 public law and 2551 private law cases.

### **Response to parts 3 and 4 of your request**

Part 3. Cafcass Cymru does not fund contact centres *per se* but does pay for referrals for supervised contact in Private Law cases when the Cafcass Cymru practitioner allocated to the case decides it necessary to help them complete their assessment, or if the Court orders a referral to be made. Cafcass Cymru will pay for a maximum of 6 x 1-hour sessions in any one case.

Part 4. The information requested is set out in the table below:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Cafcass Cymru Budget</b>	<b>Links to Welsh Government Final Budget</b>
2020/21	£12,152,000	<a href="#">Welsh Government Final Budget 2020-21 (senedd.wales)</a>
2021/22	£13,652,000	<a href="#">Final Budget 2021 to 2022   GOV.WALES</a>
2022/23	£14,725,000	<a href="#">Final Budget 2022 to 2023   GOV.WALES</a>
2023/24	£15,195,000	<a href="#">Final Budget 2023 to 2024   GOV.WALES</a>
2024/25	£15,873,000	<a href="#">Final Budget 2024 to 2025   GOV.WALES</a>

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  
[cafcasscymru@gov.wales](mailto:cafcasscymru@gov.wales)

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  
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Yours sincerely