

Child Support Agency Arrears Transitioned to the Child Maintenance Service System

Data for November 2014 – June 2017

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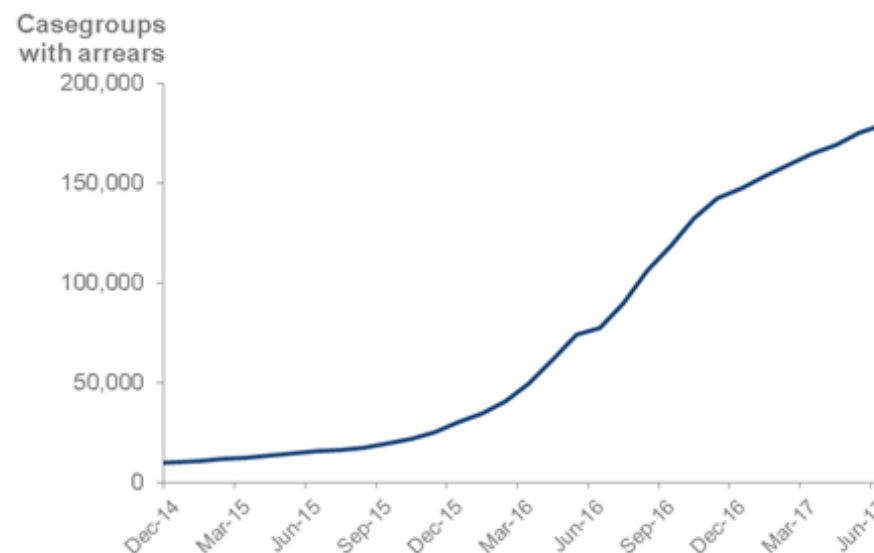
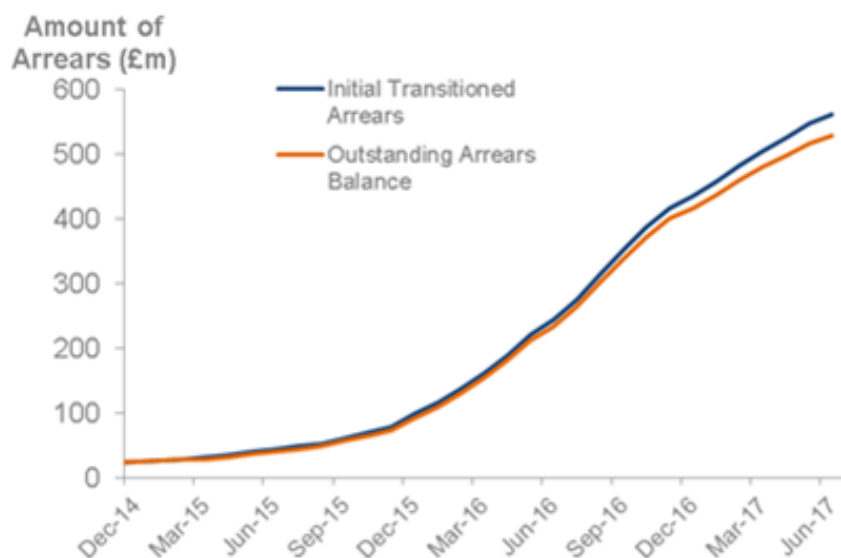
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The Department launched the 2012 statutory child maintenance scheme delivered by the Child Maintenance Service (CMS) in December 2012. Since June 2014, cases on the 1993 and 2003 Child Support Agency (CSA) Schemes have been gradually closed and, where appropriate, outstanding Secretary of State (SoS) and/or Parent with Care (PWC) arrears have transitioned to the CMS 2012 computer systems. This release includes the amount of CSA arrears transitioned to the CMS system between November 2014 and June 2017 and the number of Casegroups this relates to.

The Initial Transitioned Arrears is the value of residual SoS and/or PWC arrears on the 1993/2003 schemes transferred to the 2012 system.

The Initial Transitioned Arrears was £561m in June 2017.

179,000 Casegroups had arrears transitioned to the CMS 2012 System.



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By June 2017, 179,000 casegroups had arrears transitioned to the CMS 2012 System, with an Initial Transitioned Arrears value of £561m. The outstanding Arrears Balance, defined as the Initial Transitioned Arrears less payment and adjustments made on CMS and any write-off that happened post-transition was £527m. The majority of the arrears, (80%) are owed to the Parent with Care and 20% are owed to the Secretary of State. See **Table 1** for full data.

The value of Initial Transitioned Arrears and volume of casegroups with arrears have doubled in the past year reflecting a significant ramp up in Transition Arrears since the middle of 2016.

About these statistics

Where a non-resident parent has more than one case, all of his/her cases are linked together as a casegroup.

Transitioned arrears are Secretary of State and/or Parent with Care debts accrued under the 1993 and 2003 schemes which are managed on the CMS 2012 system following the progression of cases through the CSA Case Closure Programme. When arrears move to the 2012 system, they will join an existing casegroup if there is one, or form an arrears only case if not. Figures for arrears only cases on the 2012 system are published in the [CSA Case Closure Publication](#), this is a subset of the total figures in this publication.

The value of the Transitioned arrears and the volume of casegroups with arrears are sourced from the Client Fund Accounts and are obtained by combining data from Sage General Ledger software with Operational Management Information.

Where to find out more

For more information on CSA case closure please see [Child Maintenance: Ending Liability Scheme](#) and the [CSA Case Closure Publication](#).

For more information regarding the Child Support Agency Caseload please see the [Child Support Agency Quarterly Summary of Statistics](#).

For more information regarding the Child Maintenance Service Caseload please see the 2012 [Child Maintenance Scheme Statistics](#).

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