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Errata

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Errata

Applications for civil representation legal aid in private family law cases on the basis of evidence of domestic violence or child abuse, or risk thereof.

1. This note is to advise users that the figures provided on the above category of civil legal aid in the bulletin 'Legal Aid Statistics: April 2014 to June 2014', published on 25 September 2014 were incomplete.
2. The figures affected were included in the csv file that comprises the most detailed part of the statistical release. The other parts of the release (main document and tables) are not affected. Corrected figures are provided in Figure 1 below.

Detail

3. It was recently discovered that the figures previously published by the LAA on applications for, and grants of, civil representation legal aid in private family law cases which are made on the basis of evidence of domestic violence or child abuse are incomplete in that they exclude a portion of such cases.
4. This is caused by the way those cases were originally entered onto LAA data systems. When some applications were received and processed, the data field relating to which specific category (or categories) of evidence was involved was completed incorrectly.
5. This did not affect the processing of these cases, but it did mean that the data held for reporting purposes did not identify which category of evidence had been provided. This in turn meant that during the compilation of statistics, although these cases were included within the overall private family law category, they were not identified as belonging to this specific area of civil representation legal aid.
6. The cause of this problem has been addressed through improved staff training to ensure cases are entered onto LAA data systems correctly, and the data should be unaffected from December 2014 onwards. However the data for the period prior to December cannot be retrospectively corrected due to the difficulty and disproportionate cost involved in doing so.

Revised figures

7. The figures provided in Figure 1 below now include these cases that were previously wrongly excluded. It is not possible to identify to which category of evidence they relate so they are shown as a separate, third category within the overall totals of applications received and granted.

Figure 1: civil representation legal aid in private family law cases on the basis of evidence of domestic violence or child abuse, or risk thereof

	2013-14				2014-15
	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
Revised figures					
Applications received					
Total	1,710	2,480	2,334	2,263	2,090
<i>of which</i>					
evidence related to child abuse	280	391	371	365	383
evidence related to domestic violence	615	1,083	964	1,152	1,064
categories of evidence unknown	815	1,006	999	746	643
Applications granted					
Total	1,241	1,816	1,668	1,657	1,465
<i>of which</i>					
evidence related to child abuse	192	277	255	255	253
evidence related to domestic violence	494	845	700	893	799
categories of evidence unknown	555	694	713	509	413
Change compared with figures published on 25 September 2014					
Applications received					
Total	814	998	987	724	624
<i>of which</i>					
evidence related to child abuse	0	0	-3	-3	-3
evidence related to domestic violence	-1	-8	-9	-19	-16
categories of evidence unknown	815	1,006	999	746	643
Applications granted					
Total	668	761	669	511	341
<i>of which</i>					
evidence related to child abuse	24	17	15	3	-20
evidence related to domestic violence	89	50	-59	-1	-52
categories of evidence unknown	555	694	713	509	413
1. Changes to the figures for applications where the evidence category is known are due to routine updates to data systems.					

8. Figures produced on this corrected basis will also be included in the next edition of Legal Aid Statistics Quarterly, due to be published at 9.30am on Thursday 18th December 2014

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