



Ministry
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Statistical Consultation – development of data visualisation tool for Family Court Statistics Quarterly

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Introduction

The Family Court Statistics quarterly (FCSQ) presents key statistics on activity in the family courts of England and Wales with accompanying commentary and analysis. The bulletin provides a summary overview of the volume of cases dealt with by these courts over time, with statistics also broken down for the main types of case involved.

As part of our wider work on improving data visualisation and accessibility, we have developed a data visualisation tool which sits on top of the data underlying the publication and its associated csv files – the tool provides users with the capability to:

- interrogate the published information at a lower level of detail, e.g. by region; and
- access and produce a range of charts specific to their user requirements.

The data visualisation tool

The tool can be found here:

public.tableau.com/profile/moj.analysis#!/vizhome/FamilyCourtStatisticsTool/Frontpage

Aim of the consultation

This consultation seeks views on how effectively the data visualisation tool:

- better meets user needs;
- improves the dissemination of information; and
- complements the bulletin and supports the understanding of the statistics.

In addition, we would be pleased to hear your views on how the data visualisation tool can be improved, e.g. are there better ways of presenting the information or certain aspects of it?

How to send us your comments

Comments are requested by Thursday 1 September 2016. In addition to the questions posed, any feedback or general comments on the publication are welcome.

Enquiries and responses should be directed to Bridgette Miles at the address below. Please include “FCSQ data visualisation tool feedback” in the subject of any emails.

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What we will do with your comments

We will take all comments into consideration when producing the next edition of FCSQ, scheduled for release on Thursday 30 September 2016. Your comments will also be used to further develop the data visualisation tool and inform the development of similar tools to accompany all statistical bulletins in due course. We will provide a summary of your comments and our response to them where appropriate alongside the next edition.