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CMS PAYMENTS

Thank you for your FOI request to the National Audit Office (NAO) dated 2 May 2025.

Your request:

"As an FOI can I please have the number of mothers and number of fathers who pay Child Maintenance to the Primary resident parent. I have made a table (attached), using the CMS's days to calculate payments as categories, if this could please be completed."

Your request has been handled under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). We have checked our financial audit and value for money audit files and can confirm that we do not hold the information you requested. As the Child Maintenance Service (CMS) is part of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), we recommend directing your request to them. You can do so via the following link: [Make a Freedom of Information \(FOI\) request to DWP - GOV.UK](#)

While we are unable to assist further with your request or complete the attached table, we hope this clarification helps you redirect your query to the appropriate organisation. I hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not happy with this response, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days by writing to the NAO FOI Team at FOI@nao.org.uk. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The primary way of escalating your concerns to the Information Commissioner is at: <https://ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>.

Yours sincerely

FOI and Correspondence Officer