



照顧或保護聆訊之實質個案數目 (由2003年10月至2021年12月)  
Actual Number of Care or Protection Cases (From October 2003 to December 2021)

Year	Number of Cases Referred to Duty Lawyer Service	Number of Total Cases (Outstanding and New Referral)
October - December 2003	174	278
2004	423	1238
2005	433	1585
2006	565	2102
2007	682	2530
2008	798	3070
2009	568	2525
2010	479	2191
2011	426	1845
2012	355	1553
2013	291	1315
2014	251	1092
2015	263	981
2016	246	806
2017	203	826
2018	189	654
2019	157	537
2020	147	471
2021	181	586
<b>Total</b>	<b>6831</b>	<b>26185</b>

**Note:**

**1/ Under section 34(2), Cap. 213, a child or juvenile in need of care or protection means a child or juvenile:-**

- (a) who has been or is being assaulted, ill-treated, neglected or sexually abused; or
- (b) whose health, development or welfare has been or is being neglected or avoidably impaired; or
- (c) whose health, development or welfare appears likely to be neglected or avoidably impaired; or
- (d) who is beyond control, to the extent that harm may be caused to him or to others

**2/ The Duty Lawyer Service will provide legal assistance, as of right, to any child/ juvenile in need of care or protection and who is:-**

- (i) deprived of his/her liberty and detained in a gazetted place of refuge under section 34E of PCJO, Cap. 213; or
- (ii) taken to the juvenile court directly by the Police for the application for Care or Protection order, without any period of detention at a gazetted place of refuge before the court hearing; or
- (iii) likely to be detained in a gazetted place of refuge on the recommendation of a social worker of the Social Welfare Department (SWD)