

**CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE**  
**RACIST INCIDENT MONITORING**  
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**RACIST INCIDENT MONITORING SCHEME**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This is the fifth annual report prepared by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) and provides details of prosecution decisions and outcomes in all cases identified by the police or CPS as racist incidents. The report covers the period 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2001.

1.2 For the purposes of this report, the police and CPS have used the Macpherson definition of a racist incident, which states that:

*'a racist incident is any incident which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person'.*

1.3 All racist incident cases submitted by the police to the CPS for prosecution should be clearly marked in accordance with the national agreement. This enables the CPS to deal with the case appropriately and to commence the tracking procedure. If, on reviewing the evidence in the case, it is apparent that the case is a racist incident but has not been identified by the police, the reviewing lawyer will mark the case and ensure that it enters the system.

1.4 Details of all cases identified by either the police or CPS as racist incidents are kept by each of the 42 CPS Areas and by the Casework Directorate in London, a specialist unit dealing with serious crime. Returns are provided monthly to CPS Headquarters in York where the information is collated and the annual report prepared.

1.5 On 30 September 1998 the provisions of sections 28-32 and 82 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 came into effect. The 1998 Act creates a definition of racial aggravation and new offences of racially aggravated assault, criminal damage, public order and harassment. In addition, Section 153 of the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 (replacing Section 82 of the 1998 Act) imposes a duty on sentencing courts to treat evidence of racial aggravation as an aggravating feature, increasing the seriousness of the offence and the sentence to be imposed, in cases where offences are not specifically charged under the new sections.

1.6 The CPS Racist Incident Monitoring Scheme (RIMS) covers all racist incidents and therefore includes information about specific offences charged under the 1998 Act as well as offences that could fall within Section 153. The report provides the following information:

- the number of racist incident defendant cases submitted by CPS Areas during the reporting period;
- CPS decisions on charges put by the police;
- results on charges prosecuted;
- results on charges dropped;

- outcomes of charges prosecuted in the magistrates' courts, Crown Courts and youth courts; and
- sentences imposed by each of these court types.

## 2. KEY FINDINGS – SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

### 2.1 IDENTIFICATION OF A RACIST INCIDENT

		National %
<b>Number of defendants received</b>	3105	

<b>Police identification</b>	2640	<b>85%</b>
<b>CPS identification</b>	465	<b>15%</b>

#### Comment

The number of defendant cases received for prosecution has increased by over 28.5% from 2417 to 3105. Police performance in marking racist incident files for CPS attention continues to improve steadily. This year's figure of 85% is a 7% increase on the previous year.

### 2.2 DEFENDANTS PROSECUTED/NOT PROSECUTED

		National %
<b>Defendants prosecuted</b>	2301	
<b>Defendants not prosecuted</b>	804	
<b>% of defendants prosecuted</b>		<b>74%</b>

#### Comment

The CPS prosecuted 74% of the cases received. The remaining 26% were discontinued, dropped at court or could not be prosecuted because the defendant failed to appear. The 26% figure, which covers proceedings in all courts, compares with the 25.3% figure for all types of offences over the same period.

### 2.3 CHARGES

		National %
<b>NUMBER OF POLICE CHARGES</b>	<b>4769</b>	

		National %
<b>NUMBER and % OF CHARGES UNALTERED</b>	<b>3598</b>	75%

		National %
<b>NUMBER OF CHARGES ADDED BY THE CPS</b>	<b>292</b>	

		National %
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARGES</b>	<b>5061</b>	
Total number charges <b>Prosecuted</b>	3190	63%
Total number of charges <b>Dropped</b>	1871	37%

#### Comment

This is the second full year in which we have gathered information on the new racially aggravated offences under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The percentage of police charges unaltered by the CPS was 75% compared with the 47% in 1999 – 2000 and 63% recorded in 1998 - 1999. The number of charges added by the CPS increased slightly from 288 to 292. All the figures, taken together, suggest a significant improvement by the police in selecting the appropriate charges, perhaps arising from growing familiarity with the legislation.

## 2.4 DETAILS OF CHARGES PROSECUTED

<b>Number of charges prosecuted</b>	3190
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<b>Racially aggravated assaults</b>	407
<b>Racially aggravated criminal damage</b>	174
<b>Racially aggravated public order</b>	1074
<b>Racially aggravated harassment</b>	180
<b>Other assaults</b>	394
<b>Other criminal damage</b>	196
<b>Other public order</b>	460
<b>Other harassment</b>	40
<b>Theft Act</b>	101
<b>Other</b>	155
<b>Homicide</b>	9

### Comment

58% of the 3190 offences prosecuted were charged under the Crime and Disorder Act with the majority being racially aggravated public order offences. Although the remainder could not be prosecuted under the Act, a proportion contained admissible evidence of racial aggravation, which would have been presented to the court.

The 9 charges of homicide recorded relate to two separate cases each of which involved one victim. In one case, a London case, the reviewing lawyer took the view that there was insufficient evidence of racial aggravation. The other case, in Gwent, involved four defendants charged jointly with murder and manslaughter. The case was prosecuted as a racially aggravated murder and the court found that the racial element was proved. All defendants in both cases were convicted after trial.

## 2.5 OUTCOME OF CHARGES PROSECUTED

		National %
<b>Guilty pleas</b>	2173	<b>68%</b>
<b>Guilty after contest</b>	487	<b>15%</b>
<b>Committal discharge</b>	28	<b>1%</b>
<b>Half-time acquittal</b>	96	<b>3%</b>
<b>Full-time acquittal</b>	406	<b>13%</b>

### Venue of Cases

<b>Charges dealt with at the Mags. Court</b>	1945	<b>61%</b>
<b>Charges dealt with at the Crown Court</b>	766	<b>24%</b>
<b>Charges dealt with at the Youth Court</b>	479	<b>15%</b>

### Comment

The outcomes are charged-based rather than defendant-based and for this reason it is not possible to make direct comparisons with the outcomes for defendants in the national Performance Indicator system. We would, however, expect the percentage figures for defendants to be higher because each defendant faces an average of more than one charge. This year's figures nonetheless disclose an increase in convictions with 83% of the charges prosecuted resulting in guilty pleas or findings of guilt, compared with 78.5% the previous year. There was a 3% reduction in the number of charges handled by the Crown Court set against the same percentage increase in charges handled by the Youth Court. Magistrates Court figures remained unchanged.

## 2.6 REASONS FOR DROPPING CHARGES

<b>Number of charges dropped</b>	1871
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		<b>National %</b>
<b>Dropped: witness fails to attend</b>	293	<b>16%</b>
<b>Dropped: witness refuses to give evidence</b>	212	<b>11%</b>
<b>Dropped: other insufficient evidence</b>	681	<b>37%</b>
<b>Dropped: public interest</b>	319	<b>17%</b>
<b>Dropped: written off/other</b>	171	<b>9%</b>
<b>Bound Over without trial</b>	195	<b>10%</b>

### Comment

Witness difficulties accounted for 27% of the charges dropped. Charges dropped because there was insufficient evidence accounted for a further 37%. Charges not pursued on public interest grounds accounted for 17% with the most common reason being that the defendant was being dealt with on more serious offences or was serving a long prison sentence. A further 9% of charges could not be prosecuted because the defendant failed to attend court and/or could not be traced. In respect of the remaining 10% of charges, the defendants were bound over without trial.

Charges dropped do not necessarily result in the whole case being terminated. The scheme records only those offences which are racially aggravated. A defendant may be charged with other offences arising from the same set of facts and these would not be tracked as part of the scheme.



### 3. THE NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS CHARGED

3.1 The report contains a mixture of defendant based and charge based information. The initial unit of counting for the scheme is the defendant but decisions taken in respect of each defendant, whether by the CPS in relation to prosecution or by the courts in relation to sentence, are recorded on a charge by charge basis rather than a whole case basis. This means that four defendants in one case charged jointly with one offence will be counted as four units. Similarly, one defendant charged with several offences will be counted as one unit provided at least one of the offences is racially aggravated for the purpose of the scheme.

3.2 During the reporting period, 3105 defendants were charged with an offence, which, in view of the police or CPS, met the definition of a racist incident. In comparison with 1999 -2000 this represents an increase of over 28.5%. **Table 1** represents the total number of defendants recorded by each CPS Area.

**TABLE 1 – THE NUMBER OF DEFENDANT CASES RECORDED BY EACH CPS AREA**

*(Previous year's figure in brackets)*

AREA	Number of defendants	AREA	Number of defendants
Avon & Somerset	<b>38</b> (31)	Merseyside	<b>84</b> (61)
Bedfordshire	<b>59</b> (43)	Metropolitan & City	<b>339</b> (577)
Cambridgeshire	<b>37</b> (50)	Norfolk	<b>37</b> (19)
Cheshire	<b>72</b> (51)	Northants	<b>44</b> (46)
Cleveland	<b>10</b> (11)	Northumbria	<b>185</b> (179)
Cumbria	<b>17</b> (10)	North Wales	<b>16</b> (14)
Derbyshire	<b>46</b> (50)	North Yorkshire	<b>17</b> (21)
Devon & Cornwall	<b>67</b> (32)	Nottinghamshire	<b>81</b> (73)
Dorset	<b>26</b> (18)	South Wales	<b>195</b> (157)
Durham	<b>27</b> (24)	South Yorkshire	<b>66</b> (40)
Dyfed Powys	<b>37</b> (15)	Staffordshire	<b>67</b> (10)
Essex	<b>10</b> (11)	Suffolk	<b>22</b> (24)
Gloucestershire	<b>23</b> (13)	Surrey	<b>39</b> (6)
Gt Manchester	<b>206</b> (155)	Sussex	<b>44</b> (41)
Gwent	<b>77</b> (38)	Thames Valley	<b>77</b> (65)
Hampshire	<b>88</b> (38)	Warwickshire	<b>37</b> (17)
Hertfordshire	<b>3</b> (24)	West Mercia	<b>36</b> (9)
Humberside	<b>39</b> (12)	West Midlands	<b>279</b> (116)
Kent	<b>34</b> (31)	West Yorkshire	<b>280</b> (97)
Lancashire	<b>98</b> (74)	Wiltshire	<b>27</b> (22)
Leicestershire	<b>105</b> (77)	Casework Dir	<b>4</b> (2)
Lincolnshire	<b>10</b> (13)	<b>Total</b>	<b>3105</b> (2417)

#### 4. POLICE/CPS IDENTIFICATION OF A RACIST INCIDENT

- 4.1 There is a national agreement with the police that, when submitting files to the CPS, they will identify those which meet the definition of a racist incident. Files not identified by the police will be identified by the CPS.
- 4.2 During this reporting year the police have identified 85% of cases as meeting the Macpherson definition of a racist incident. Compared to last year's report this is an increase of 7%. The CPS identified the remaining 15%. **Table 2** indicates the identification performance of the CPS and the police by Area.
- 4.3 Police identification in 16 CPS Areas was below the national average of 85%. In 27 Areas identification by the police was 85% and over.

**TABLE 2 – POLICE/CPS IDENTIFICATION OF RACIST INCIDENT CASES BY AREA**

AREA	IDENTIFICATION				AREA	IDENTIFICATION			
	POLICE		CPS			POLICE		CPS	
Avon & Somerset	34	89%	4	11%	Merseyside	68	81%	16	19%
Bedfordshire	37	63%	22	37%	Metropolitan & City	311	92%	28	8%
Cambridgeshire	33	89%	4	11%	Norfolk	33	89%	4	11%
Cheshire	70	97%	2	3%	Northants	30	68%	14	32%
Cleveland	9	90%	1	10%	Northumbria	169	91%	16	9%
Cumbria	13	76%	4	24%	North Wales	14	88%	2	12%
Derbyshire	37	80%	9	20%	North Yorkshire	15	88%	2	12%
Devon & Cornwall	57	85%	10	15%	Nottinghamshire	75	93%	6	7%
Dorset	24	92%	2	8%	South Wales	166	85%	29	15%
Durham	22	81%	5	19%	South Yorkshire	49	74%	17	26%
Dyfed Powys	28	76%	9	24%	Staffordshire	45	67%	22	33%
Essex	9	90%	1	10%	Suffolk	20	91%	2	9%
Gloucestershire	22	96%	1	4%	Surrey	36	92%	3	8%
Gt Manchester	180	87%	26	13%	Sussex	41	93%	3	7%
Gwent	69	90%	8	10%	Thames Valley	60	78%	17	22%
Hampshire	50	57%	38	43%	Warwickshire	32	86%	5	14%
Hertfordshire	1	33%	2	67%	West Mercia	31	86%	5	14%
Humberside	31	79%	8	21%	West Midlands	240	86%	39	14%
Kent	32	94%	2	6%	West Yorkshire	235	84%	45	16%
Lancashire	80	82%	18	18%	Wiltshire	26	96%	1	4%
Leicestershire	94	90%	11	10%	Casework Dir	4	100%	0	0%
Lincolnshire	8	80%	2	20%	<b>Total</b>	<b>2640</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>15%</b>

## 5. POLICE RACIST INCIDENT REPORT/COMPUTER RECORD SUPPLIED WITH FILE

5.1 In order to assist with the early identification of racist incidents, in addition to marking the file appropriately when it is submitted to the CPS, the police nationally have agreed to supply the CPS with a copy of their racist incident report form or computer record at the same time. Information contained on the report form may have evidential significance or could prompt the CPS lawyer to raise further questions with the police with a view to improving the quality of the evidence. Of the 3105 defendant cases referred to the CPS, the police supplied a copy of their racist incident report form or computer record in only 628 cases (20%). The percentage varies considerably from Area to Area. **Table 3** shows police performance by CPS Area. Each CPS Area equates to a police force area save London, which includes the Metropolitan and City forces and the Casework Directorate, which may take work from any force.

**TABLE 3 – POLICE RACIST INCIDENT REPORT/COMPUTER RECORD SUPPLIED WITH FILE**

AREA	Did the police supply a copy of their Racist Incident Report or computer record with the file?				AREA	Did the police supply a copy of their Racist Incident Report or computer record with the file?			
	YES		NO			YES		NO	
Avon & Somerset	10	26%	28	74%	Merseyside	25	30%	59	70%
Bedfordshire	0	0%	59	100%	Metropolitan & City	41	12%	298	88%
Cambridgeshire	0	0%	37	100%	Norfolk	3	8%	34	92%
Cheshire	12	17%	60	83%	Northants	1	2%	43	98%
Cleveland	2	20%	8	80%	Northumbria	82	44%	103	56%
Cumbria	8	47%	9	53%	North Wales	2	12%	14	88%
Derbyshire	3	7%	43	93%	North Yorkshire	1	6%	16	94%
Devon & Cornwall	34	51%	33	49%	Nottinghamshire	30	37%	51	63%
Dorset	19	73%	7	27%	South Wales	74	38%	121	62%
Durham	6	22%	21	78%	South Yorkshire	2	3%	64	97%
Dyfed Powys	7	19%	30	81%	Staffordshire	23	34%	44	66%
Essex	0	0%	10	100%	Suffolk	1	5%	21	95%
Gloucestershire	2	9%	21	91%	Surrey	9	23%	30	77%
Gt Manchester	68	33%	138	67%	Sussex	17	39%	27	61%
Gwent	20	26%	57	74%	Thames Valley	7	9%	70	91%
Hampshire	1	1%	87	99%	Warwickshire	0	0%	37	100%
Hertfordshire	0	0%	3	100%	West Mercia	1	3%	35	97%
Humberside	5	13%	34	87%	West Midlands	15	5%	264	95%
Kent	2	6%	32	94%	West Yorkshire	78	28%	202	72%
Lancashire	10	10%	88	90%	Wiltshire	0	0%	27	100%
Leicestershire	7	7%	98	93%	Casework Dir	0	0%	4	100%
Lincolnshire	0	0%	10	100%	<b>Total</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>2477</b>	<b>80%</b>

## 6. ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE OF RACIAL AGGRAVATION

6.1 The Macpherson definition of a racist incident is deliberately wide in order to encourage the reporting of racist incidents to the police. Inevitably, in some cases, despite the case having been reported as a racist incident, there will not be sufficient evidence to justify prosecution for a racially aggravated offence under the definition in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

6.2 The monitoring scheme requires the CPS lawyer considering the evidence in the case to indicate whether in his or her judgement there was sufficient evidence to establish racial aggravation as defined by the 1998 Act. **Table 4** below indicates that the reviewing lawyer took the view that there was such evidence in 2491 defendant cases (80%) received from the police and further breaks this down for each Area.

**TABLE 4 – ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE OF RACIAL AGGRAVATION**

AREA	Did the CPS lawyer consider that there was sufficient evidence to establish racial aggravation as defined by Section 28 Crime & Disorder Act 1998?				AREA	Did the CPS lawyer consider that there was sufficient evidence to establish racial aggravation as defined by Section 28 Crime & Disorder Act 1998?			
	YES		NO			YES		NO	
Avon & Somerset	31	82%	7	18%	Merseyside	57	68%	27	32%
Bedfordshire	40	68%	19	32%	Metropolitan & City	292	86%	47	14%
Cambridgeshire	33	89%	4	11%	Norfolk	33	89%	4	11%
Cheshire	69	96%	3	4%	Northants	37	84%	7	16%
Cleveland	10	100%	0	0%	Northumbria	144	78%	41	22%
Cumbria	13	76%	4	24%	North Wales	14	88%	2	12%
Derbyshire	36	78%	10	22%	North Yorkshire	17	100%	0	0%
Devon & Cornwall	45	67%	22	33%	Nottinghamshire	68	84%	13	16%
Dorset	22	85%	4	15%	South Wales	170	87%	25	13%
Durham	25	93%	2	7%	South Yorkshire	53	80%	13	20%
Dyfed Powys	32	86%	5	14%	Staffordshire	46	69%	21	31%
Essex	10	100%	0	0%	Suffolk	12	55%	10	45%
Gloucestershire	18	78%	5	22%	Surrey	36	92%	3	8%
Gt Manchester	187	91%	19	9%	Sussex	39	89%	5	11%
Gwent	68	88%	9	12%	Thames Valley	52	68%	25	32%
Hampshire	65	74%	23	26%	Warwickshire	22	59%	15	41%
Hertfordshire	3	100%	0	0%	West Mercia	29	81%	7	19%
Humberside	23	59%	16	41%	West Midlands	236	85%	43	15%
Kent	27	79%	7	21%	West Yorkshire	175	63%	105	37%
Lancashire	75	77%	23	23%	Wiltshire	16	59%	11	41%
Leicestershire	99	94%	6	6%	Casework Dir	3	75%	1	25%
Lincolnshire	9	90%	1	10%	<b>Total</b>	<b>2491</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>20%</b>

## **7. OFFENCES CHARGED BY THE POLICE**

7.1 During the reporting year there were 4769 offences charged by the police, broken down as follows:

- 759 racially aggravated assaults
- 302 racially aggravated criminal damage
- 1576 racially aggravated public order
- 319 racially aggravated harassment
- 515 other assaults
- 284 other criminal damage
- 584 other public order
- 46 other harassment
- 153 Theft Act
- 5 homicide
- 226 other offences

7.2 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 makes it possible for certain specified offences to be charged under the Act as racially aggravated crimes. The racially aggravated assault, criminal damage, public order and harassment charges listed above are offences specifically charged under the Act. The remaining offences listed were charged under other legislation.

**TABLE 5 – TYPES OF OFFENCE CHARGED BY THE POLICE**

<b>RA = RACIALLY AGGRAVATED</b>	<b>NUMBER OF POLICE CHARGES</b>	<b>HOMICIDE</b>	<b>RA ASSAULT</b>	<b>OTHER ASSAULT</b>	<b>RA DAMAGE</b>	<b>OTHER DAMAGE</b>	<b>RA PUBLIC ORDER</b>	<b>OTHER PUBLIC ORDER</b>	<b>RA HARASSMENT</b>	<b>OTHER HARASSMENT</b>	<b>THEFT ACT</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
<b>AREA</b>												
Avon & Somerset	65	0	11	8	2	4	16	11	9	0	1	3
Bedfordshire	116	0	15	32	2	11	16	11	5	3	12	9
Cambridgeshire	61	0	8	10	5	3	21	2	5	0	4	3
Cheshire	103	0	14	13	9	2	46	9	7	0	0	3
Cleveland	18	0	3	1	2	0	3	3	6	0	0	0
Cumbria	25	0	5	0	0	1	10	8	0	0	0	1
Derbyshire	60	0	6	8	2	3	17	9	12	0	0	3
Devon & Cornwall	101	0	19	7	2	2	29	25	7	2	3	5
Dorset	43	0	10	9	1	5	7	3	4	0	3	1
Durham	56	0	10	2	1	8	24	4	4	0	1	2
Dyfed Powys	46	0	6	7	1	2	28	1	0	0	0	1
Essex	11	0	3	0	1	0	5	1	1	0	0	0
Gloucestershire	38	0	1	1	1	3	14	3	9	0	6	0
Gt Manchester	372	0	49	55	25	34	95	53	20	9	13	19
Gwent	128	4	29	12	3	6	47	16	5	0	3	3
Hampshire	186	0	16	33	14	11	50	30	11	1	7	13
Hertfordshire	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0
Humberside	53	0	3	4	9	2	20	5	5	1	0	4
Kent	54	0	10	2	5	1	27	1	0	0	4	4
Lancashire	109	0	11	11	6	3	57	13	4	1	0	3
Leicestershire	170	0	18	16	17	8	75	15	7	0	3	11
Lincolnshire	11	0	3	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	1	0
Merseyside	122	0	24	15	7	12	35	16	7	0	4	2
Metropolitan & City	538	1	137	43	39	26	148	53	32	3	25	31
Norfolk	47	0	12	8	3	2	21	0	0	0	1	0
Northants	81	0	1	23	6	3	19	13	4	2	1	9
Northumbria	245	0	27	14	16	19	102	28	17	1	7	14
North Wales	16	0	2	0	1	0	8	1	3	1	0	0
North Yorkshire	24	0	1	1	4	0	14	1	0	0	1	2
Nottinghamshire	101	0	22	3	9	1	43	16	5	0	0	2
South Wales	348	0	38	36	20	33	111	50	13	3	21	23
South Yorkshire	89	0	8	9	5	7	36	13	6	1	3	1
Staffordshire	100	0	11	17	5	12	25	24	1	1	1	3
Suffolk	22	0	2	1	0	0	13	0	5	0	0	1
Surrey	59	0	5	10	4	3	22	9	6	0	0	0
Sussex	84	0	18	7	2	5	22	12	7	0	5	6
Thames Valley	124	0	16	19	4	7	39	25	2	2	3	7
Warwickshire	61	0	8	7	13	5	18	3	3	0	1	3
West Mercia	46	0	8	3	1	2	15	6	4	1	3	3
West Midlands	408	0	91	28	31	21	117	45	39	8	9	19
West Yorkshire	389	0	72	38	23	17	135	42	39	6	6	11
Wiltshire	28	0	5	1	1	0	18	1	2	0	0	0
Casework Directorate	6	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4769</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>1576</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>226</b>
%	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>5%</b>

## 8. CPS ACTION ON POLICE CHARGES

8.1 Of the 4769 police charges, 75% (or 3598 charges) were unaltered by the CPS, compared with 47% recorded in 1999 – 2000 and 63% recorded in 1998 -1999. **Table 6** gives information concerning these charges together with a breakdown of the CPS action in respect of the remaining **25%**.

**TABLE 6 – CPS ACTION ON POLICE CHARGES**

RA = RACIALLY AGGRAVATED	Number of Police Charges	Unaltered	Increase RA to Non RA e.g. s.20 to s.18	Increase Non RA To RA	Reduce RA To Non RA	Reduce Non RA to RA e.g. s.18 to s.20	Increase for any other reasons	Reduce for any other reasons
AREA								
Avon & Somerset	65	49	0	3	4	1	0	8
Bedfordshire	116	93	0	4	11	0	0	8
Cambridgeshire	61	50	0	1	9	0	1	0
Cheshire	103	78	0	17	3	0	0	5
Cleveland	18	15	0	2	0	1	0	0
Cumbria	25	19	0	0	3	1	0	2
Derbyshire	60	49	0	6	1	0	2	2
Devon & Cornwall	101	74	1	7	7	0	0	12
Dorset	43	34	0	6	3	0	0	0
Durham	56	44	0	7	1	0	0	4
Dyfed Powys	46	34	0	4	3	0	1	4
Essex	11	7	0	1	2	1	0	0
Gloucestershire	38	32	0	0	0	0	0	6
Gt Manchester	372	294	1	22	27	5	6	17
Gwent	128	91	0	11	1	4	1	20
Hampshire	186	159	0	6	12	0	1	8
Hertfordshire	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	2
Humberside	53	35	1	2	11	0	0	4
Kent	54	42	0	2	7	0	0	3
Lancashire	109	77	0	7	8	1	1	15
Leicestershire	170	131	1	8	5	2	4	19
Lincolnshire	11	10	0	1	0	0	0	0
Merseyside	122	92	0	1	11	2	1	15
Metropolitan & City	538	442	2	19	41	3	3	28
Norfolk	47	39	0	0	3	1	0	4
Northants	81	64	0	2	3	0	1	11
Northumbria	245	179	1	18	28	1	3	15
North Wales	16	10	0	2	3	1	0	0
North Yorkshire	24	20	0	2	2	0	0	0
Nottinghamshire	101	84	0	3	8	0	0	6
South Wales	348	253	1	45	12	2	5	30
South Yorkshire	89	58	1	2	9	0	0	19
Staffordshire	100	67	0	16	10	2	1	4
Suffolk	22	14	0	1	4	0	0	3
Surrey	59	41	0	7	3	0	1	7
Sussex	84	72	0	2	7	0	1	2
Thames Valley	124	83	0	8	12	1	2	18
Warwickshire	61	31	0	4	10	1	3	12
West Mercia	46	32	0	2	4	0	4	4
West Midlands	408	317	0	21	45	1	0	24
West Yorkshire	389	259	0	8	48	11	3	60
Wiltshire	28	15	0	0	9	1	0	3
Casework Directorate	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4769</b>	<b>3598</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>404</b>
<b>%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>9%</b>

8.2 It should be noted that not all dropped charges necessarily result in the termination of a prosecution. Some charges against a defendant may proceed whilst others may be dropped.

## 9. CHARGES ADDED BY THE CPS

9.1 There were 4769 police charges recorded for the reporting period. A further 292 charges were added by the CPS, making a total of 5061 charges. A breakdown of the added charges by offence type is given in **Table 7**.

**TABLE 7 – CHARGES ADDED BY OFFENCE TYPE**

RA = RACIALLY AGGRAVATED	Number of Police Charges	No, of charges added by CPS	HOMICIDE	RA ASSAULT	OTHER ASSAULT	RA DAMAGE	OTHER DAMAGE	RA PUBLIC ORDER	OTHER PUBLIC ORDER	RA HARASSMENT	OTHER HARASSMENT	THEFT ACT	OTHER
AREA													
Avon & Somerset	65	6	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0
Bedfordshire	116	33	0	6	12	2	0	2	7	2	0	0	2
Cambridgeshire	61	8	0	2	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
Cheshire	103	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Cleveland	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumbria	25	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derbyshire	60	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Devon & Cornwall	101	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Dorset	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Durham	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dyfed Powys	46	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Essex	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucestershire	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gt Manchester	372	15	0	3	2	0	0	5	3	2	0	0	0
Gwent	128	10	4	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hampshire	186	8	0	1	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0
Hertfordshire	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humberside	53	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kent	54	4	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Lancashire	109	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Leicestershire	170	12	0	2	0	0	0	7	2	0	0	0	1
Lincolnshire	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merseyside	122	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Metropolitan & City	538	59	0	6	13	0	5	12	10	8	0	2	3
Norfolk	47	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Northants	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northumbria	245	13	0	1	5	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	1
North Wales	16	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Yorkshire	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nottinghamshire	101	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Wales	348	29	0	5	2	3	2	10	6	1	0	0	0
South Yorkshire	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staffordshire	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suffolk	22	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0
Surrey	59	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sussex	84	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Thames Valley	124	12	0	2	3	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	0
Warwickshire	61	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
West Mercia	46	5	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
West Midlands	408	27	0	2	3	2	1	10	5	2	2	0	0
West Yorkshire	389	9	0	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	0	0
Wiltshire	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casework Dir	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4769</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>
%	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2%</b>

## 10. DETAILS OF CHARGES PROSECUTED

10.1 A total of 2301 defendants were prosecuted in the magistrates' court, Crown Court and youth court on 3190 charges (charges either put by the police or added by the CPS). Of the 3190 charges, 1945 charges (61%) were prosecuted in the magistrates' court, 766 charges (24%) in the Crown Court and 479 charges (15%) in the youth court. **Tables 8 - 10** set out the types of offences dealt with in each of the court centres.

**TABLE 8 – OFFENCES PROSECUTED IN THE MAGISTRATES' COURT**

RA = RACIALLY AGGRAVATED	Charges Prosecuted	HOMICIDE	RA ASSAULT	OTHER ASSAULT	RA DAMAGE	OTHER DAMAGE	RA PUBLIC ORDER	OTHER PUBLIC ORDER	RA HARASSMENT	OTHER HARASSMENT	THEFT ACT	OTHER
AREA												
Avon & Somerset	20	0	0	2	1	1	7	6	2	0	0	1
Bedfordshire	59	0	5	11	0	7	10	9	4	1	4	8
Cambridgeshire	35	0	3	3	3	3	13	4	1	2	2	1
Cheshire	57	0	6	3	6	1	33	5	3	0	0	0
Cleveland	10	0	4	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0
Cumbria	11	0	1	0	0	2	4	2	0	0	0	2
Derbyshire	29	0	1	3	2	0	15	2	5	0	0	1
Devon & Cornwall	47	0	6	5	2	2	17	11	1	0	0	3
Dorset	9	0	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	0
Durham	16	0	1	0	2	2	7	1	3	0	0	0
Dyfed Powys	26	0	5	1	1	1	14	3	0	0	0	1
Essex	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucestershire	27	0	1	1	1	2	10	3	7	0	2	0
Gt Manchester	138	0	9	25	10	13	46	15	9	2	4	5
Gwent	50	0	7	5	2	3	30	1	1	0	1	0
Hampshire	66	0	5	8	0	8	20	15	2	0	3	5
Hertfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humberside	18	0	0	3	2	1	6	1	3	1	0	1
Kent	26	0	2	2	3	0	12	4	0	0	1	2
Lancashire	59	0	5	2	5	0	32	10	2	0	0	3
Leicestershire	72	0	5	2	6	3	40	6	7	0	0	3
Lincolnshire	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Merseyside	45	0	3	10	0	4	15	5	3	2	2	1
Metropolitan & City	198	0	26	21	9	13	70	19	14	0	11	15
Norfolk	24	0	5	4	2	1	11	0	0	0	1	0
Northants	42	0	0	6	3	2	13	12	2	0	0	4
Northumbria	87	0	5	3	5	8	42	11	2	3	0	8
North Wales	11	0	0	1	0	0	6	2	2	0	0	0
North Yorkshire	14	0	0	1	2	0	9	1	0	0	0	1
Nottinghamshire	29	0	0	1	4	1	17	3	2	1	0	0
South Wales	150	0	13	13	17	9	62	15	5	1	4	11
South Yorkshire	33	0	0	9	1	2	14	2	2	0	2	1
Staffordshire	53	0	3	7	2	8	17	11	1	0	1	3
Suffolk	12	0	0	0	0	0	10	2	0	0	0	0
Surrey	34	0	4	1	1	3	16	5	3	1	0	0
Sussex	26	0	1	2	0	4	8	3	0	1	3	4
Thames Valley	56	0	6	5	1	2	15	16	1	0	2	8
Warwickshire	29	0	2	7	3	5	6	3	1	0	0	2
West Mercia	28	0	2	2	0	3	12	4	2	1	0	2
West Midlands	144	0	18	18	9	7	55	17	10	1	5	4
West Yorkshire	126	0	10	11	4	9	43	23	19	3	1	3
Wiltshire	25	0	0	4	1	0	14	4	1	0	0	1
Casework Directorate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1945</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>104</b>
%	100%	0%	9%	10%	6%	7%	40%	13%	6%	1%	3%	5%

**TABLE 9 – OFFENCES PROSECUTED IN THE CROWN COURT**

<b>RA = RACIALLY AGGRAVATED</b>	Charges Prosecuted	HOMICIDE	RA ASSAULT	OTHER ASSAULT	RA DAMAGE	OTHER DAMAGE	RA PUBLIC ORDER	OTHER PUBLIC ORDER	RA HARASSMENT	OTHER HARASSMENT	THEFT ACT	OTHER
<b>AREA</b>												
Avon & Somerset	12	0	5	3	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
Bedfordshire	19	0	2	7	0	1	0	3	0	0	6	0
Cambridgeshire	15	0	3	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2
Cheshire	19	0	2	0	0	0	3	11	2	1	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumbria	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Derbyshire	5	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Devon & Cornwall	10	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0
Dorset	4	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Durham	17	0	9	1	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	2
Dyfed Powys	5	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Essex	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Gloucestershire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gt Manchester	50	0	11	9	1	2	6	8	4	3	3	3
Gwent	25	8	6	3	0	1	2	5	0	0	0	0
Hampshire	32	0	4	5	0	2	12	8	0	0	0	1
Hertfordshire	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Humberside	14	0	0	2	3	3	0	4	0	0	0	2
Kent	5	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Lancashire	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leicestershire	36	0	10	2	1	1	16	4	1	0	1	0
Lincolnshire	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Merseyside	18	0	3	2	0	3	1	7	0	0	0	2
Metropolitan & City	161	1	46	30	9	9	19	18	13	0	8	8
Norfolk	6	0	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Northants	5	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Northumbria	20	0	2	4	2	0	4	5	1	0	2	0
North Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Yorkshire	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nottinghamshire	30	0	6	1	1	0	7	12	1	1	0	1
South Wales	43	0	16	4	1	2	13	3	0	0	2	2
South Yorkshire	24	0	2	0	1	0	3	18	0	0	0	0
Staffordshire	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Suffolk	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Surrey	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sussex	29	0	3	7	1	0	6	7	2	0	2	1
Thames Valley	32	0	11	5	2	3	10	1	0	0	0	0
Warwickshire	10	0	2	3	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0
West Mercia	8	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	3	0
West Midlands	48	0	11	4	4	3	4	6	5	1	2	8
West Yorkshire	26	0	5	8	1	2	5	3	2	0	0	0
Wiltshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casework Dir	11	0	0	0	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>
%	100%	1%	24%	15%	4%	5%	18%	19%	5%	1%	4%	4%

**TABLE 10 – OFFENCES PROSECUTED IN THE YOUTH COURT**

<b>RA = RACIALLY AGGRAVATED</b>	Charges Prosecuted	HOMICIDE	RA ASSAULT	OTHER ASSAULT	RA DAMAGE	OTHER DAMAGE	RA PUBLIC ORDER	OTHER PUBLIC ORDER	RA HARASSMENT	OTHER HARASSMENT	THEFT ACT	OTHER
<b>AREA</b>												
Avon & Somerset	9	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	3	0
Bedfordshire	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cambridgeshire	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Cheshire	9	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	1	0	0	1
Cleveland	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumbria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derbyshire	5	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Devon & Cornwall	5	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Dorset	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Durham	11	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	1	0
Dyfed Powys	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Essex	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucestershire	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Gt Manchester	53	0	4	8	5	4	20	4	3	0	0	5
Gwent	6	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Hampshire	25	0	0	7	0	2	5	3	5	1	1	1
Hertfordshire	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Humberside	10	0	0	1	1	1	2	4	1	0	0	0
Kent	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lancashire	7	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1
Leicestershire	8	0	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lincolnshire	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Merseyside	15	0	3	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	0
Metropolitan & City	36	0	8	6	0	2	11	5	0	0	4	0
Norfolk	5	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Northants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northumbria	38	0	2	2	1	3	19	8	0	1	0	2
North Wales	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Yorkshire	5	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Nottinghamshire	17	0	6	3	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
South Wales	40	0	2	4	5	1	15	5	1	0	6	1
South Yorkshire	8	0	1	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
Staffordshire	4	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Suffolk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surrey	5	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Sussex	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Thames Valley	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Warwickshire	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Mercia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Midlands	68	0	9	15	8	2	14	3	4	7	0	6
West Yorkshire	59	0	8	8	1	6	15	11	3	3	3	1
Wiltshire	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casework Dir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>
%	100%	0%	12%	15%	7%	6%	32%	12%	5%	3%	4%	4%

- 10.2 Specific racially aggravated offences as defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 accounted for 61% of the total number of charges prosecuted in the magistrates' court, 51% in the Crown Court and 56% in the youth court. Overall, 58% of the charges prosecuted were specific racially aggravated offences. This is a 10% increase on the previous year's figure.
- 10.3 The remaining 42% related to charges not capable of being charged as specific racially aggravated offences and which were, therefore, prosecuted under other legislation. A percentage of these charges, however, contained admissible evidence of racial aggravation which was put before the court on a guilty plea or in a contested trial under the provisions of Section 153 of the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000.

## 11. OUTCOME OF CHARGES PROSECUTED

### Magistrates' Court

11.1 1945 charges were prosecuted in the magistrates' court. Defendants pleaded guilty to 1377 of these charges (71%) and were convicted after contest in respect of 306 charges (16%). This is a conviction rate of 87%, but it should be noted that this is based on charges and not defendants. In respect of the remaining 262 charges, defendants were either acquitted or discharged at committal.

**TABLE 11 - OUTCOME OF CHARGES PROSECUTED IN MAGISTRATES' COURT**

AREA	Charges Prosecuted	Guilty	Guilty After Contest	Committal Discharge	Half Time Acquittal	Full Time Acquittal
Avon & Somerset	20	15	2	0	0	3
Bedfordshire	59	53	1	0	0	5
Cambridgeshire	35	31	2	0	0	2
Cheshire	57	33	10	0	0	14
Derbyshire	10	6	2	0	0	2
Cumbria	11	9	2	0	0	0
Derbyshire	29	20	8	0	1	0
Devon & Cornwall	47	42	5	0	0	0
Dorset	9	4	2	1	1	1
Durham	16	11	2	0	0	3
Dyfed Powys	26	18	6	0	1	1
Essex	1	1	0	0	0	0
Gloucestershire	27	15	3	0	0	9
Gt Manchester	138	97	27	1	1	12
Gwent	50	34	12	0	1	3
Hampshire	66	48	9	4	0	5
Hertfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humberside	18	11	5	0	0	2
Kent	26	20	6	0	0	0
Lancashire	59	34	10	0	0	15
Leicestershire	72	49	17	0	2	4
Lincolnshire	3	3	0	0	0	0
Merseyside	45	24	12	0	1	8
Metropolitan & City	198	120	28	18	4	28
Norfolk	24	14	7	0	2	1
Northants	42	40	2	0	0	0
Northumbria	87	57	16	0	0	14
North Wales	11	7	3	0	0	1
North Yorkshire	14	14	0	0	0	0
Nottinghamshire	29	26	2	0	0	1
South Wales	150	110	15	0	5	20
South Yorkshire	33	25	1	0	1	6
Staffordshire	53	44	8	0	0	1
Suffolk	12	9	1	0	0	2
Surrey	34	26	7	0	0	1
Sussex	26	22	3	0	0	1
Thames Valley	56	34	18	0	0	4
Warwickshire	29	27	0	0	0	2
West Mercia	28	14	7	0	0	7
West Midlands	144	89	30	3	2	20
West Yorkshire	126	100	14	1	4	7
Wiltshire	25	21	1	0	0	3
Casework Directorate	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1945</b>	<b>1377</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>208</b>
%	100%	71%	16%	1%	1%	11%

## Crown Court

11.2 766 charges were prosecuted in the Crown Court. Defendants pleaded guilty to 476 of these charges (62%) and were convicted after contest in respect of 93 charges (12%). This is a charge based conviction rate of 74%. In respect of the remaining 197 charges, the defendants were acquitted.

**TABLE 12 – OUTCOME OF CHARGES PROSECUTED IN CROWN COURT**

AREA	Charges Prosecuted	Guilty	Guilty After Contest	Half Time Acquittal	Full Time Acquittal
Avon & Somerset	12	7	1	1	3
Bedfordshire	19	18	0	0	1
Cambridgeshire	15	5	3	0	7
Cheshire	19	14	0	2	3
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0
Cumbria	4	4	0	0	0
Derbyshire	5	1	0	0	4
Devon & Cornwall	10	9	0	0	1
Dorset	4	4	0	0	0
Durham	17	16	0	1	0
Dyfed Powys	5	1	0	4	0
Essex	3	2	0	0	1
Gloucestershire	0	0	0	0	0
Gt Manchester	50	28	3	8	11
Gwent	25	12	9	2	2
Hampshire	32	19	2	0	11
Hertfordshire	1	0	0	0	1
Humberside	14	3	5	0	6
Kent	5	3	0	0	2
Lancashire	4	2	1	0	1
Leicestershire	36	29	2	2	3
Lincolnshire	4	2	0	0	2
Merseyside	18	9	2	0	7
Metropolitan & City	161	67	30	10	54
Norfolk	6	6	0	0	0
Northants	5	3	0	1	1
Northumbria	20	18	1	0	1
North Wales	0	0	0	0	0
North Yorkshire	2	0	0	0	2
Nottinghamshire	30	24	4	0	2
South Wales	43	27	5	0	11
South Yorkshire	24	21	0	0	3
Staffordshire	5	4	1	0	0
Suffolk	1	1	0	0	0
Surrey	3	3	0	0	0
Sussex	29	20	4	1	4
Thames Valley	32	27	1	0	4
Warwickshire	10	7	3	0	0
West Mercia	8	6	1	0	1
West Midlands	48	32	9	4	3
West Yorkshire	26	15	4	1	6
Wiltshire	0	0	0	0	0
Casework Directorate	11	7	2	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>160</b>
%	<b>100%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>21%</b>

## Youth Court

11.3 479 charges were prosecuted in the Youth Court. Defendants pleaded guilty to 320 of these charges (67%) and were convicted after contest in respect of 88 charges (18%). This is a charge based conviction rate of 85%. In respect of the remaining 71 charges, the defendants were acquitted.

**TABLE 13 – OUTCOME OF CHARGES PROSECUTED IN YOUTH COURT**

AREA	Charges Prosecuted	Guilty	Guilty After Contest	Half Time Acquittal	Full Time Acquittal	Committal Discharge
Avon & Somerset	9	7	0	0	2	0
Bedfordshire	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cambridgeshire	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cheshire	9	6	2	0	1	0
Cleveland	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cumbria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derbyshire	5	1	2	0	2	0
Devon & Cornwall	5	4	1	0	0	0
Dorset	3	1	2	0	0	0
Durham	11	2	1	0	8	0
Dyfed Powys	1	1	0	0	0	0
Essex	3	3	0	0	0	0
Gloucestershire	1	1	0	0	0	0
Gt Manchester	53	40	7	1	5	0
Gwent	6	5	1	0	0	0
Hampshire	25	20	3	2	0	0
Hertfordshire	3	3	0	0	0	0
Humberside	10	8	2	0	0	0
Kent	2	2	0	0	0	0
Lancashire	7	6	1	0	0	0
Leicestershire	8	6	2	0	0	0
Lincolnshire	2	2	0	0	0	0
Merseyside	15	11	3	0	1	0
Metropolitan & City	36	17	15	0	4	0
Norfolk	5	5	0	0	0	0
Northants	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northumbria	38	27	7	2	2	0
North Wales	1	1	0	0	0	0
North Yorkshire	5	4	1	0	0	0
Nottinghamshire	17	10	4	0	3	0
South Wales	40	22	2	16	0	0
South Yorkshire	8	2	4	1	1	0
Staffordshire	4	2	1	1	0	0
Suffolk	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surrey	5	4	1	0	0	0
Sussex	3	0	2	1	0	0
Thames Valley	7	7	0	0	0	0
Warwickshire	1	1	0	0	0	0
West Mercia	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Midlands	68	47	15	0	6	0
West Yorkshire	59	38	9	9	3	0
Wiltshire	1	1	0	0	0	0
Casework Directorate	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>
%	<b>100%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>0%</b>

11.4 The overall conviction rate covering prosecutions in all courts is 83% and is based on charges and not defendants, making any direct comparisons with previous years impossible.

## 12. DETAILS OF SENTENCES IMPOSED

### Magistrates' Court

12.1 Of the 1945 charges prosecuted in the magistrates' court, a total of 1683 charges (87%) resulted in a conviction. The courts imposed a custodial sentence in respect of 260 charges (16%), a community sentence on 479 charges (28%), a fine on 501 charges (30%), a discharge on 226 charges (13%) and a bind over on 40 charges (2%). Other sentences accounted for 177 of the charges (11%). This information is shown in **Table 14**.

**TABLE 14 - MAGISTRATES' COURT DETAILS OF SENTENCES IMPOSED**

RA = RACIALLY AGGRAVATED	Charges Prosecuted	Custodial Sentence (incl. Suspended Sentences)	Community Sentence	Fine	Discharge	Bind Over	Deferred Sentence	Other
AREA								
Avon & Somerset	20	3	5	3	4	1	0	1
Bedfordshire	59	15	11	7	11	0	0	10
Cambridgeshire	35	6	7	12	2	0	0	6
Cheshire	57	2	17	15	5	0	0	4
Cleveland	10	0	5	3	0	0	0	0
Cumbria	11	5	0	6	0	0	0	0
Derbyshire	29	6	12	7	0	1	0	2
Devon & Cornwall	47	4	9	18	3	6	0	7
Dorset	9	0	0	3	1	0	0	2
Durham	16	3	0	3	6	0	0	1
Dyfed Powys	26	2	8	8	3	0	0	3
Essex	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Gloucestershire	27	2	7	5	2	0	0	2
Gt Manchester	138	18	39	30	19	3	0	15
Gwent	50	5	17	14	5	1	0	4
Hampshire	66	4	19	17	3	0	0	14
Hertfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humberside	18	1	5	4	3	0	0	3
Kent	26	10	4	6	3	0	0	3
Lancashire	59	1	10	15	12	1	0	5
Leicestershire	72	9	20	17	10	2	0	8
Lincolnshire	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Merseyside	45	10	10	5	7	2	0	2
Metropolitan & City	198	38	38	50	13	0	0	9
Norfolk	24	3	5	8	3	0	0	2
Northants	42	2	11	7	0	0	0	22
Northumbria	87	12	20	29	12	0	0	0
North Wales	11	1	3	5	0	0	0	1
North Yorkshire	14	2	5	6	0	1	0	0
Nottinghamshire	29	4	5	11	3	1	0	4
South Wales	150	24	37	35	17	1	0	11
South Yorkshire	33	2	8	6	8	0	0	2
Staffordshire	53	10	8	19	9	1	0	5
Suffolk	12	0	1	5	4	0	0	0
Surrey	34	5	15	4	6	3	0	0
Sussex	26	5	7	3	6	0	0	4
Thames Valley	56	4	21	13	4	5	0	5
Warwickshire	29	2	13	11	1	0	0	0
West Mercia	28	0	4	11	5	0	0	1
West Midlands	144	28	25	48	12	1	0	5
West Yorkshire	126	11	43	21	19	7	0	13
Wiltshire	25	1	4	11	2	3	0	1
Casework Directorate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1945</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>%</b>		<b>16%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>11%</b>

**Crown Court**

12.2 Of the 766 charges prosecuted in the Crown Court a total of 569 charges (74%) resulted in a conviction. The courts imposed a custodial sentence in respect of 347 charges (61%), a community sentence on 146 charges (25%), a fine on 21 charges (4%) and a discharge on 22 charges (4%). Also, a deferred sentence on 1 charge (0%), a bind over on 11 charges (2%). Other sentences accounted for 21 of the charges (4%). This information is shown in **Table 15**.

**TABLE 15 - CROWN COURT DETAILS OF SENTENCES IMPOSED**

<b>RA = RACIALLY AGGRAVATED</b>	Charges Prosecuted	Custodial Sentence (incl. Suspended Sentences)	Community Sentence	Fine	Discharge	Bind Over	Deferred Sentence	Other
<b>AREA</b>								
Avon & Somerset	12	1	6	0	0	0	0	1
Bedfordshire	19	16	1	0	1	0	0	0
Cambridgeshire	15	6	0	1	1	0	0	0
Cheshire	19	3	11	0	0	0	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumbria	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Derbyshire	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Devon & Cornwall	10	5	3	0	0	0	0	1
Dorset	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Durham	17	14	2	0	0	0	0	0
Dyfed Powys	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essex	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Gloucestershire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gt Manchester	50	18	8	3	1	0	0	1
Gwent	25	17	1	1	2	0	0	0
Hampshire	32	12	6	0	2	1	0	0
Hertfordshire	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humberside	14	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kent	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lancashire	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leicestershire	36	17	12	0	1	0	0	1
Lincolnshire	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Merseyside	18	4	3	3	0	0	0	1
Metropolitan & City	161	63	18	7	2	3	0	4
Norfolk	6	3	1	2	0	0	0	0
Northants	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northumbria	20	9	6	1	3	0	0	0
North Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Yorkshire	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nottinghamshire	30	18	8	0	0	0	0	2
South Wales	43	22	5	0	5	0	0	0
South Yorkshire	24	0	13	0	0	6	0	2
Staffordshire	5	0	4	0	0	1	0	0
Suffolk	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surrey	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sussex	29	11	12	0	0	0	1	0
Thames Valley	32	20	3	0	1	0	0	4
Warwickshire	10	8	2	0	0	0	0	0
West Mercia	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	1
West Midlands	48	31	6	1	2	0	0	1
West Yorkshire	26	11	6	1	0	0	0	1
Wiltshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casework Directorate	11	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>347</b>	146	21	22	11	1	21
<b>%</b>		<b>61%</b>	25%	4%	4%	2%	0%	4%

## Youth Court

12.3 Of the 476 charges prosecuted in the youth court, a total of 408 charges (85%) resulted in a conviction. The courts imposed a custodial sentence in respect of 51 charges (13%), a community sentence on 227 charges (56%), a fine on 26 charges (6%) and a discharge on 50 charges (12%), bind over on 1 charge (0%). Other sentences accounted for 53 of the charges (13%). This information is shown in **Table 16**.

**TABLE 16 – YOUTH COURT DETAILS OF SENTENCES IMPOSED**

<b>RA = RACIALLY AGGRAVATED</b>	Charges Prosecuted	Custodial Sentence (incl. Suspended Sentences)	Community Sentence	Fine	Discharge	Bind Over	Deferred Sentence	Other
<b>AREA</b>								
Avon & Somerset	9	0	4	2	0	0	0	1
Bedfordshire	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Cambridgeshire	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cheshire	9	0	4	0	4	0	0	0
Cleveland	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cumbria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derbyshire	5	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Devon & Cornwall	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Dorset	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Durham	11	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
Dyfed Powys	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Essex	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Gloucestershire	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Gt Manchester	53	7	24	3	9	0	0	4
Gwent	6	0	3	2	0	0	0	1
Hampshire	25	2	7	0	0	1	0	13
Hertfordshire	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Humberside	10	0	5	2	2	0	0	1
Kent	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Lancashire	7	3	3	0	1	0	0	0
Leicestershire	8	4	1	0	2	0	0	1
Lincolnshire	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Merseyside	15	1	12	0	1	0	0	0
Metropolitan & City	36	6	14	1	5	0	0	6
Norfolk	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	1
Northants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northumbria	38	2	20	4	4	0	0	4
North Wales	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
North Yorkshire	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	2
Nottinghamshire	17	0	9	0	1	0	0	4
South Wales	40	4	13	1	3	0	0	3
South Yorkshire	8	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Staffordshire	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Suffolk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surrey	5	0	4	0	1	0	0	0
Sussex	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Thames Valley	7	1	6	0	0	0	0	0
Warwickshire	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
West Mercia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Midlands	68	12	44	4	1	0	0	1
West Yorkshire	59	3	22	5	10	0	0	7
Wiltshire	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Casework Directorate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>%</b>		<b>13%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>13%</b>

### 13. DETAILS OF CHARGES DROPPED

13.1 Of the 3105 defendant cases received, 804 defendants (26%) were not prosecuted on any charge. This represents a 2% increase on last year's figures, and includes all defendants against whom charges were dropped at the magistrates', Crown or youth courts. The term dropped includes formal discontinuance under sections 23 and 23A of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 and cases not proceeded with at court. The number of defendants prosecuted and not prosecuted in each CPS Area is shown in **Table 17**.

**TABLE 17 – NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS PROSECUTED/NOT PROSECUTED BY AREA**

AREA	Number of defendants	Number of defendants prosecuted	Number of defendants NOT prosecuted	AREA	Number of defendants	Number of defendants prosecuted	Number of defendants NOT prosecuted
Avon & Somerset	38	23	15	Merseyside	84	57	27
Bedfordshire	59	44	15	Metropolitan & City	339	269	70
Cambridgeshire	37	33	4	Norfolk	37	30	7
Cheshire	72	64	8	Northants	44	28	16
Cleveland	10	7	3	Northumbria	185	118	67
Cumbria	17	12	5	North Wales	16	12	4
Derbyshire	46	31	15	North Yorkshire	17	16	1
Devon & Cornwall	67	49	18	Nottinghamshire	81	67	14
Dorset	26	13	13	South Wales	195	142	53
Durham	27	25	2	South Yorkshire	66	53	13
Dyfed Powys	37	28	9	Staffordshire	67	44	23
Essex	10	6	4	Suffolk	22	11	11
Gloucestershire	23	20	3	Surrey	39	32	7
Gt Manchester	206	163	43	Sussex	44	36	8
Gwent	77	60	17	Thames Valley	77	65	12
Hampshire	88	72	16	Warwickshire	37	32	5
Hertfordshire	3	3	0	West Mercia	36	28	8
Humberside	39	29	10	West Midlands	279	189	90
Kent	34	22	12	West Yorkshire	280	178	102
Lancashire	98	64	34	Wiltshire	27	26	1
Leicestershire	105	87	18	Casework Dir	4	4	0
Lincolnshire	10	9	1	<b>Total</b>	<b>3105</b>	<b>2301</b>	<b>804</b>

13.2 As stated in the introduction to this report, information contained within it is given at both defendant and charge level. Reasons for dropping cases are recorded against the charges. **Table 18 to 23** provides detailed breakdowns of charges dropped.

## 14 DETAILS OF CHARGES DROPPED

14.1 A total of 1871 charges were dropped in the magistrates' court, Crown Court and youth court. Of the 1871 charges, 1284 charges (69%) were dropped in the magistrates' court, 348 charges (19%) dropped in the Crown Court and 239 charges (12%) dropped in the youth court. **Tables 18 – 23** set out the types of offence dropped in each of the court types.

14.2 Nine per cent of dropped charges were written off. For the purposes of the scheme, a case is written off when proceedings are terminated in certain circumstances; for example, the defendant fails to appear at court and is not re-arrested, the defendant cannot be traced and a summons or other notice remains unserved.

**TABLE 18 – CHARGES DROPPED IN MAGISTRATES' COURT**

RA = RACIALLY AGGRAVATED	Number of Charges Dropped	HOMICIDE	RA ASSAULT	OTHER ASSAULT	RA DAMAGE	OTHER DAMAGE	RA PUBLIC ORDER	OTHER PUBLIC ORDER	RA HARASSMENT	OTHER HARASSMENT	THEFT ACT	OTHER
AREA												
Avon & Somerset	17	0	4	3	1	0	5	3	0	0	0	1
Bedfordshire	56	0	8	19	4	3	5	8	3	2	1	3
Cambridgeshire	15	0	2	2	0	2	7	2	0	0	0	0
Cheshire	15	0	3	1	2	0	7	1	0	0	0	1
Cleveland	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	0
Cumbria	6	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Derbyshire	16	0	1	4	1	1	2	3	4	0	0	0
Devon & Cornwall	20	0	5	1	0	0	4	6	2	0	0	2
Dorset	19	0	4	4	0	3	1	1	2	0	3	1
Durham	6	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Dyfed Powys	15	0	1	2	0	1	10	1	0	0	0	0
Essex	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucestershire	10	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	0	4	0
Gt Manchester	96	0	17	11	8	8	21	17	6	2	2	4
Gwent	32	0	4	1	0	3	19	2	2	0	0	1
Hampshire	44	0	5	7	2	4	14	3	2	0	0	7
Hertfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humberside	10	0	1	0	0	0	7	1	1	0	0	0
Kent	21	0	3	4	1	0	9	1	0	0	3	0
Lancashire	33	0	2	1	2	1	22	5	0	0	0	0
Leicestershire	37	0	2	3	2	2	12	10	1	0	0	5
Lincolnshire	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Merseyside	30	0	3	2	3	3	15	1	2	0	0	1
Metropolitan & City	134	0	31	12	11	8	38	13	9	2	2	8
Norfolk	8	0	0	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0
Northants	30	0	0	13	2	2	6	2	1	0	0	4
Northumbria	51	0	5	3	0	4	21	8	5	0	2	3
North Wales	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
North Yorkshire	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Nottinghamshire	20	0	8	0	0	0	8	3	1	0	0	0
South Wales	112	0	11	14	8	7	41	12	9	0	4	6
South Yorkshire	17	0	4	0	1	0	5	2	3	1	1	0
Staffordshire	35	0	6	7	4	2	13	3	0	0	0	0
Suffolk	12	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0
Surrey	11	0	2	0	2	0	2	3	2	0	0	0
Sussex	12	0	1	0	0	1	7	1	1	0	0	1
Thames Valley	34	0	4	4	1	2	8	9	1	1	1	3
Warwickshire	22	0	0	0	6	2	11	0	3	0	0	0
West Mercia	13	0	3	2	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	1
West Midlands	127	0	31	10	1	10	32	23	14	2	1	3
West Yorkshire	128	0	25	16	5	8	44	19	6	2	0	3
Wiltshire	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Casework Dir	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1284</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>62</b>
%	100%	0%	15%	11%	6%	6%	34%	13%	7%	1%	2%	5%

**TABLE 19 - REASONS FOR DROPPING/DISCONTINUING CHARGES IN MAGISTRATES' COURT**

AREA	Number of charges dropped	Dropped: Witness Fails to attend	Dropped: Witness Refuses to Give evidence	Dropped: Other insufficient evidence	Dropped: Public Interest	Written Off/Other	Bound Over without Trial
Avon & Somerset	17	5	2	6	1	2	1
Bedfordshire	56	9	9	25	5	0	8
Cambridgeshire	15	3	0	12	0	0	0
Cheshire	15	1	3	9	2	0	0
Cleveland	7	7	0	0	0	0	0
Cumbria	6	0	2	1	1	0	2
Derbyshire	16	1	1	11	2	0	1
Devon & Cornwall	20	0	0	7	6	5	2
Dorset	19	2	1	15	1	0	0
Durham	6	0	2	1	1	2	0
Dyfed Powys	15	3	2	6	4	0	0
Essex	3	1	0	1	1	0	0
Gloucestershire	10	0	0	7	0	0	3
Gt Manchester	96	15	15	29	24	10	3
Gwent	32	9	0	13	1	1	8
Hampshire	44	4	3	28	6	1	2
Hertfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humber-side	10	0	0	6	3	0	1
Kent	21	8	0	8	0	1	4
Lancashire	33	4	4	14	4	4	3
Leicestershire	37	4	3	12	3	14	1
Lincolnshire	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Merseyside	30	11	2	10	2	2	3
Metropolitan & City	134	23	17	64	20	8	2
Norfolk	8	1	0	0	7	0	0
Northants	30	3	2	3	0	16	6
Northumbria	51	8	12	14	7	0	10
North Wales	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
North Yorkshire	3	0	0	1	0	2	0
Nottinghamshire	20	0	8	6	2	4	0
South Wales	112	23	21	34	10	4	20
South Yorkshire	17	3	1	5	3	3	2
Staffordshire	35	4	3	3	9	1	15
Suffolk	12	0	0	10	1	0	1
Surrey	11	4	0	2	3	0	2
Sussex	12	1	2	6	3	0	0
Thames Valley	34	2	2	10	12	5	3
Warwickshire	22	0	9	9	2	1	1
West Mercia	13	5	2	3	0	1	2
West Midlands	127	21	23	32	21	6	24
West Yorkshire	128	8	13	59	13	6	29
Wiltshire	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
Casework Dir	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1284</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>159</b>
%	100%	15%	13%	38%	14%	8%	12%

**TABLE 20 – CHARGES DROPPED IN CROWN COURT**

<b>RA = RACIALLY AGGRAVATED</b>	Number of Charges Dropped	HOMICIDE	RA ASSAULT	OTHER ASSAULT	RA DAMAGE	OTHER DAMAGE	RA PUBLIC ORDER	OTHER PUBLIC ORDER	RA HARASSMENT	OTHER HARASSMENT	THEFT ACT	OTHER
<b>AREA</b>												
Avon & Somerset	12	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	5	1	0	2
Bedfordshire	14	0	6	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Cambridgeshire	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Cheshire	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumbria	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derbyshire	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Devon & Cornwall	22	0	3	1	0	0	6	6	2	0	3	1
Dorset	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Durham	4	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Dyfed Powys	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essex	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucestershire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gt Manchester	23	0	1	1	0	6	6	2	2	0	4	1
Gwent	24	0	14	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1
Hampshire	13	0	4	5	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
Hertfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humberside	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kent	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
Lancashire	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leicestershire	19	0	4	3	3	0	5	0	0	0	2	2
Lincolnshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merseyside	10	0	7	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Metropolitan & City	62	0	26	8	5	2	9	8	1	0	1	2
Norfolk	5	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Northants	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Northumbria	26	0	10	4	4	1	3	0	3	0	1	0
North Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Yorkshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nottinghamshire	5	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Wales	10	0	3	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	2	1
South Yorkshire	6	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Staffordshire	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Suffolk	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Surrey	7	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Sussex	17	0	7	2	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	2
Thames Valley	7	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
Warwickshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Mercia	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Midlands	21	0	1	1	3	3	3	8	0	0	0	2
West Yorkshire	12	0	3	0	0	0	8	0	1	0	0	0
Wiltshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casework Dir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
%	100%	0%	31%	13%	7%	5%	17%	9%	7%	1%	5%	5%

**TABLE 21 - REASONS FOR DROPPING/DISCONTINUING CHARGES IN CROWN COURT**

AREA	Number of charges dropped	Dropped: Witness Fails to attend	Dropped: Witness Refuses to Give evidence	Dropped: Other insufficient evidence	Dropped: Public Interest	Written Off/Other	Bound Over without Trial
Avon & Somerset	12	1	1	2	6	1	1
Bedfordshire	14	3	0	6	5	0	0
Cambridgeshire	3	2	0	0	1	0	0
Cheshire	4	0	1	0	0	2	1
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumbria	4	0	0	0	4	0	0
Derbyshire	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Devon & Cornwall	22	7	0	6	3	2	4
Dorset	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Durham	4	1	0	0	2	1	0
Dyfed Powys	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essex	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gloucestershire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gt Manchester	23	6	3	1	8	0	5
Gwent	24	0	0	19	3	2	0
Hampshire	13	3	0	5	3	1	1
Hertfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humber-side	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kent	3	2	0	0	0	1	0
Lancashire	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Leicestershire	19	2	1	10	2	4	0
Lincolnshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merseyside	10	0	4	2	0	2	2
Metropolitan & City	62	13	3	14	24	8	0
Norfolk	5	0	0	3	0	2	0
Northants	4	1	1	0	0	2	0
Northumbria	26	0	2	3	19	0	2
North Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Yorkshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nottinghamshire	5	0	0	1	0	4	0
South Wales	10	2	0	3	1	4	0
South Yorkshire	6	2	0	0	4	0	0
Staffordshire	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Suffolk	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Surrey	7	4	3	0	0	0	0
Sussex	17	6	1	2	5	2	1
Thames Valley	7	0	0	1	4	2	0
Warwickshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Mercia	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
West Midlands	21	1	4	5	3	7	1
West Yorkshire	12	0	0	1	4	7	0
Wiltshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casework Directorate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>19</b>
%	100%	17%	7%	25%	29%	16%	6%

**TABLE 22 – CHARGES DROPPED IN YOUTH COURT**

RA = RACIALLY AGGRAVATED	Number of Charges Dropped	HOMICIDE	RA ASSAULT	OTHER ASSAULT	RA DAMAGE	OTHER DAMAGE	RA PUBLIC ORDER	OTHER PUBLIC ORDER	RA HARASSMENT	OTHER HARASSMENT	THEFT ACT	OTHER
AREA												
Avon & Somerset	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bedfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cambridgeshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cheshire	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumbria	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Derbyshire	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1
Devon & Cornwall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dorset	7	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Durham	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Dyfed Powys	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Essex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucestershire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gt Manchester	27	0	7	6	0	2	6	6	0	0	0	0
Gwent	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Hampshire	14	0	0	0	8	0	2	0	0	0	4	0
Hertfordshire	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Humberside	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Kent	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lancashire	8	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Leicestershire	10	0	1	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	1
Lincolnshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merseyside	8	0	1	2	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0
Metropolitan & City	6	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Norfolk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northumbria	36	0	2	2	5	1	12	5	4	3	2	0
North Wales	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
North Yorkshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nottinghamshire	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
South Wales	22	0	3	0	1	4	9	1	0	0	2	2
South Yorkshire	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staffordshire	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Suffolk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surrey	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sussex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thames Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warwickshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Mercia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Midlands	27	0	1	2	6	1	9	1	6	0	1	0
West Yorkshire	47	0	4	4	2	3	18	6	4	3	1	2
Wiltshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casework Dir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>
%	100%	0%	11%	9%	12%	6%	33%	8%	10%	2%	5%	4%

**TABLE 23 - REASONS FOR DROPPING/DISCONTINUING CHARGES IN YOUTH COURT**

AREA	Number of charges dropped	Dropped: Witness Fails to attend	Dropped: Witness Refuses to Give evidence	Dropped: Other insufficient evidence	Dropped: Public Interest	Written Off/Other	Bound Over without Trial
Avon & Somerset	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Bedfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cambridgeshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cheshire	3	0	0	2	1	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumbria	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Derbyshire	5	0	0	3	2	0	0
Devon & Cornwall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dorset	7	0	5	2	0	0	0
Durham	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Dyfed Powys	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Essex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucestershire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gt Manchester	27	9	4	8	4	2	0
Gwent	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Hampshire	14	0	0	12	0	2	0
Hertfordshire	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Humberside	3	0	0	1	2	0	0
Kent	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Lancashire	8	0	0	0	5	0	3
Leicestershire	10	6	2	2	0	0	0
Lincolnshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merseyside	8	2	2	3	1	0	0
Metropolitan & City	6	0	0	5	0	1	0
Norfolk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northumbria	36	13	0	8	8	0	7
North Wales	3	0	2	1	0	0	0
North Yorkshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nottinghamshire	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
South Wales	22	1	2	11	2	3	3
South Yorkshire	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Staffordshire	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Suffolk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surrey	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sussex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thames Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warwickshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Mercia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Midlands	27	5	4	14	1	2	1
West Yorkshire	47	7	1	28	6	2	3
Wiltshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casework Directorate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>
%	100%	18%	10%	45%	14%	6%	7%