

OFFENCES CHARGED AND REACHING A FIRST HEARING AT MAGISTRATES'

	May - September 2016
Psychoactive Substances Act 2016	18

1. Offences recorded in the Management Information System Offences Universe are those which reached a hearing. There is no indication of final outcome or if the charged offence was the substantive charge at finalisation.

2. Data relates to the number of offences recorded in magistrates' courts, in which a prosecution commenced, as recorded in the Management Information System.

3. Offences data are not held by defendant or outcome.

4. Offences recorded in the Offences Universe of the MIS are those which were charged at any time and reached at least one hearing. Offences which remain recorded whether or not that offence was proceeded with and there is no indication of final outcome or if the offence charged was the substantive offence at finalisation.

1. CPS data are available through its Case Management System (CMS) and associated Management Information System (MIS) which assist in the effective management of its prosecution functions. The CPS does not collect data that constitutes official statistics under the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007.

2. These data have been drawn from the CPS's administrative IT system, which (as with any large scale recording system) is subject to data entry and processing. The figures are provisional and subject to change as more information is recorded by the CPS improving the quality of our data and from mid-June 2015 introduced a new data assurance regime which may explain some of the variations in future data sets.

3. The official statistics relating to crime and policing are maintained by the Home Office (HO) and the official statistics relating to court proceedings, offenders brought to justice, the courts and the judiciary are maintained by the Ministry of Justice (MOJ).

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