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Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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Response

Please see the attached table which provides the number of prosecutions dropped and the principal reason allocated to that outcome. The table is disaggregated by the 42 police force areas. Please note our records do not provide any indication of the hearing at which a not guilty plea was entered. This data should be read in conjunction with the caveats appended to the table.

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