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## Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

### *Policies the CPS have implemented for Prosecutors*

#### Request

***What policies has the CPS implemented that have encourage prosecutors to cherry pick cases (such as performance targets) that have led inevitably to a detrimental affect on the course of justice (over the last 10 years).***

#### Response

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) does not encourage prosecutors to cherry pick cases (such as performance targets) that have led inevitably to a detrimental effect on the course of justice.

All charging decisions are made in accordance with the same two-stage test as set out in the Code for Crown Prosecutors:

1. Does the evidence provide a realistic prospect of conviction? and;
2. Is it in the public interest to prosecute?

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