

DEFINITIONS – KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES 2017/18

Magistrates' Court – Conviction Rate

This measure is calculated by dividing the number of defendants convicted in the Magistrates' Court by the total number of defendants prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court during the period in question. The total number of defendants prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court includes those charged by the Police and CPS but whose cases were dropped.

Source: Casework Management System /Management Information System

Magistrates' Court - Percentage of Guilty Pleas at 1st hearing

This measure is calculated by dividing the number of defendants pleading guilty at the first hearing by the total number of defendants pleading guilty at any stage of proceedings in the Magistrates' Court during the period in question.

Source: Casework Management System /Management Information System

Magistrates' Court - Average number of hearings per case – guilty plea

This measure is calculated by dividing the total number of hearings for defendants who plead guilty by the total number of defendants pleading guilty in the Magistrates' Court during the period in question.

Source: Casework Management System /Management Information System

Magistrates' Court - Average number of hearings per case – contests

This measure is calculated by dividing the number of hearings for defendants with a contest outcome by the total number of defendants with a contest outcome in the Magistrates' Court during the period in question.

Source: Casework Management System /Management Information System

Magistrates' Court - Prosecutions dropped at third or subsequent hearing

This measure is calculated by dividing the total number of defendants whose cases were dropped by the CPS after three or more hearings by the total number of defendants whose cases were dropped in the Magistrates' Court.

Source: Casework Management System /Management Information System

Crown Court – Conviction Rate

This measure is calculated by dividing the number of defendants convicted in the Crown Court by the total number of defendants prosecuted in the Crown Court during the period in question. The total number of defendants prosecuted in the Crown Court includes those charged by the Police and CPS but whose cases were dropped.

Source: Casework Management System /Management Information System

Crown Court - Percentage of Guilty Pleas at 1st hearing

This measure is calculated by dividing the number of defendants pleading guilty at the first hearing by the total number of defendants pleading guilty at any stage of proceedings in the Crown Court during the period in question.

Source: Casework Management System /Management Information System

Crown Court - Average number of hearings per case – guilty plea

This measure is calculated by dividing the number of hearings for defendants who plead guilty by the total number of defendants pleading guilty in the Crown Court during the period in question.

Source: Casework Management System /Management Information System

Crown Court - Average number of hearings per case – contests

This measure is calculated by dividing the number of hearings for defendants with a contest outcome by the total number of defendants with a contest outcome in the Crown Court during the period in question.

Source: Casework Management System /Management Information System

Crown Court – Timely Compliance Court Directions and Judges Orders

This measure is calculated by dividing the number of Court Directions and Judges Orders complied with on or before the due date set by the Court, with the total number of Court Directions and Judges Orders made by the Crown Court. This is a measure of timeliness of compliance rather than actual compliance with the order which can be made after the due date set by the Crown Court.

Source: Casework Management System /Management Information System

Violence against Women & Girls - Rape Conviction Rate (Rolling Annual)

The measure is calculated by dividing the total number of defendants convicted of offences flagged as rape by the total number of defendants prosecuted flagged as rape during the rolling annual period. This measure covers prosecutions in both the Magistrates' Court and Crown Courts.

Source: Casework Management System /Management Information System

Violence against Women & Girls - Domestic Abuse

The measure is calculated by dividing the total number of defendants convicted of offences flagged as domestic abuse by the total number of defendants prosecuted flagged as domestic abuse during the period. This measure covers prosecutions in both the Magistrates' Court and Crown Courts.

Source: Casework Management System /Management Information System

Hate Crime - Conviction Rate (Rolling Annual)

This measure covers all hate crimes including racist and religious, transphobic, homophobic and disability related crime. The measure is calculated by dividing the total number of defendants flagged as hate crime, by the total number of defendants prosecuted for hate crime offences during the rolling annual period. This measure covers prosecutions in both the Magistrates' Court and Crown Courts.

Source: Casework Management System /Management Information System

Hate Crime Sentence Uplift

This measure covers all hate crimes including racist and religious, transphobic, homophobic and disability related crime. The measure is calculated by dividing the total number of defendants where a hate crime sentence uplift was applied on offences flagged as hate crime, by the total number of defendants prosecuted for hate crime offences. This measure covers prosecutions in both the Magistrates' Court and Crown Courts.

Source: Casework Management System /Management Information System

Unsuccessful Outcomes Due to Victims and Witnesses

This measure is calculated by dividing the total number of defendants whose cases were unsuccessful due to a victim or witness reason after three or more hearings, by the total number of defendants with unsuccessful outcomes during the period in question. This measure covers prosecutions in both the Magistrates' Court and Crown Courts.

Source: Casework Management System /Management Information System

Sickness Absence - Average Working Days Lost (days per person)

This measure is calculated by dividing the total number of working days lost to absence by the total number of staff years. Staff years is a complex calculation which is used across the Civil Service to define the total staff resource available to each department. A staff year is defined as one full-time person working for one year

Source: iTrent / ePayFact

Employment Engagement Index

This measure uses the Cabinet Office Employment Engagement Index to evaluate how engaged staff are with the organisation.

Source: Annual Civil Service People Survey

Caveats

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

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

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

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