

Victims Right to Review

April 2014 to March 2015

	Principal Offence Category	Total VRR Appeals Received	Appeals Upheld at Local Review	Appeals Upheld by Appeals Review Unit	Total Appeals Upheld
A	Homicide	26	1	4	5
B	Offences against the person	818	75	19	94
C	Sexual offences	239	14	23	37
D	Burglary	53	3	2	5
E	Robbery	14	1	1	2
F	Theft and handling	145	9	10	19
G	Fraud and Forgery	77	2	6	8
H	Criminal damage	90	9	3	12
I	Drug offences	2	0	0	0
J	Public order offences	47	6	1	7
L	Motoring offences	57	3	2	5
K	All other offences (excluding motoring)	101	13	2	15
	No Principal Offence Category	5	1	0	1
	Total	1,674	137	73	210

Notes

During the period in question, the CPS made **126,589** decisions which could be subject to appeal under the VRR scheme. The percentage of appeals upheld is therefore **0.17%**.

Source: CPS VRR Tracker. June 2015

The VRR scheme is a two stage process where appeals can be reviewed by either local offices or a specialist Unit within HQ. In the first instance, that decision is reviewed by a manager in the local area. If he or she upholds the decision, and if the victim so requests, the case may be further reviewed by the CPS Appeals and Review Unit (ARU). The ARU is a national CPS unit staffed with experienced specialist lawyers who conduct a fresh independent review of the evidence in every case referred to them. If an ARU lawyer decides that the original decision was wrong, and a prosecution is required to maintain confidence in the Criminal Justice System, that decision will be overturned and proceedings reinstated. The figures provided represent all upheld appeals regardless of which stage the final decision was made.

The CPS operates both Feedback and Complaints schemes to deal with concerns about legal decisions which do not fall within the scope of the VRR scheme. The CPS does not collect data which constitutes official statistics as defined in the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007. This data has been drawn from the CPS's administrative IT systems, 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.