

Victims Right to Review  
April 2016 to March 2017

	Principal Offence Category	Total VRR Appeals Received	Appeals Upheld at Stage One	Appeals Upheld at Stage Two	Total Appeals Upheld
A	Homicide	53	2	0	2
B	Offences against the person	862	62	9	71
C	Sexual offences	453	22	2	24
D	Burglary	54	2	0	2
E	Robbery	19	1	0	1
F	Theft and handling	134	8	1	9
G	Fraud and forgery	94	3	0	3
H	Criminal damage	81	4	3	7
I	Drug offences	5	1	0	1
J	Public order offences	84	5	0	5
L	Motoring offences	47	8	0	8
K	All other offences (excluding motoring)	57	3	0	3
	No Principal Offence Category	45	1	0	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>137</b>

**Notes**

During the period in question, the CPS made **103,113** decisions which could be subject to appeal under the VRR scheme. The percentage of appeals upheld is therefore 0.13%.

Source: CPS VRR Tracker. June 2017

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.