

Note to Users of Statistical Bulletin Cases Involving Hate Crime

Opened/prosecuted/presented in Court as Aggravated by Hostility Statistics

Tables 9 and 10 of Statistical Bulletin Cases Involving Hate Crime for the years 2014/15 to 2018/19 include figures in respect of defendants whose cases were presented in court as 'aggravated by hostility'.

Users are asked to note that due to data quality concerns identified since the publication of the 2018/19 statistics, the publication of figures in respect of defendants whose cases were presented in court as 'aggravated by hostility' is currently suspended. These statistics are not included within the 2019/20 publication.

Particular concerns pertain to these statistics presented for the Crown Court within the 2018/19 release. Users should be advised of these concerns in the use of these statistics.

As a precaution, PPS is also suspending publication of figures in respect of defendants whose cases were presented in the Magistrates' and Youth Courts as 'aggravated by hostility'.

PPS is currently working to establish additional mechanisms for the validation of these statistics at both court tiers. It is hoped that these statistics can be published again in the future when satisfactory validation processes are in place.

Figures on the number of defendants who are recorded as having received an enhanced sentence are published as normal.