

Corrections to Crown Court Sentencing Survey Annual Publication 2013

The Sentencing Council published corrections to the Crown Court Sentencing Survey (CCSS) annual publication 2013 on 3rd February 2015.

The correction relates to figures for the number of previous relevant convictions taken into account. An error was discovered in the way this variable had been coded by our data processors. Some records were incorrectly coded in the “None” category when they should have been recorded as “Not answered”. The correction resulted in a reduction in the proportion with no previous convictions taken into account.

The affected outputs are:

CCSS annual publication 2013

Section 4.4 on previous convictions taken into account

Supplementary Excel Tables 2013

Table 3.5: Number of previous convictions taken into account by offence form type

Table 3.6: Number of previous convictions taken into account by custody rate and offence form type

Table 3.7: Number of previous convictions taken into account in level 2 robbery offences, by proportion of forms with the factor indicated, custody rate and average custodial sentence length.

Record level datasets for 2011 to 2013

PREV_CONVICTIONS variable for all datasets

The magnitude of the correction varies according to the form type. For example in 2013, the forms most affected were arson, driving and other offences. For each of these forms, the proportion in the “None” category decreased by 6 percentage points.

The previous versions of the affected outputs have been removed from the website but they can be provided for reference purposes on request.