

**Annex B: Perverting the course of justice and witness intimidation data tables**

Perverting the Course of Justice

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for perverting the course of justice, 2010-2020

	Number of adult offenders sentenced										
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Discharge	27	11	9	6	11	12	5	5	4	4	2
Fine	17	6	2	5	6	7	3	5	1	2	1
Community sentence	176	91	81	46	70	47	25	18	26	14	15
Suspended sentence	446	406	352	360	409	380	341	350	245	246	171
Immediate custody	441	463	420	510	430	447	402	394	338	294	206
Otherwise dealt with	7	7	6	5	3	5	5	16	15	16	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>404</b>

	Proportion of adult offenders sentenced										
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Discharge	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Fine	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Community sentence	16%	9%	9%	5%	8%	5%	3%	2%	4%	2%	4%
Suspended sentence	40%	41%	40%	39%	44%	42%	44%	44%	39%	43%	42%
Immediate custody	40%	47%	48%	55%	46%	50%	51%	50%	54%	51%	51%
Otherwise dealt with	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Final average custodial sentence length (ACSL) for adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for perverting the course of justice, 2010-2020

ACSL (years) <sup>1</sup>	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Mean	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.2
Median	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7
Proportion of indeterminates <sup>2,3</sup>	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Notes:

1) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences

2) This is calculated as the number of offenders given an indeterminate custodial sentence, out of the number of offenders given a sentence of immediate custody.

3) For 2010-2012, the indeterminate sentence figures include the sentences of Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) and Extended Sentences for Public Protection (EPP). These sentences were introduced in 2005 and abolished in 2012.

Final sentence lengths<sup>4</sup> received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for perverting the course of justice, 2010-2020

	Number of adult offenders sentenced										
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Less than 1 year	340	359	298	389	345	329	300	270	259	197	140
1 to 2	78	73	88	73	53	75	70	76	54	72	38
2 to 3	12	20	19	29	20	24	20	27	16	17	17
3 to 4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
4 to 5	9	7	11	12	12	13	8	16	6	5	6
5 to 6	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	2	0	0
6 to 7	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2
7 to 8	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
8 to 9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
9 to 10	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Greater than 10 years	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	2	1
Indeterminate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>206</b>

	Proportion of adult offenders sentenced										
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Less than 1 year	77%	78%	71%	76%	80%	74%	75%	69%	77%	67%	68%
1 to 2	18%	16%	21%	14%	12%	17%	17%	19%	16%	24%	18%
2 to 3	3%	4%	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	7%	5%	6%	8%
3 to 4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4 to 5	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%
5 to 6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
6 to 7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%
7 to 8	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
8 to 9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
9 to 10	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Greater than 10 years	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Indeterminate	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Notes:

- 4) Sentence length intervals do not include the lower bound but do include the upper bound sentence length. For example, the category 'Less than 1 year' includes sentence lengths less than or equal to 1 year, and '1 to 2 years' includes sentence lengths over 1 year and up to and including 2 years.

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for perverting the course of justice, by **sex** and sentence outcome, 2020

Sex	Number of adult offenders sentenced						
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with	Total
Female	2	1	4	60	33	7	107
Male	0	0	11	111	173	2	297
Not recorded/not known	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sex	Proportion of adult offenders sentenced						
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with	Total
Female	2%	1%	4%	56%	31%	7%	100%
Male	0%	0%	4%	37%	58%	1%	100%
Not recorded/not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for perverting the course of justice, by **age group** and sentence outcome, 20'20

Age group	Number of adult offenders sentenced						
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with	Total
18 to 20	0	0	1	8	13	1	23
21 to 24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	2	0	3	50	78	5	138
30 to 39	0	0	2	43	68	1	114
40 to 49	0	1	4	40	28	1	74
50 to 59	0	0	3	26	15	1	45
60 to 69	0	0	2	4	4	0	10
70 and over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not recorded/not known	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Age group	Proportion of adult offenders sentenced						
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with	Total
18 to 20	0%	0%	4%	35%	57%	4%	100%
21 to 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 29	1%	0%	2%	36%	57%	4%	100%
30 to 39	0%	0%	2%	38%	60%	1%	100%
40 to 49	0%	1%	5%	54%	38%	1%	100%
50 to 59	0%	0%	7%	58%	33%	2%	100%
60 to 69	0%	0%	20%	40%	40%	0%	100%
70 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not recorded/not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for perverting the course of justice, by **ethnicity** and sentence outcome, 2020

Ethnicity	Number of adult offenders sentenced						
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with	Total
Asian	0	0	3	14	14	0	31
Black	0	0	0	8	16	1	25
Mixed	0	0	0	4	9	1	14
Other	0	1	1	0	2	0	4
White	1	0	11	81	111	5	209
Not recorded/not known	1	0	0	64	54	2	121

Ethnicity	Proportion of adult offenders sentenced						
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with	Total
Asian	0%	0%	10%	45%	45%	0%	100%
Black	0%	0%	0%	32%	64%	4%	100%
Mixed	0%	0%	0%	29%	64%	7%	100%
Other	0%	25%	25%	0%	50%	0%	100%
White	0%	0%	5%	39%	53%	2%	100%
Not recorded/not known	1%	0%	0%	53%	45%	2%	100%

Final average custodial sentence lengths (ACSL) received by adult offenders sentenced for perverting the course of justice, by sex, 2020

Sex	ACSL (years) <sup>5</sup>	
	Mean	Median
Female	1.1	1.0
Male	1.2	0.7
Not recorded/not known	-	-

Final average custodial sentence lengths (ACSL) received by adult offenders sentenced for perverting the course of justice, by sex, 2020

Age group	Mean	Median
18 to 20	1.1	0.8
21 to 24		
25 to 29	0.9	0.7
30 to 39	1.1	0.7
40 to 49	1.5	0.9
50 to 59	2.5	0.7
60 to 69	*	*
70 and over	-	-
Not recorded/not known	-	-

Final average custodial sentence lengths (ACSL) received by adult offenders sentenced for perverting the course of justice, by sex, 2020

Ethnicity	Mean	Median
Asian	1.0	0.8
Black	1.1	1.0
Mixed	0.6	0.5
Other	*	*
White	1.2	0.7
Not recorded/not known	1.4	0.8

\* = ACSL has not been calculated where the number of offenders sentenced to immediate custody is fewer than 5.

- = No offenders were sentenced to immediate custody.

Notes:

5) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences

## Witness Intimidation

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for witness intimidation, 2010-2020

	Number of adult offenders sentenced										
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Discharge	13	7	5	2	4	3	6	4	2	1	0
Fine	4	3	0	2	0	5	3	2	1	1	1
Community sentence	106	73	54	39	46	51	32	22	29	15	13
Suspended sentence	145	140	95	102	115	147	143	128	88	71	46
Immediate custody	256	277	227	223	238	243	266	208	178	142	110
Otherwise dealt with	11	18	8	7	11	8	11	8	7	7	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>175</b>

	Proportion of adult offenders sentenced										
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Discharge	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Fine	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%
Community sentence	20%	14%	14%	10%	11%	11%	7%	6%	10%	6%	7%
Suspended sentence	27%	27%	24%	27%	28%	32%	31%	34%	29%	30%	26%
Immediate custody	48%	53%	58%	59%	57%	53%	58%	56%	58%	60%	63%
Otherwise dealt with	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Final average custodial sentence length (ACSL) for adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for witness intimidation, 2010-2020

ACSL (years) <sup>1</sup>	2010	2011 <sup>6</sup>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Mean	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Median	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Proportion of indeterminates <sup>2,3</sup>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Notes:

6) Excludes 1 case of witness intimidation in 2011, where the data suggested that the sentence was above the statutory maximum for this offence (5 years' custody).

Final sentence lengths<sup>4</sup> received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for witness intimidation, 2010-2020

	Number of adult offenders sentenced										
	2010	2011 <sup>6</sup>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Less than 1 year	200	220	185	185	187	191	198	152	128	102	79
1 to 2	41	48	38	31	45	44	60	48	40	36	28
2 to 3	10	6	2	6	5	8	7	6	7	3	3
3 to 4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 to 5 years	4	2	2	1	1	0	1	2	3	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>110</b>

	Proportion of adult offenders sentenced										
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Less than 1 year	78%	80%	81%	83%	79%	79%	74%	73%	72%	72%	72%
1 to 2	16%	17%	17%	14%	19%	18%	23%	23%	22%	25%	25%
2 to 3	4%	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%
3 to 4	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4 to 5	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for witness intimidation, by sex and sentence outcome, 2020

Sex	Number of adult offenders sentenced							Total
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with		
Female	0	0	5	4	6	1	<b>16</b>	
Male	0	1	8	42	103	4	<b>158</b>	
Not recorded/not known	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>	

Sex	Proportion of adult offenders sentenced						
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with	Total
Female	0%	0%	31%	25%	38%	6%	100%
Male	0%	1%	5%	27%	65%	3%	100%
Not recorded/not known	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	100%

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for witness intimidation, by **age group** and sentence outcome, 2020

Age group	Number of adult offenders sentenced						
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with	Total
18 to 20	0	1	4	8	15	0	28
21 to 24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	3	11	28	3	45
30 to 39	0	0	5	17	44	1	67
40 to 49	0	0	1	5	12	0	18
50 to 59	0	0	0	4	7	1	12
60 to 69	0	0	0	1	4	0	5
70 and over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not recorded/not known	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Age group	Proportion of adult offenders sentenced						
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with	Total
18 to 20	0%	4%	14%	29%	54%	0%	100%
21 to 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 29	0%	0%	7%	24%	62%	7%	100%
30 to 39	0%	0%	7%	25%	66%	1%	100%
40 to 49	0%	0%	6%	28%	67%	0%	100%
50 to 59	0%	0%	0%	33%	58%	8%	100%
60 to 69	0%	0%	0%	20%	80%	0%	100%
70 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not recorded/not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Ethnicity	Number of adult offenders sentenced						
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with	Total
Asian	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Black	0	0	1	1	3	0	5
Mixed	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White	0	1	9	37	77	4	128
Not recorded/not known	0	0	2	7	24	1	34

Ethnicity	Proportion of adult offenders sentenced						
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with	Total
Asian	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	100%
Black	0%	0%	20%	20%	60%	0%	100%
Mixed	0%	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%	100%
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	0%	1%	7%	29%	60%	3%	100%
Not recorded/not known	0%	0%	6%	21%	71%	3%	100%

Final average custodial sentence lengths (ACSL) received by adult offenders sentenced for witness intimidation, by sex, age and ethnicity, 2020

Sex	ACSL (years) <sup>5</sup>	
	Mean	Median
Female	0.6	0.5
Male	0.9	0.8
Not recorded/not known	*	*

Age group	Mean	Median
18 to 20	0.9	0.8
21 to 24	-	-
25 to 29	0.9	0.8
30 to 39	0.8	0.7

40 to 49	0.6	0.6
50 to 59	1.4	1.5
60 to 69	*	*
70 and over	-	-
Not recorded/not known	-	-

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Median</b>
Asian	0.7	0.5
Black	*	*
Mixed	-	-
Other	-	-
White	0.9	0.8
Not recorded/not known	0.9	0.8

Please note: The figures above include those presented for 2020 include the time period since March 2020 in which restrictions were placed on the criminal justice system due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is therefore possible that these figures may reflect the impact of the pandemic on court processes and prioritisation and the subsequent recovery, rather than a continuation of the longer-term series, so care should be taken when interpreting these figures.