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This document sets out the changes to *Judicial Statistics*. These changes are as a result of an assessment of compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics by the UK Statistics Authority. Further information on this assessment can be found at:

<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/assessment/assessment-reports/assessment-report-111---statistics-on-court-activity-in-northern-ireland.pdf>

Changes to *Judicial Statistics* are as follows:

- Trend data from 2006 to 2010 have been included for the main types of cases received and disposed of for all court tiers.
- Information has been provided in Excel in order to encourage re-use of the data.
- Information on the main data types and themes that are included within *Judicial Statistics* has been included as a glossary.
- Comparisons have been made with the previous year's data throughout the text in order to help highlight any differences that occur.
- Information on the Integrated Courts Operations System (ICOS) has been provided to take account of processes involved in recording and validating the data.
- Information on the quality of data and potential errors has been documented.
- Weblinks to data in other UK jurisdictions have been inserted for ease of reference to the reader. The court systems in other UK jurisdictions do not compare with Northern Ireland and therefore comparisons with these jurisdictions are not practical.
- Weblinks to statistical information for the Department of Justice and other criminal justice agencies in Northern Ireland are also included for easy readership and reference purposes.
- Contact details for the responsible statisticians have been provided.

Please note that there are no changes to how the data in *Judicial Statistics* have been recorded, validated and calculated from 2009. The additional information that is presented is aimed at clarifying the statistics that are reported on.

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