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Summary

During Jan – Mar 2010:

There were 1,118 scheduled magistrates' sittings of which:

| | |
|----------|-----|
| Criminal | 732 |
| Youth | 137 |
| Family | 249 |

There were 71 additional magistrates' sittings of which:

| | |
|----------|----|
| Criminal | 64 |
| Youth | 1 |
| Family | 6 |

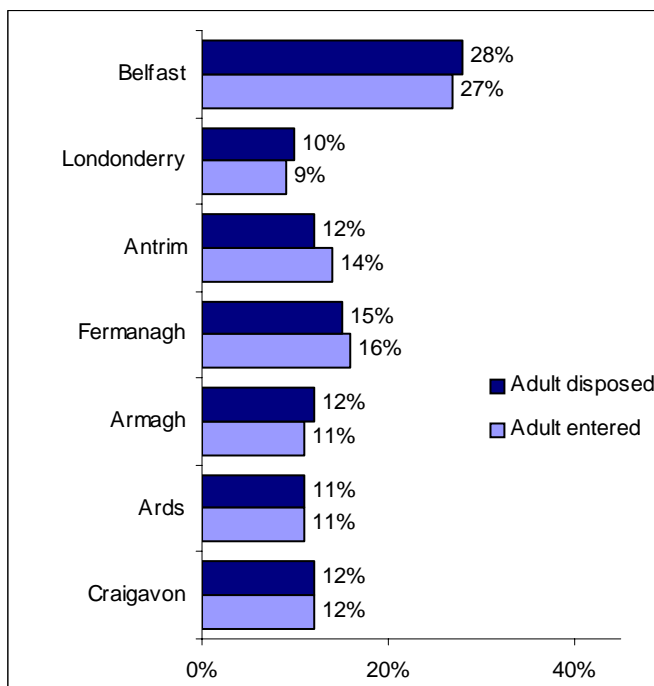
There were 47 special magistrates' sittings of which:

| | |
|----------|----|
| Criminal | 47 |
|----------|----|

12,750 new adult criminal defendants were received in court and 12,740 adult defendants were disposed of during the period. (Figure 1)

The majority of prosecutions disposed in the adult court were brought by PSNI/ PPS.

Figure 1: Percentage of adults entered and disposed of in the court divisions



The volume of adult business was highest in the Division of Belfast.

The average waiting time in the adult criminal court from first hearing to disposal was 7 weeks. (Figure 2)

736 new defendants were entered in the youth court and 757 youth defendants were disposed of in the youth court.

The average waiting time in the youth court from first hearing to disposal was 12 weeks.

1,468 new civil applications were entered and 1,237 civil applications were disposed of.

The average length of time for a case to progress through the civil court was 8 weeks from date of issue to disposal.

Figure 2: Waiting times in weeks in adult magistrates' courts (1st hearing to disposal)

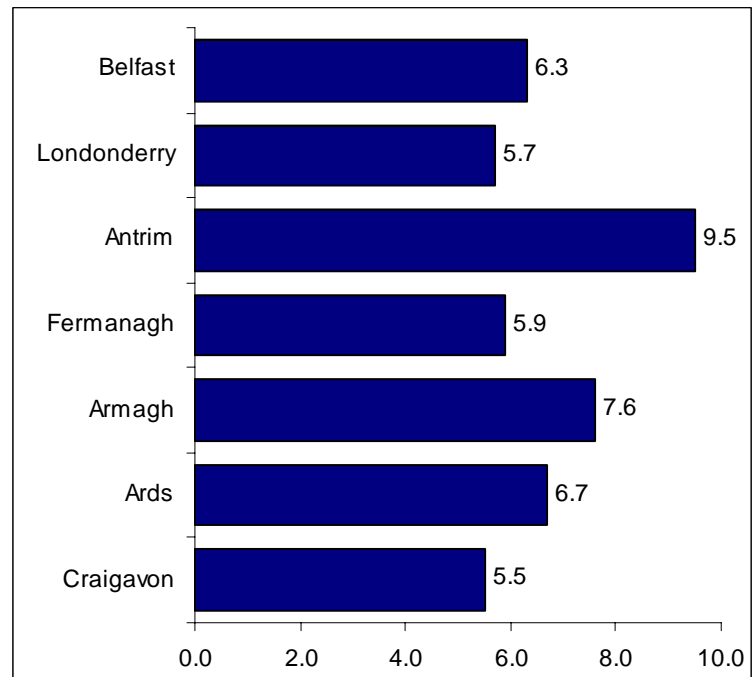


Table 1.1: Scheduled court sitting days & average court sitting times in the magistrates' courts by division & venue

| | | Adult criminal day | | Youth criminal day | | Family day | |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Number of court sitting days | Average court sitting time | Number of court sitting days | Average court sitting time | Number of court sitting days | Average court sitting time |
| Belfast | Laganside | 240 | 03:32:22 | 36 | 03:13:03 | 68 | 03:24:33 |
| | Total | 240 | 03:32:22 | 36 | 03:13:03 | 68 | 03:24:33 |
| Londonderry | Limavady | 14 | 03:41:25 | | . | | . |
| | Magherafelt | 16 | 02:34:41 | 6 | 01:45:00 | | . |
| | Londonderry | 45 | 04:30:03 | 9 | 04:24:26 | 20 | 03:43:45 |
| | Total | 75 | 03:56:22 | 15 | 03:20:40 | 20 | 03:43:45 |
| Antrim | Antrim | 18 | 04:19:26 | 6 | 01:59:10 | 6 | 03:47:30 |
| | Ballymena | 23 | 03:33:15 | 6 | 02:05:00 | 16 | 03:56:52 |
| | Larne | 11 | 02:51:21 | 4 | 01:58:45 | 6 | 03:06:40 |
| | Coleraine | 37 | 04:50:16 | 7 | 04:03:34 | 12 | 03:35:50 |
| | Total | 89 | 04:09:26 | 23 | 02:38:28 | 40 | 03:41:37 |
| Fermanagh & Tyrone | Dungannon | 39 | 04:43:50 | 6 | 02:02:30 | 6 | 04:45:00 |
| | Strabane | 21 | 03:17:37 | 3 | 02:38:20 | | . |
| | Omagh | 28 | 03:58:02 | 4 | 04:07:30 | 12 | 05:01:40 |
| | Enniskillen | 24 | 04:20:50 | 6 | 04:02:30 | 3 | 02:15:00 |
| | Total | 112 | 04:11:17 | 19 | 03:12:22 | 21 | 04:33:05 |
| Armagh & South Down | Armagh | 23 | 03:50:13 | 5 | 01:35:00 | 2 | 01:42:30 |
| | Banbridge @Newry | 11 | 04:10:00 | 3 | 04:20:00 | 1 | 02:15:00 |
| | Newry | 32 | 04:34:41 | 5 | 02:42:00 | 18 | 03:12:13 |
| | Total | 66 | 04:15:04 | 13 | 02:38:50 | 21 | 03:00:57 |
| Ards | Bangor | 18 | 04:10:50 | | . | 6 | 02:00:00 |
| | Downpatrick | 23 | 05:10:44 | 7 | 03:08:34 | 3 | 02:03:20 |
| | Newtownards | 39 | 02:42:56 | 12 | 02:40:00 | 43 | 02:19:11 |
| | Total | 80 | 03:45:12 | 19 | 02:50:31 | 52 | 02:16:03 |
| Craigavon | Lisburn | 38 | 04:20:31 | 6 | 03:02:52 | 10 | 03:31:00 |
| | Craigavon | 32 | 04:22:48 | 6 | 03:20:00 | 17 | 03:11:10 |
| | Total | 70 | 04:21:34 | 12 | 03:11:26 | 27 | 03:18:31 |

Table1.1a: Scheduled court sitting days & average court sitting times in the magistrates' courts for Northern Ireland

| | Adult criminal day | | Youth criminal day | | Family day | |
|------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Number of court sitting days | Average court sitting time | Number of court sitting days | Average court sitting time | Number of court sitting days | Average court sitting time |
| Northern Ireland | 732 | 03:55:15 | 137 | 03:01:28 | 249 | 03:17:40 |

A court sitting day is counted as any day where the judiciary sit in court. It does not include time in chambers or days where the judiciary are sitting in chambers.

Table 1.2: Additional court sitting days & average court sitting times in the magistrates' courts by division & venue

| | | Adult criminal day | | Youth criminal day | | Family day | |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Number of court sitting days | Average court sitting time | Number of court sitting days | Average court sitting time | Number of court sitting days | Average court sitting time |
| Londonderry | Londonderry | 2 | 01:30:00 | | . | | . |
| | Total | 2 | 01:30:00 | | . | | . |
| Antrim | Antrim | 1 | 03:30:00 | | . | | . |
| | Ballymena | 4 | 01:02:30 | | . | 2 | 01:12:30 |
| | Coleraine | 3 | 02:06:40 | | . | | . |
| | Total | 8 | 01:45:00 | | . | 2 | 01:12:30 |
| Fermanagh & Tyrone | Dungannon | 9 | 03:02:13 | | . | | . |
| | Omagh | 3 | 04:05:00 | | . | | . |
| | Enniskillen | 3 | 03:38:20 | 1 | 02:30:00 | | . |
| | Total | 15 | 03:22:00 | 1 | 02:30:00 | | . |
| Armagh & South Down | Armagh | 7 | 03:25:00 | | . | | . |
| | Newry | 12 | 02:42:55 | | . | | . |
| | Total | 19 | 02:58:25 | | . | | . |
| Ards | Downpatrick | 5 | 04:05:00 | | . | | . |
| | Newtownards | 12 | 03:29:35 | | . | 1 | 01:50:00 |
| | Total | 17 | 03:40:00 | | . | 1 | 01:50:00 |
| Craigavon | Lisburn | 2 | 03:07:30 | | . | 3 | 03:10:00 |
| | Craigavon | 1 | 05:25:00 | | . | | . |
| | Total | 3 | 03:53:20 | | . | 3 | 03:10:00 |

Table 1.2a: Additional court sitting days & average court sitting times in the magistrates' courts for Northern Ireland

| | Adult criminal day | | Youth criminal day | | Family day | |
|------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Number of court sitting days | Average court sitting time | Number of court sitting days | Average court sitting time | Number of court sitting days | Average court sitting time |
| Northern Ireland | 64 | 03:05:37 | 1 | 02:30:00 | 6 | 02:17:30 |

A court sitting day is counted as any day where the judiciary sit in court. It does not include time in chambers or days where the judiciary are sitting in chambers.

Table 1.3: Special court sitting days & average court sitting times in the magistrates' courts by division & venue

| | | Adult criminal day | |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Number of court sitting days | Average court sitting time |
| Londonderry | Magherafelt | 1 | 01:00:00 |
| | Londonderry | 7 | 00:47:51 |
| | Total | 8 | 00:49:22 |
| Antrim | Ballymena | 7 | 00:34:17 |
| | Total | 7 | 00:34:17 |
| Fermanagh & Tyrone | Omagh | 5 | 01:14:00 |
| | Total | 5 | 01:14:00 |
| Armagh & South Down | Armagh | 1 | 00:15:00 |
| | Newry | 8 | 00:42:30 |
| | Total | 9 | 00:39:26 |
| Ards | Newtownards | 8 | 00:22:30 |
| | Total | 8 | 00:22:30 |
| Craigavon | Lisburn | 5 | 00:39:00 |
| | Craigavon | 5 | 00:52:00 |
| | Total | 10 | 00:45:30 |

Table 1.3a: Special court sitting days & average court sitting times in the magistrates' courts for Northern Ireland

| | Adult criminal day | |
|------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Number of court sitting days | Average court sitting time |
| Northern Ireland | 47 | 00:42:26 |

A court sitting day is counted as any day where the judiciary sit in court. It does not include time in chambers or days where the judiciary are sitting in chambers.

Table 2.1 Adult criminal defendants received in the magistrates' courts by division & venue

| | | PSNI/PPS prosecution | Departmental prosecution | Fixed penalty | Total |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------|
| Belfast | Laganside Courts | 2076 | 1447 | 64 | 3587 |
| | Division total | 2076 | 1447 | 64 | 3587 |
| Londonderry | Londonderry Court Office | 606 | 136 | 23 | 765 |
| | Limavady Court Office | 189 | 45 | 10 | 244 |
| | Magherafelt Court Office | 178 | 47 | 11 | 236 |
| | Division total | 973 | 228 | 44 | 1245 |
| Antrim | Antrim Court Office | 328 | 95 | 12 | 435 |
| | Coleraine Court Office | 425 | 150 | 24 | 599 |
| | Ballymena Court Office | 225 | 99 | 12 | 336 |
| | Larne Court Office | 96 | 25 | 8 | 129 |
| | Division total | 1074 | 369 | 56 | 1499 |
| Fermanagh and Tyrone | Omagh Court Office | 370 | 57 | | 427 |
| | Strabane Court Office | 137 | 63 | 2 | 202 |
| | Enniskillen Court Office | 345 | 74 | 4 | 423 |
| | Dungannon Court Office | 626 | 214 | 20 | 860 |
| | Division total | 1478 | 408 | 26 | 1912 |
| Armagh and South Down | Armagh Court Office | 199 | 112 | 11 | 322 |
| | Banbridge Court Office | 248 | 20 | 6 | 274 |
| | Newry Court Office | 666 | 204 | 14 | 884 |
| | Division total | 1113 | 336 | 31 | 1480 |
| Ards | Newtownards Court Office | 468 | 119 | 6 | 593 |
| | Downpatrick Court Office | 364 | 64 | 7 | 435 |
| | Bangor Court Office | 357 | 56 | 5 | 418 |
| | Division total | 1189 | 239 | 18 | 1446 |
| Craigavon | Craigavon Court Office | 540 | 202 | 24 | 766 |
| | Lisburn Court Office | 563 | 212 | 40 | 815 |
| | Division total | 1103 | 414 | 64 | 1581 |

Table 2.1 Adult criminal defendants received in the magistrates' courts in Northern Ireland

| | PSNI/PPS prosecution | Departmental prosecution | Fixed penalty | Total |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------|
| Northern Ireland | 9006 | 3441 | 303 | 12750 |

Table 2.2 Adult criminal defendants disposed of in the magistrates' court by division & venue

| | | PSNI/PPS prosecution | Departmental prosecution | Fixed penalty | Total |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------|
| Belfast | Laganside Courts | 2127 | 1211 | 57 | 3395 |
| | Division total | 2127 | 1211 | 57 | 3395 |
| Londonderry | Londonderry Court Office | 561 | 140 | 21 | 722 |
| | Limavady Court Office | 187 | 50 | 9 | 246 |
| | Magherafelt Court Office | 163 | 57 | 9 | 229 |
| | Division total | 911 | 247 | 39 | 1197 |
| Antrim | Antrim Court Office | 377 | 93 | 12 | 482 |
| | Coleraine Court Office | 545 | 148 | 22 | 715 |
| | Ballymena Court Office | 358 | 94 | 11 | 463 |
| | Larne Court Office | 102 | 28 | 8 | 138 |
| | Division total | 1382 | 363 | 53 | 1798 |
| Fermanagh and Tyrone | Omagh Court Office | 390 | 65 | | 455 |
| | Strabane Court Office | 139 | 57 | 2 | 198 |
| | Enniskillen Court Office | 301 | 84 | 4 | 389 |
| | Dungannon Court Office | 686 | 237 | 20 | 943 |
| | Division total | 1516 | 443 | 26 | 1985 |
| Armagh and South Down | Armagh Court Office | 182 | 109 | 11 | 302 |
| | Banbridge Court Office | 277 | 28 | 6 | 311 |
| | Newry Court Office | 593 | 200 | 13 | 806 |
| | Division total | 1052 | 337 | 30 | 1419 |
| Ards | Newtownards Court Office | 473 | 115 | 8 | 596 |
| | Downpatrick Court Office | 300 | 79 | 7 | 386 |
| | Bangor Court Office | 331 | 58 | 5 | 394 |
| | Division total | 1104 | 252 | 20 | 1376 |
| Craigavon | Craigavon Court Office | 529 | 203 | 24 | 756 |
| | Lisburn Court Office | 544 | 230 | 40 | 814 |
| | Division total | 1073 | 433 | 64 | 1570 |

Table 2.2 Adult criminal defendants disposed of in the magistrates' court in Northern Ireland

| | PSNI/PPS prosecution | Departmental prosecution | Fixed penalty | Total |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------|
| Northern Ireland | 9165 | 3286 | 289 | 12740 |

Table 2.3: Average waiting times in the adult magistrates' courts by division & venue

| | | Summons to first hearing (weeks) | First hearing to finding (weeks) | Finding to disposal (weeks) | First hearing to disposal (weeks) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Belfast | Laganside Courts | 7.39 | 5.51 | .75 | 6.27 |
| | Total | 7.39 | 5.51 | .75 | 6.27 |
| Londonderry | Londonderry Court Office | 8.00 | 5.59 | .69 | 6.27 |
| | Limavady Court Office | 6.72 | 3.91 | .33 | 4.24 |
| | Magherafelt Court Office | 8.31 | 5.27 | .46 | 5.74 |
| | Total | 7.79 | 5.17 | .57 | 5.74 |
| Antrim | Antrim Court Office | 6.90 | 5.56 | .60 | 6.16 |
| | Coleraine Court Office | 7.12 | 11.35 | 1.09 | 12.44 |
| | Ballymena Court Office | 6.25 | 8.03 | 1.25 | 9.28 |
| | Larne Court Office | 7.05 | 5.56 | 1.01 | 6.57 |
| | Total | 6.84 | 8.48 | .99 | 9.47 |
| Fermanagh and Tyrone | Omagh Court Office | 7.59 | 5.63 | .38 | 6.01 |
| | Strabane Court Office | 6.21 | 4.17 | .58 | 4.74 |
| | Enniskillen Court Office | 8.43 | 4.44 | .77 | 5.21 |
| | Dungannon Court Office | 8.14 | 5.60 | .68 | 6.28 |
| | Total | 7.88 | 5.24 | .62 | 5.86 |
| Armagh and South Down | Armagh Court Office | 7.77 | 6.20 | .45 | 6.65 |
| | Banbridge Court Office | 6.95 | 6.55 | .50 | 7.06 |
| | Newry Court Office | 7.39 | 7.56 | .57 | 8.13 |
| | Total | 7.37 | 7.05 | .53 | 7.58 |
| Ards | Newtownards Court Office | 8.30 | 5.22 | .64 | 5.86 |
| | Downpatrick Court Office | 7.89 | 7.54 | .69 | 8.23 |
| | Bangor Court Office | 9.50 | 4.84 | 1.16 | 6.00 |
| | Total | 8.53 | 5.77 | .80 | 6.57 |
| Craigavon | Craigavon Court Office | 8.16 | 4.23 | .58 | 4.80 |
| | Lisburn Court Office | 9.08 | 5.23 | .99 | 6.21 |
| | Total | 8.63 | 4.74 | .79 | 5.53 |

Bench warrants, adjourned generally and deferred sentences excluded

Table 2.3: Average waiting times in the adult magistrates' courts in Northern Ireland

| | Summons to first hearing (weeks) | First hearing to finding (weeks) | Finding to disposal (weeks) | First hearing to disposal (weeks) |
|------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Northern Ireland | 7.70 | 5.96 | .73 | 6.69 |

Bench warrants, adjourned generally and deferred sentences excluded

Table 2.4: Number and type of charges brought for adult defendants disposed of by business area

| | PSNI/PPS prosecution | Departmental prosecution | Fixed penalty | Total |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------|
| All Offences Against the Person | 880 | | | 880 |
| All Sexual Offences | 192 | | | 192 |
| All Burglary Offences | 96 | | | 96 |
| All Robbery Offences | 24 | | | 24 |
| All Theft Offences | 571 | | | 571 |
| All Fraud and Forgery Offences | 71 | 62 | | 133 |
| All Criminal Damage Offences | 226 | | | 226 |
| All Offences Against the State | 20 | | | 20 |
| All Other Offences | 659 | 154 | | 813 |
| All Drug Offences | 300 | | | 300 |
| All Motoring Offences | 4031 | 127 | | 4158 |
| All Non-Police Offences | 59 | 2653 | 289 | 3001 |
| All Breach | 153 | 233 | | 386 |
| Combination of charges | 1883 | 57 | | 1940 |
| Total | 9165 | 3286 | 289 | 12740 |

Table 2.5: Outcome of adult defendants disposed of by business area

| | PSNI/PPS prosecution | Departmental prosecution | Fixed penalty | Total |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------|
| Committed to the Crown Court | 381 | | | 381 |
| Plea of guilty on all charges | 4014 | 814 | | 4828 |
| All charges withdrawn | 1689 | 944 | 6 | 2639 |
| Fixed penalty default | | | 283 | 283 |
| Plea not guilty - found guilty on at least one charge | 2593 | 1396 | | 3989 |
| Plea not guilty - acquitted on all charges | 488 | 132 | | 620 |
| Total | 9165 | 3286 | 289 | 12740 |

Table 3.1 Youth defendants received in the magistrates' courts by division & venue

| | | PSNI/PPS prosecution | Departmental prosecution | Total |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Belfast | Laganside Courts | 237 | 13 | 250 |
| | Division total | 237 | 13 | 250 |
| Londonderry | Londonderry Court Office | 47 | 2 | 49 |
| | Limavady Court Office | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| | Magherafelt Court Office | 4 | | 4 |
| | Division total | 57 | 3 | 60 |
| Antrim | Antrim Court Office | 25 | 2 | 27 |
| | Coleraine Court Office | 34 | | 34 |
| | Ballymena Court Office | 24 | 3 | 27 |
| | Larne Court Office | 4 | | 4 |
| | Division total | 87 | 5 | 92 |
| Fermanagh and Tyrone | Omagh Court Office | 26 | | 26 |
| | Strabane Court Office | 14 | 1 | 15 |
| | Enniskillen Court Office | 24 | | 24 |
| | Dungannon Court Office | 23 | | 23 |
| | Division total | 87 | 1 | 88 |
| Armagh and South Down | Armagh Court Office | 12 | | 12 |
| | Banbridge Court Office | 8 | | 8 |
| | Newry Court Office | 20 | | 20 |
| | Division total | 40 | | 40 |
| Ards | Newtownards Court Office | 65 | | 65 |
| | Downpatrick Court Office | 39 | 1 | 40 |
| | Bangor Court Office | 25 | 1 | 26 |
| | Division total | 129 | 2 | 131 |
| Craigavon | Craigavon Court Office | 44 | | 44 |
| | Lisburn Court Office | 31 | | 31 |
| | Division total | 75 | | 75 |

Table 3.1 Youth defendants received in the magistrates' courts in Northern Ireland

| | PSNI/PPS prosecution | Departmental prosecution | Total |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Northern Ireland | 712 | 24 | 736 |

Table 3.2 Youth defendants disposed of in the magistrates' courts by division & venue

| | | PSNI/PPS prosecution | Departmental prosecution | Total |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Belfast | Laganside Courts | 234 | 8 | 242 |
| | Division total | 234 | 8 | 242 |
| Londonderry | Londonderry Court Office | 42 | 3 | 45 |
| | Limavady Court Office | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| | Magherafelt Court Office | 8 | | 8 |
| | Division total | 54 | 4 | 58 |
| Antrim | Antrim Court Office | 24 | 2 | 26 |
| | Coleraine Court Office | 51 | 1 | 52 |
| | Ballymena Court Office | 27 | 1 | 28 |
| | Larne Court Office | 5 | | 5 |
| | Division total | 107 | 4 | 111 |
| Fermanagh and Tyrone | Omagh Court Office | 21 | | 21 |
| | Strabane Court Office | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| | Enniskillen Court Office | 30 | | 30 |
| | Dungannon Court Office | 30 | 1 | 31 |
| | Division total | 88 | 2 | 90 |
| Armagh and South Down | Armagh Court Office | 11 | | 11 |
| | Banbridge Court Office | 9 | | 9 |
| | Newry Court Office | 29 | | 29 |
| | Division total | 49 | | 49 |
| Ards | Newtownards Court Office | 53 | 1 | 54 |
| | Downpatrick Court Office | 29 | 3 | 32 |
| | Bangor Court Office | 39 | | 39 |
| | Division total | 121 | 4 | 125 |
| Craigavon | Craigavon Court Office | 48 | 2 | 50 |
| | Lisburn Court Office | 32 | | 32 |
| | Division total | 80 | 2 | 82 |

Table 3.2 Youth defendants disposed of in the magistrates' courts in Northern Ireland

| | PSNI/PPS prosecution | Departmental prosecution | Total |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Northern Ireland | 733 | 24 | 757 |

Table 3.3: Average waiting times in the youth magistrates' courts by division & venue

| | | Summons to first hearing (weeks) | First hearing to finding (weeks) | Finding to disposal (weeks) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Belfast | Laganside Courts | 4.98 | 5.96 | 3.36 |
| | Total | 4.98 | 5.96 | 3.36 |
| Londonderry | Londonderry Court Office | 5.86 | 5.62 | 4.58 |
| | Limavady Court Office | 7.93 | .00 | .00 |
| | Magherafelt Court Office | 7.57 | 14.46 | 1.00 |
| | Total | 6.12 | 6.20 | 4.02 |
| Antrim | Antrim Court Office | 4.75 | 7.70 | 3.57 |
| | Coleraine Court Office | 5.52 | 20.44 | 4.90 |
| | Ballymena Court Office | 5.04 | 8.10 | 1.75 |
| | Larne Court Office | 6.83 | 8.00 | 2.60 |
| | Total | 5.28 | 13.41 | 3.65 |
| Fermanagh and Tyrone | Omagh Court Office | 4.57 | 5.33 | 1.30 |
| | Strabane Court Office | 5.50 | 7.91 | 1.13 |
| | Enniskillen Court Office | 8.29 | 6.46 | 8.12 |
| | Dungannon Court Office | 9.12 | 5.83 | 4.43 |
| | Total | 7.47 | 6.12 | 4.64 |
| Armagh and South Down | Armagh Court Office | 6.03 | 4.20 | 1.96 |
| | Banbridge Court Office | 6.43 | 11.00 | 1.78 |
| | Newry Court Office | 5.27 | 10.50 | 3.38 |
| | Total | 5.72 | 9.04 | 2.66 |
| Ards | Newtownards Court Office | 7.38 | 6.41 | 5.16 |
| | Downpatrick Court Office | 6.46 | 9.10 | 3.62 |
| | Bangor Court Office | 8.16 | 8.88 | 3.97 |
| | Total | 7.36 | 7.88 | 4.38 |
| Craigavon | Craigavon Court Office | 7.21 | 7.36 | 3.04 |
| | Lisburn Court Office | 4.97 | 6.86 | 3.70 |
| | Total | 6.69 | 7.24 | 3.20 |

Bench warrants, adjourned generally and deferred sentences excluded

Table 3.3: Average waiting times in the youth magistrates' courts in Northern Ireland

| | Summons to first hearing (weeks) | First hearing to finding (weeks) | Finding to disposal (weeks) |
|------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Northern Ireland | 6.12 | 7.77 | 3.75 |

Bench warrants, adjourned generally and deferred sentences excluded

Table 3.4: Number and type of charges brought for youth defendants disposed of by business area

| | PSNI/PPS prosecution | Departmental prosecution | Total |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| All Offences Against the Person | 131 | | 131 |
| All Sexual Offences | 3 | | 3 |
| All Burglary Offences | 23 | | 23 |
| All Robbery Offences | 5 | | 5 |
| All Theft Offences | 80 | | 80 |
| All Fraud and Forgery Offences | 5 | | 5 |
| All Criminal Damage Offences | 78 | | 78 |
| All Other Offences | 85 | | 85 |
| All Drug Offences | 18 | | 18 |
| All Motoring Offences | 80 | | 80 |
| All Non-Police Offences | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| All Breach | 9 | 19 | 28 |
| Combination of charges | 214 | 1 | 215 |
| Total | 733 | 24 | 757 |

Table 3.5: Outcome of youth defendants disposed of by business area

| | PSNI/PPS prosecution | Departmental prosecution | Total |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Committed to the Crown Court | 10 | | 10 |
| Plea of guilty on all charges | 290 | 8 | 298 |
| All charges withdrawn | 248 | 3 | 251 |
| Plea not guilty - found guilty on at least one charge | 149 | 2 | 151 |
| Plea not guilty - acquitted on all charges | 36 | 11 | 47 |
| Total | 733 | 24 | 757 |

Table 4.1 Number of civil applications received in the magistrates' court by division & venue

| | | Current Business Area | | Total |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| | | Domestic Proceedings | Fh&Dv (Magistrates Court) | |
| Belfast | Laganside Courts | 29 | 384 | 413 |
| | Division total | 29 | 384 | 413 |
| Londonderry | Londonderry Court Office | 13 | 118 | 131 |
| | Limavady Court Office | | 2 | 2 |
| | Magherafelt Court Office | 2 | 18 | 20 |
| | Division total | 15 | 138 | 153 |
| Antrim | Antrim Court Office | 13 | 41 | 54 |
| | Coleraine Court Office | 13 | 75 | 88 |
| | Ballymena Court Office | 8 | 80 | 88 |
| | Larne Court Office | 2 | 28 | 30 |
| | Division total | 36 | 224 | 260 |
| Fermanagh and Tyrone | Omagh Court Office | 5 | 37 | 42 |
| | Strabane Court Office | 2 | 33 | 35 |
| | Enniskillen Court Office | 12 | 25 | 37 |
| | Dungannon Court Office | 6 | 43 | 49 |
| | Division total | 25 | 138 | 163 |
| Armagh and South Down | Armagh Court Office | 8 | 30 | 38 |
| | Newry Court Office | 28 | 77 | 105 |
| | Division total | 36 | 107 | 143 |
| Ards | Newtownards Court Office | 22 | 94 | 116 |
| | Downpatrick Court Office | 13 | 33 | 46 |
| | Bangor Court Office | 3 | 44 | 47 |
| | Division total | 38 | 171 | 209 |
| Craigavon | Craigavon Court Office | 14 | 33 | 47 |
| | Lisburn Court Office | 17 | 62 | 79 |
| | Division total | 31 | 95 | 126 |

Table 4.1 Number of civil applications received in the magistrates' court in Northern Ireland

| | Current Business Area | | Total |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Domestic Proceedings | Fh&Dv (Magistrates Court) | |
| Northern Ireland | 211 | 1257 | 1468 |

Table 4.2 Number of civil applications disposed in the magistrates' court by division & venue

| | | Current Business Area | | Total |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| | | Domestic Proceedings | Fh&Dv (Magistrates Court) | |
| Belfast | Laganside Courts | 32 | 321 | 353 |
| | Division total | 32 | 321 | 353 |
| Londonderry | Londonderry Court Office | 13 | 98 | 111 |
| | Limavady Court Office | | 6 | 6 |
| | Magherafelt Court Office | 1 | 14 | 15 |
| | Division total | 14 | 118 | 132 |
| Antrim | Antrim Court Office | 8 | 24 | 32 |
| | Coleraine Court Office | 9 | 64 | 73 |
| | Ballymena Court Office | 9 | 83 | 92 |
| | Larne Court Office | 2 | 31 | 33 |
| | Division total | 28 | 202 | 230 |
| Fermanagh and Tyrone | Omagh Court Office | 3 | 24 | 27 |
| | Strabane Court Office | 2 | 28 | 30 |
| | Enniskillen Court Office | 7 | 21 | 28 |
| | Dungannon Court Office | 6 | 35 | 41 |
| | Division total | 18 | 108 | 126 |
| Armagh and South Down | Armagh Court Office | 3 | 31 | 34 |
| | Newry Court Office | 16 | 67 | 83 |
| | Division total | 19 | 98 | 117 |
| Ards | Newtownards Court Office | 12 | 82 | 94 |
| | Downpatrick Court Office | 6 | 26 | 32 |
| | Bangor Court Office | 6 | 30 | 36 |
| | Division total | 24 | 138 | 162 |
| Craigavon | Craigavon Court Office | 9 | 39 | 48 |
| | Lisburn Court Office | 12 | 57 | 69 |
| | Division total | 21 | 96 | 117 |

Table 4.2 Number of civil applications disposed in the magistrates' court in Northern Ireland

| | Current Business Area | | Total |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Domestic Proceedings | Fh&Dv (Magistrates Court) | |
| Northern Ireland | 156 | 1081 | 1237 |

Table 4.3: Average waiting times in the civil magistrates' courts by division & venue

| | | Date of issue to first hearing (weeks) | First hearing to disposal (weeks) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Belfast | Laganside Courts | 3.82 | 5.30 |
| | Total | 3.82 | 5.30 |
| Londonderry | Londonderry Court Office | 2.09 | 4.86 |
| | Limavady Court Office | 3.60 | 10.83 |
| | Magherafelt Court Office | 1.62 | 4.31 |
| | Total | 2.10 | 5.07 |
| Antrim | Antrim Court Office | 1.73 | 4.54 |
| | Coleraine Court Office | 1.34 | 4.74 |
| | Ballymena Court Office | 2.22 | 6.73 |
| | Larne Court Office | 2.06 | 4.42 |
| | Total | 1.85 | 5.46 |
| Fermanagh and Tyrone | Omagh Court Office | 1.42 | 3.65 |
| | Strabane Court Office | 1.36 | .73 |
| | Enniskillen Court Office | 1.28 | 5.49 |
| | Dungannon Court Office | 1.71 | 2.67 |
| | Total | 1.47 | 3.05 |
| Armagh and South Down | Armagh Court Office | 1.86 | 6.82 |
| | Newry Court Office | 4.83 | 5.32 |
| | Total | 3.98 | 5.75 |
| Ards | Newtownards Court Office | 1.42 | 5.58 |
| | Downpatrick Court Office | 1.74 | 10.38 |
| | Bangor Court Office | 1.31 | 7.52 |
| | Total | 1.46 | 6.96 |
| Craigavon | Craigavon Court Office | 1.50 | 7.93 |
| | Lisburn Court Office | 1.02 | 10.12 |
| | Total | 1.21 | 9.22 |

Table 4.3: Average waiting times in the civil magistrates' courts in Northern Ireland

| | Date of issue to first hearing (weeks) | First hearing to disposal (weeks) |
|------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Northern Ireland | 2.49 | 5.71 |

Table 4.4 Outcome of applications under Family Homes & Domestic Violence Order in the magistrates' court in Northern Ireland

| | Granted | Dismissed or refused | Withdrawn | Vary discharge | Other | Total |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------------|-----------|----------------|-------|-------|
| Non molestation | 631 | 149 | 184 | 85 | 3 | 1052 |
| Occupation | 1 | 2 | 8 | | | 11 |
| Vary discharge non-mol occupation | 1 | 2 | 5 | 10 | | 18 |
| Total | 633 | 153 | 197 | 95 | 3 | 1081 |

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