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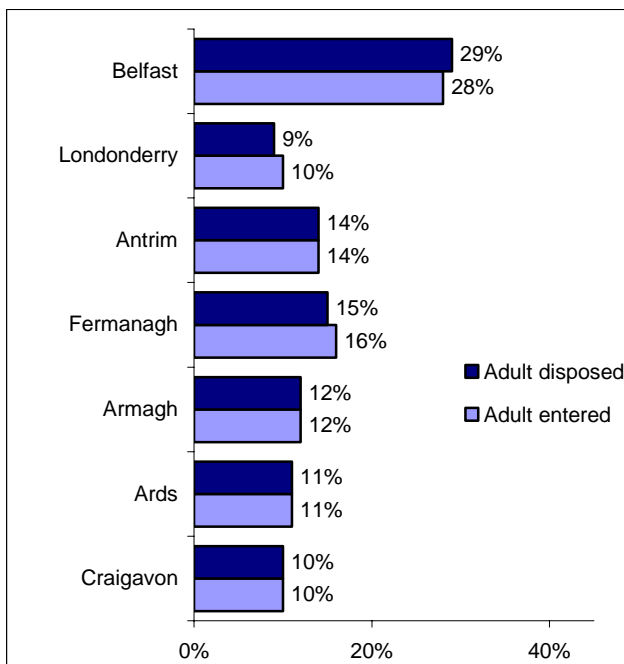
The roll out of the new court operations system called the Integrated Court Operations System (ICOS) has been completed throughout the divisions. Caution should be taken when comparing figures with previous quarters. For further advice on the differences between the current figures and previous quarters, please contact the NICtS. Figures are run from an administrative database and may change due to late returns and further validations.

# Summary

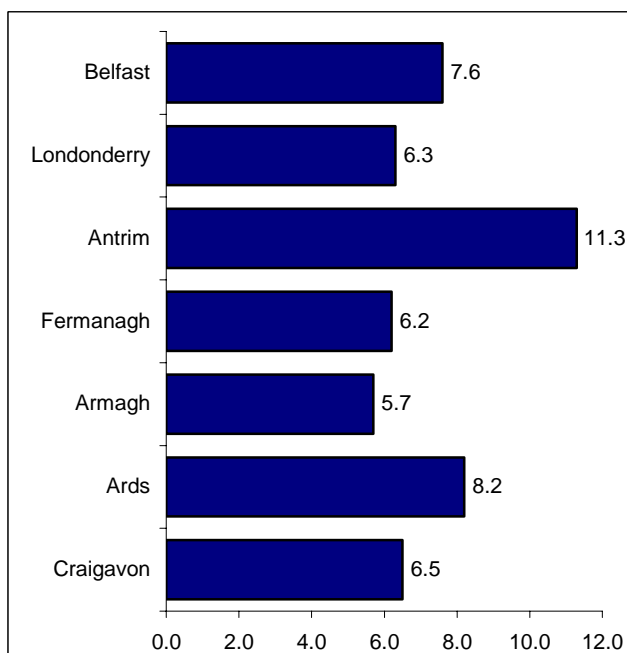
## During Jul - Sep 2008:

- There were 1,044 scheduled magistrates' sittings of which:
  - Criminal – 674
  - Youth – 122
  - Family – 248
- There were 39 additional magistrates' sittings of which:
  - Criminal – 37
  - Family – 1
  - Youth - 1
- There were 68 special magistrates' sittings of which:
  - Criminal – 68
- 11,993 new adult criminal defendants were received in court and 12,042 adult defendants were disposed of during the period.
- Just over seven out of ten of the prosecutions disposed in the adult court were brought by the police/PPS.
- The volume of adult business was highest in the Division of Belfast.
- The average waiting time in the adult criminal court for the corporate target of first hearing to disposal was 8 weeks and overall, 77% were on target.
- 677 new defendants were entered in the youth court and 701 youth defendants were disposed of in the magistrates' court.
- The average waiting time in the youth court for the corporate target (first hearing to finding – 12 weeks) was 10 weeks and 70% were on target.
- 1,870 new civil applications were entered and 1,325 civil applications were disposed of.
- The average length of time for a case to progress through the civil court was 7 weeks from date of issue to disposal.

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



**Figure 2: Waiting times in weeks in adult magistrates' courts (1<sup>st</sup> 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	182	2:58:40	38	2:41:52	73	3:21:33
	Total	182	2:58:40	38	2:41:52	73	3:21:33
Londonderry	Limavady	13	3:40:23		.		.
	Magherafelt	15	2:58:52	4	2:32:30		.
	Londonderry	47	3:49:34	9	3:32:13	22	4:27:30
	Total	75	3:37:50	13	3:13:50	22	4:27:30
Antrim	Antrim	9	4:24:26	6	0:46:40	6	3:37:30
	Ballymena	24	4:18:22	6	3:35:00	16	2:34:22
	Larne	14	2:55:42	3	3:25:00	5	2:12:00
	Coleraine	26	4:56:20	6	2:50:00	11	2:37:16
	Antrim @ Ballymena	9	5:15:00		.		.
	Total	82	4:23:10	21	2:32:37	38	2:42:14
Fermanagh & Tyrone	Dungannon	39	4:04:18	6	4:24:10	4	4:38:45
	Strabane	23	3:19:46	2	3:22:30	1	5:40:00
	Omagh	28	4:18:45	5	3:08:00	12	3:49:35
	Enniskillen	22	3:25:54	6	2:35:50	3	3:15:00
	Total	112	3:51:13	19	3:23:25	20	3:59:45
Armagh & South Down	Armagh	19	3:53:44	5	2:29:00	1	3:00:00
	Banbridge	12	3:58:20	2	2:05:00	1	3:45:00
	Newry	32	4:04:13	6	3:27:30	19	3:27:06
	Total	63	3:59:56	13	2:52:18	21	3:26:40
Ards	Bangor	22	4:16:49		.	4	1:48:45
	Downpatrick	25	4:28:00	6	2:36:40	2	2:45:00
	Newtownards	40	2:48:00		.	43	2:05:36
	Total	87	3:39:11	6	2:36:40	49	2:05:50
Craigavon	Lisburn	29	3:45:41	4	3:21:15	8	4:41:52
	Craigavon	36	3:05:48	6	3:02:30	13	2:31:09
	Lisburn @ Craigavon	8	4:15:37	2	3:27:30	4	3:27:30
	Total	73	3:29:18	12	3:12:55	25	3:22:00

**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	674	3:36:19	122	2:54:03	248	3:09:58

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
Belfast	Laganside	2	2:26:00	1	4:00:00		.
	Total	2	2:26:00	1	4:00:00		.
Londonderry	Londonderry	1	1:00:00		.		.
	Total	1	1:00:00		.		.
Antrim	Ballymena	2	1:57:30		.		.
	Coleraine	4	3:52:30		.		.
	Total	6	3:14:10		.		.
Fermanagh & Tyrone	Dungannon	8	3:33:07		.		.
	Omagh	4	1:13:45		.		.
	Total	12	2:46:40		.		.
Armagh & South Down	Armagh	1	4:35:00		.		.
	Newry	4	2:16:15		.		.
	Total	5	2:44:00		.		.
Ards	Downpatrick	3	1:40:00		.		.
	Newtownards	4	2:47:30		.		.
	Total	7	2:18:34		.		.
Craigavon	Lisburn	1	2:10:00		.		.
	Craigavon	3	3:08:20		.	1	5:45:00
	Total	4	2:53:45		.	1	5:45:00

**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	37	2:42:12	1	4:00:00	1	5:45:00

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	Londonderry	13	0:57:37
	Total	13	0:57:37
Antrim	Ballymena	14	0:40:00
	Total	14	0:40:00
Fermanagh & Tyrone	Dungannon	2	1:24:01
	Omagh	6	0:29:10
	Total	8	0:42:52
Armagh & South Down	Banbridge	1	0:15:00
	Newry	13	1:01:00
	Total	14	0:57:42
Ards	Newtownards	9	0:32:46
	Total	9	0:32:46
Craigavon	Craigavon	9	0:49:13
	Lisburn @ Craigavon	1	0:30:00
	Total	10	0:47:18

**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	68	0:47:28

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	2269	1066	72	3407
	Division total	2269	1066	72	3407
Londonderry	Londonderry Court Office	477	201	6	684
	Limavady Court Office	195	51	7	253
	Magherafelt Court Office	211	44	9	264
	Division total	883	296	22	1201
Antrim	Antrim Court Office	341	124	16	481
	Coleraine Court Office	423	177	7	607
	Ballymena Court Office	293	83	3	379
	Larne Court Office	77	67	12	156
	Division total	1134	451	38	1623
Fermanagh and Tyrone	Omagh Court Office	449	95	11	555
	Strabane Court Office	167	51	11	229
	Enniskillen Court Office	270	81	7	358
	Dungannon Court Office	503	185	37	725
	Division total	1389	412	66	1867
Armagh and South Down	Armagh Court Office	227	109	6	342
	Banbridge Court Office	211	68	14	293
	Newry Court Office	535	195	24	754
	Division total	973	372	44	1389
Ards	Newtownards Court Office	369	109	10	488
	Downpatrick Court Office	301	57	11	369
	Bangor Court Office	367	103	23	493
	Division total	1037	269	44	1350
Craigavon	Craigavon Court Office	454	150	5	609
	Lisburn Court Office	336	199	12	547
	Division total	790	349	17	1156

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

	PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
Northern Ireland	8475	3215	303	11993

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

		PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
<b>Belfast</b>	Laganside Courts	2458	980	71	3509
	Division total	2458	980	71	3509
<b>Londonderry</b>	Londonderry Court Office	448	213	7	668
	Limavady Court Office	169	60	7	236
	Magherafelt Court Office	184	47	8	239
	Division total	801	320	22	1143
<b>Antrim</b>	Antrim Court Office	333	102	15	450
	Coleraine Court Office	478	173	13	664
	Ballymena Court Office	306	73	4	383
	Larne Court Office	91	63	12	166
	Division total	1208	411	44	1663
<b>Fermanagh and Tyrone</b>	Omagh Court Office	411	82	9	502
	Strabane Court Office	173	47	11	231
	Enniskillen Court Office	243	75	8	326
	Dungannon Court Office	516	170	37	723
	Division total	1343	374	65	1782
<b>Armagh and South Down</b>	Armagh Court Office	240	112	6	358
	Banbridge Court Office	203	66	13	282
	Newry Court Office	547	197	27	771
	Division total	990	375	46	1411
<b>Ards</b>	Newtownards Court Office	397	99	14	510
	Downpatrick Court Office	340	68	9	417
	Bangor Court Office	331	100	23	454
	Division total	1068	267	46	1381
<b>Craigavon</b>	Craigavon Court Office	451	153	5	609
	Lisburn Court Office	344	189	11	544
	Division total	795	342	16	1153

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

	PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	8663	3069	310	12042

**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)
<b>Belfast</b>	Laganside Courts	6.78	6.93	.66	7.60
	<b>Total</b>	6.78	6.93	.66	7.60
<b>Londonderry</b>	Londonderry Court Office	10.35	5.66	.70	6.36
	Limavady Court Office	8.32	5.35	1.12	6.46
	Magherafelt Court Office	10.45	5.22	.82	6.04
	<b>Total</b>	9.94	5.50	.81	6.31
<b>Antrim</b>	Antrim Court Office	7.93	4.81	.33	5.14
	Coleraine Court Office	8.93	15.78	1.82	17.60
	Ballymena Court Office	7.44	8.48	1.40	9.88
	Larne Court Office	10.58	5.88	.28	6.16
	<b>Total</b>	8.49	10.10	1.16	11.27
<b>Fermanagh and Tyrone</b>	Omagh Court Office	8.12	4.89	.70	5.60
	Strabane Court Office	7.96	4.11	.52	4.63
	Enniskillen Court Office	7.30	4.47	.62	5.09
	Dungannon Court Office	7.19	6.62	1.00	7.62
	<b>Total</b>	7.57	5.42	.79	6.21
<b>Armagh and South Down</b>	Armagh Court Office	12.46	5.20	.53	5.73
	Banbridge Court Office	7.02	3.98	.32	4.30
	Newry Court Office	7.98	5.76	.53	6.29
	<b>Total</b>	8.90	5.25	.49	5.74
<b>Ards</b>	Newtownards Court Office	8.71	5.87	.87	6.73
	Downpatrick Court Office	8.12	11.17	1.44	12.61
	Bangor Court Office	14.88	4.90	.78	5.68
	<b>Total</b>	10.50	7.20	1.02	8.22
<b>Craigavon</b>	Craigavon Court Office	9.03	4.08	.74	4.82
	Lisburn Court Office	7.97	7.32	1.00	8.32
	<b>Total</b>	8.54	5.59	.86	6.46

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)
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	8.27	6.71	.80	7.51

Bench warrants, adjourned generally and deferred sentences excluded

**Table 2.4: Performance against target in the adult magistrates' courts by division & venue**

		Corporate plan target adult	
		On target	Over target
<b>Belfast</b>	Laganside Courts	75%	25%
	<b>Total</b>	75%	25%
<b>Londonderry</b>	Londonderry Court Office	82%	18%
	Limavady Court Office	79%	21%
	Magherafelt Court Office	81%	19%
	<b>Total</b>	81%	19%
<b>Antrim</b>	Antrim Court Office	82%	18%
	Coleraine Court Office	59%	41%
	Ballymena Court Office	69%	31%
	Larne Court Office	74%	26%
	<b>Total</b>	69%	31%
<b>Fermanagh and Tyrone</b>	Omagh Court Office	85%	15%
	Strabane Court Office	84%	16%
	Enniskillen Court Office	85%	15%
	Dungannon Court Office	76%	24%
	<b>Total</b>	81%	19%
<b>Armagh and South Down</b>	Armagh Court Office	84%	16%
	Banbridge Court Office	87%	13%
	Newry Court Office	78%	22%
	<b>Total</b>	81%	19%
<b>Ards</b>	Newtownards Court Office	75%	25%
	Downpatrick Court Office	62%	38%
	Bangor Court Office	79%	21%
	<b>Total</b>	72%	28%
<b>Craigavon</b>	Craigavon Court Office	84%	16%
	Lisburn Court Office	73%	27%
	<b>Total</b>	79%	21%

Bench warrants, adjourned generally and deferred sentences excluded.  
Corporate target: first hearing to disposal (9 weeks)

**Table 2.4: Performance against target in the adult magistrates' courts in Northern Ireland**

	Corporate plan target adult	
	On target	Over target
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	77%	23%

Bench warrants, adjourned generally and deferred sentences excluded.  
Corporate target: first hearing to disposal (9 weeks)

**Table 2.5: 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	809			809
All Sexual Offences	175			175
All Burglary Offences	101			101
All Robbery Offences	16			16
All Theft Offences	439			439
All Fraud and Forgery Offences	76	72		148
All Criminal Damage Offences	207			207
All Offences Against the State	9			9
All Other Offences	642	61		703
All Drug Offences	283			283
All Motoring Offences	3955	218		4173
All Non-Police Offences	55	2529	310	2894
All Breach	165	144		309
Combination of charges	1731	45		1776
<b>Total</b>	<b>8663</b>	<b>3069</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>12042</b>

**Table 2.6: Outcome of adult defendants disposed of by business area**

	PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
Committed to the Crown Court	369			369
Plea of guilty on all charges	3706	813		4519
All charges withdrawn	1686	809	15	2510
Fixed penalty default			295	295
Plea not guilty - found guilty on at least one charge	2562	1322		3884
Plea not guilty - acquitted on all charges	340	125		465
<b>Total</b>	<b>8663</b>	<b>3069</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>12042</b>

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

		PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
Belfast	Laganside Courts	173	11		184
	Division total	173	11		184
Londonderry	Londonderry Court Office	69	4		73
	Limavady Court Office	4			4
	Magherafelt Court Office	16			16
	Division total	89	4		93
Antrim	Antrim Court Office	16			16
	Coleraine Court Office	47			47
	Ballymena Court Office	24	2		26
	Larne Court Office	6			6
	Division total	93	2		95
Fermanagh and Tyrone	Omagh Court Office	24			24
	Strabane Court Office	13			13
	Enniskillen Court Office	15	1		16
	Dungannon Court Office	33			33
	Division total	85	1		86
Armagh and South Down	Armagh Court Office	13			13
	Banbridge Court Office	5			5
	Newry Court Office	28	2	2	32
	Division total	46	2	2	50
Ards	Newtownards Court Office	30	1		31
	Downpatrick Court Office	26			26
	Bangor Court Office	31	1		32
	Division total	87	2		89
Craigavon	Craigavon Court Office	44	2		46
	Lisburn Court Office	31	3		34
	Division total	75	5		80

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

	PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
Northern Ireland	648	27	2	677

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

		PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
Belfast	Laganside Courts	193	10		203
	Division total	193	10		203
Londonderry	Londonderry Court Office	41	2		43
	Limavady Court Office	5			5
	Magherafelt Court Office	11			11
	Division total	57	2		59
Antrim	Antrim Court Office	6			6
	Coleraine Court Office	32	1		33
	Ballymena Court Office	29	1		30
	Larne Court Office	10			10
	Division total	77	2		79
Fermanagh and Tyrone	Omagh Court Office	22	1		23
	Strabane Court Office	16			16
	Enniskillen Court Office	21	1		22
	Dungannon Court Office	47			47
	Division total	106	2		108
Armagh and South Down	Armagh Court Office	13			13
	Banbridge Court Office	5			5
	Newry Court Office	32	3	2	37
	Division total	50	3	2	55
Ards	Newtownards Court Office	38	1		39
	Downpatrick Court Office	38			38
	Bangor Court Office	38	1		39
	Division total	114	2		116
Craigavon	Craigavon Court Office	39	2		41
	Lisburn Court Office	36	4		40
	Division total	75	6		81

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

	PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
Northern Ireland	672	27	2	701

**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)
<b>Belfast</b>	Laganside Courts	5.59	9.80	4.71
	<b>Total</b>	5.59	9.80	4.71
<b>Londonderry</b>	Londonderry Court Office	6.22	5.81	5.68
	Limavady Court Office	7.26	1.20	4.60
	Magherafelt Court Office	10.23	1.96	5.88
	<b>Total</b>	6.92	4.79	5.60
<b>Antrim</b>	Antrim Court Office	5.14	4.50	.00
	Coleraine Court Office	8.48	31.54	2.93
	Ballymena Court Office	5.28	10.43	4.14
	Larne Court Office	5.57	16.96	2.79
	<b>Total</b>	6.19	16.99	3.41
<b>Fermanagh and Tyrone</b>	Omagh Court Office	6.08	8.61	.86
	Strabane Court Office	7.32	6.72	4.21
	Enniskillen Court Office	9.03	7.17	1.46
	Dungannon Court Office	6.45	10.66	4.09
	<b>Total</b>	7.07	8.87	2.87
<b>Armagh and South Down</b>	Armagh Court Office	6.40	4.38	1.44
	Banbridge Court Office	3.79	7.50	8.57
	Newry Court Office	5.96	6.97	1.99
	<b>Total</b>	5.86	6.53	2.44
<b>Ards</b>	Newtownards Court Office	6.97	9.60	3.96
	Downpatrick Court Office	6.51	17.70	5.16
	Bangor Court Office	8.23	12.89	6.16
	<b>Total</b>	7.27	13.15	5.08
<b>Craigavon</b>	Craigavon Court Office	6.46	9.34	2.67
	Lisburn Court Office	7.41	14.90	3.38
	<b>Total</b>	6.86	11.71	2.97

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)
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	6.50	10.26	4.00

Bench warrants, adjourned generally and deferred sentences excluded

**Table 3.4: Performance against target in the youth magistrates' courts by division & venue**

		Corporate plan target youth	
		On target	Over target
Belfast	Laganside Courts	74%	26%
	Total	74%	26%
Londonderry	Londonderry Court Office	83%	18%
	Limavady Court Office	100%	
	Magherafelt Court Office	100%	
	Total	87%	13%
Antrim	Antrim Court Office	100%	
	Coleraine Court Office	23%	77%
	Ballymena Court Office	64%	36%
	Larne Court Office	50%	50%
	Total	52%	48%
Fermanagh and Tyrone	Omagh Court Office	70%	30%
	Strabane Court Office	87%	13%
	Enniskillen Court Office	76%	24%
	Dungannon Court Office	66%	34%
	Total	72%	28%
Armagh and South Down	Armagh Court Office	89%	11%
	Banbridge Court Office	50%	50%
	Newry Court Office	80%	20%
	Total	79%	21%
Ards	Newtownards Court Office	61%	39%
	Downpatrick Court Office	42%	58%
	Bangor Court Office	63%	37%
	Total	56%	44%
Craigavon	Craigavon Court Office	77%	23%
	Lisburn Court Office	62%	38%
	Total	70%	30%

Bench warrants, adjourned generally and deferred sentences excluded.  
Corporate target: first hearing to finding (12 weeks)

**Table 3.4: Performance against target in the youth magistrates' courts in Northern Ireland**

	Corporate plan target youth	
	On target	Over target
Northern Ireland	70%	30%

Bench warrants, adjourned generally and deferred sentences excluded.  
Corporate target: first hearing to finding (12 weeks)

**Table 3.5: Number and type of charges brought for youth defendants disposed of by business area**

	PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
All Offences Against the Person	113			113
All Sexual Offences	7			7
All Burglary Offences	23			23
All Robbery Offences	7			7
All Theft Offences	69			69
All Fraud and Forgery Offences	2			2
All Criminal Damage Offences	87			87
All Other Offences	73			73
All Drug Offences	12			12
All Motoring Offences	90			90
All Non-Police Offences		12	2	14
All Breach	4	15		19
Combination of charges	185			185
<b>Total</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>701</b>

**Table 3.6: Outcome of youth defendants disposed of by business area**

	PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
Committed to the Crown Court	17			17
Plea of guilty on all charges	254	9		263
All charges withdrawn	217	11		228
Fixed penalty default			2	2
Plea not guilty - found guilty on at least one charge	142	1		143
Plea not guilty - acquitted on all charges	42	6		48
<b>Total</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>701</b>

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

		Current Business Area		Total
		Domestic Proceedings	Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Magistrates Court)	
Belfast	Laganside Courts	37	500	537
	Division total	37	500	537
Londonderry	Londonderry Court Office	20	176	196
	Limavady Court Office		37	37
	Magherafelt Court Office	6	11	17
	Division total	26	224	250
Antrim	Antrim Court Office	9	30	39
	Coleraine Court Office	21	77	98
	Ballymena Court Office	7	67	74
	Larne Court Office	6	42	48
	Division total	43	216	259
Fermanagh and Tyrone	Omagh Court Office	1	70	71
	Strabane Court Office	2	20	22
	Enniskillen Court Office	7	39	46
	Dungannon Court Office	12	42	54
	Division total	22	171	193
Armagh and South Down	Armagh Court Office	7	21	28
	Banbridge Court Office	2	5	7
	Newry Court Office	19	106	125
	Division total	28	132	160
Ards	Newtownards Court Office	23	107	130
	Downpatrick Court Office	4	52	56
	Bangor Court Office	12	44	56
	Division total	39	203	242
Craigavon	Craigavon Court Office	18	121	139
	Lisburn Court Office	17	72	89
	Division total	35	193	228

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

	Current Business Area		Total
	Domestic Proceedings	Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Magistrates Court)	
Northern Ireland	230	1639	1869

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

		Current Business Area		Total
		Domestic Proceedings	Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Magistrates Court)	
Belfast	Laganside Courts	39	317	356
	Division total	39	317	356
Londonderry	Londonderry Court Office	19	120	139
	Limavady Court Office	1	27	28
	Magherafelt Court Office	6	6	12
	Division total	26	153	179
Antrim	Antrim Court Office	7	26	33
	Coleraine Court Office	22	67	89
	Ballymena Court Office	13	59	72
	Larne Court Office	3	27	30
	Division total	45	179	224
Fermanagh and Tyrone	Omagh Court Office	7	38	45
	Strabane Court Office	3	13	16
	Enniskillen Court Office	8	16	24
	Dungannon Court Office	8	39	47
	Division total	26	106	132
Armagh and South Down	Armagh Court Office	6	17	23
	Banbridge Court Office	2	8	10
	Newry Court Office	21	95	116
	Division total	29	120	149
Ards	Newtownards Court Office	22	43	65
	Downpatrick Court Office	12	37	49
	Bangor Court Office	12	42	54
	Division total	46	122	168
Craigavon	Craigavon Court Office	18	40	58
	Lisburn Court Office	12	47	59
	Division total	30	87	117

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

	Current Business Area		Total
	Domestic Proceedings	Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Magistrates Court)	
Northern Ireland	241	1084	1325

**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)
<b>Belfast</b>	Laganside Courts	1.68	6.41
	<b>Total</b>	1.68	6.41
<b>Londonderry</b>	Londonderry Court Office	1.19	3.45
	Limavady Court Office	1.37	1.53
	Magherafelt Court Office	3.04	4.42
	<b>Total</b>	1.34	3.22
<b>Antrim</b>	Antrim Court Office	2.15	5.90
	Coleraine Court Office	1.34	6.33
	Ballymena Court Office	1.58	5.22
	Larne Court Office	1.42	3.10
	<b>Total</b>	1.55	5.48
<b>Fermanagh and Tyrone</b>	Omagh Court Office	1.38	2.53
	Strabane Court Office	2.13	2.18
	Enniskillen Court Office	2.24	9.30
	Dungannon Court Office	1.68	2.05
	<b>Total</b>	1.73	3.54
<b>Armagh and South Down</b>	Armagh Court Office	2.39	10.37
	Banbridge Court Office	3.31	3.00
	Newry Court Office	1.60	4.58
	<b>Total</b>	1.84	5.37
<b>Ards</b>	Newtownards Court Office	2.16	4.52
	Downpatrick Court Office	3.37	13.06
	Bangor Court Office	1.68	2.53
	<b>Total</b>	2.36	6.39
<b>Craigavon</b>	Craigavon Court Office	2.17	6.47
	Lisburn Court Office	1.17	11.01
	<b>Total</b>	1.66	8.76

**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)
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	1.72	5.62