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1. Background and Coverage

This publication sets out the additional funding invested in the courts system since Autumn 2019 to tackle backlogs, upgrade technology, modernise the estate and to support victims of crime. It covers financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22.

2. Main Body

Funding allocated in 2020-21 includes £117m allocated through the Spending Round in 2019 to meet the downstream impact of hiring 20,000 additional police officers¹, and further funding in-year (£255m) to ensure the courts could continue to operate safely through the pandemic, to tackle backlogs² in the system and to modernise the estate³.

Funding in 2021-22 includes £318m allocated at the 2020 Spending Review⁴ to meet further new demand from the hiring of 20,000 additional police officers and to support the court system's recovery, as well as to support victims of crime. It also includes funding for the CPS and Law Officer Departments (£26m) and MHCLG to support victims of crime (£98m).

In addition, over the last two years £308m⁵ has been allocated as part of the £1bn Court Reform programme which is modernising court processes and making the system more efficient.

A full breakdown of funding allocations is presented in Table 1.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/spending-round-2019-document/spending-round-2019>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nine-more-nightingale-courtrooms-to-be-delivered>

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-plan-for-jobs-documents/a-plan-for-jobs-2020>

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/spending-review-2020-documents/spending-review-2020>

⁵ <https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/6434/documents/70272/default/>

Table 1: Additional funding allocated to the court system in 2020-21 and 2021-22 (£m)

| Measure | 2020-21 | Allocated at |
|--|----------------|--|
| CPS funding uplift for impact of 20,000 additional police officers | 80 | Spending Round 2019 |
| MoJ funding uplift for impact of 20,000 additional police officers | 37 | Spending Round 2019 |
| HMCTS Covid court recovery (TDEL) | 113 | Autumn 2020 (in-year funding awarded at Supplementary Estimates) |
| SEU – court sustainability (CDEL) | 40 | Summer Economic Update 2020 |
| SEU – Estates and tech (CDEL) | 102 | Summer Economic Update 2020 |
| HMCTS Reform TDEL | 155 | Supplementary Estimates 2021 |
| Total 2020-21 | 527 | |
| | | |
| Measure | 2021-22 | |
| MoJ funding uplift for demand from the 20,000 additional police officers | 82 | Spending Review 2020 |
| Covid recovery in Civil, Family and Tribunals | 76 | Spending Review 2020 |
| Covid recovery in Criminal Justice System | 80 | Spending Review 2020 |
| Covid safety measures in courts | 40 | Spending Review 2020 |
| Funding to support victims of crime | 40 | Spending Review 2020 |
| HMCTS Reform TDEL | 153 | Main Estimates 2021 |
| CPS and Law Officer Departments funding uplift | 26 | Spending Review 2020 |
| MHCLG victims funding uplift | 98 | Spending Review 2020 |
| Total 2021-22 | 595 | |
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| Total for both 2020-21 and 2021-22 | 1,122 | |

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