

# **Licence recalls and returns to custody to 30 June 2009 England and Wales**

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## Introduction

Information on licence recalls and returns to custody for offenders recalled up to 31 March 2009 was published as part of a Written Ministerial Statement from the Justice Secretary and Home Secretary on 6 July 2009. In our consultation on offender management statistics at end August, we announced that we would publish updated licence recalls and returns to custody figures at end October 2009 and end January 2010 before integrating these figures into a new offender management quarterly release.

The figures in this statistics bulletin cover:

- Detailed final information on offenders recalled in the period up to 31 March 2009 and who had not been returned to custody by 16 October 2009;
- Provisional summary information on offenders recalled between 1 April 2009 and 30 June 2009 who had not been returned to custody by 16 October 2009;
- Performance against the licence recall target to return 75% of emergency recalls to custody within 74 hours and 75% of standard recalls within 144 hours.

## Summary

In 2008/09 a total of 13,467 offenders had their licence revoked and were recalled. The target across all agencies involved in the process is for 75% of these offenders to be returned to custody in 74 hours for emergency recalls and 144 hours for standard recalls. In 2008/09, 67% (8,968) were returned within these timescales. A further 4,321 were returned to custody (or had died, or been deported) by 16 October 2009 meaning that of those recalled in 2008/09 only 178 had not been returned to custody by 16 October 2009.

Data for those recalled in 2008/09 data has undergone an annual audit while data on those recalled from 1 April 2009 to 30 June 2009 is still provisional. In total, provisional data shows that of those offenders who had been recalled between 1 January 1984 and 30 June 2009, 750 had not been returned to custody by 16 October 2009.

**Table 1: Offender recalls and returns to custody**

England and Wales						
Year of recall	Number of offenders					
	Recalled	Returned to custody within target timescales <sup>1,4</sup>	Returned to custody but outside target timescales <sup>1,4</sup>	Returned to custody by 16 October 2009 <sup>2,3,5</sup>	Not returned to custody by 16 October 2009 <sup>2,3,5</sup>	
1984 to 1998	c10,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	14	
Jan 1999 - Mar 2004	29,214	n/a	n/a	29,096	118	
2004/05	11,171	n/a	n/a	11,139	32	
2005/06	11,450	n/a	n/a	11,370	80	
2006/07	13,411	n/a	n/a	13,330	81	
2007/08	13,252	7,945	5,173	13,118	134	
2008/09	13,467	8,968	4,321	13,289	178	
<b>Total to 31 March 2009</b>	<b>91,965</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>91,342</b>	<b>637<sup>6</sup></b>	
April 2009 - June 2009 (p)	3,743 (p)	2,712 (p)	918 (p)	3,630 (p)	113 (p)	
<b>Total to 30 June 2009 (p)</b>	<b>95,708 (p)</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>94,972 (p)</b>	<b>750<sup>6(p)</sup></b>	

1 - the licence recall target was introduced in April 2007 and is for 75% of emergency recalls to be returned to custody within 74 hours and 75% of standard recalls within 144 hours (see table 4 for detailed breakdown) Since April 2009, LCJBs have had the

2 - data on those recalled up to and including 31 March 2009 and returned to custody by 16 October 2009 has undergone a reconciliation across local and national intelligence databases - see Explanatory Notes

3 - data from 1 April 2009 to 30 June 2009 is provisional as it has not undergone this reconciliation and the number not returned to custody will be an overestimate

4 - the licence recall target is not affected by this reconciliation

5 - the number returned to custody includes those who are confirmed dead or were deported by the UK Borders Agency

6 - total includes the 14 offenders recalled from 1984 to 1998 and not returned to custody by 16 October 2009

(p) - provisional

## Offenders recalled in the period up to and including 31 March 2009 and who were not returned to custody by 16 October 2009

### Offence

The final data for those who were recalled up to and including 31 March 2009 shows that 637 had not been returned to custody by 16 October 2009. Of these, 91 had originally been serving a prison sentence for violence against the person offences and a further 25 for sexual offences. Table 2 gives a full breakdown by offence type.

**Table 2: Number of offenders recalled in the period up to and including 31 March 2009 and not returned to custody by 16 October 2009, by offence<sup>1</sup>**

<b>All offences</b>	<b>637</b>
Violence against the Person	91
<i>ABH</i>	15
<i>Affray</i>	6
<i>Assault Police</i>	2
<i>Attempted Murder</i>	2
<i>Conspiracy to Murder</i>	1
<i>False Imprisonment</i>	2
<i>GBH/Wounding</i>	31
<i>Intimidating Witness</i>	1
<i>Kidnap</i>	3
<i>Manslaughter</i>	2
<i>Murder</i>	16
<i>Possession of firearms with intent</i>	5
<i>Threatening behaviour</i>	2
<i>Violent disorder</i>	3
Sexual Offences	25
<i>Gross Indecency with Child/Sexual assault on child</i>	6
<i>Indecent Assault</i>	9
<i>Rape/Attempted Rape</i>	9
<i>Unlawful Sexual Intercourse</i>	1
Robbery	75
Burglary	70
Theft and Handling	62
Fraud and Forgery	84
Drug Offences	124
Motoring Offences	23
Other offences	83

<sup>1</sup> - this is the offence for which the original prison sentence was being served

## Local area information

Table 3 shows information on the local criminal justice areas in which these cases are being managed.

**Table 3: Number of offenders recalled in the period up to and including 31 March 2009 and not returned to custody by 16 October 2009, by local criminal justice area**

All areas	637
Avon & Somerset	11
Bedfordshire	9
Cambridgeshire	10
Cheshire	6
Cleveland/Teesside	1
Cumbria	0
Derbyshire	5
Devon & Cornwall	5
Dorset	12
Durham	0
Dyfed Powys	0
Essex	20
Gloucester	4
Greater Manchester	25
Gwent	5
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	10
Hertfordshire	12
Humberside	3
Kent	13
Lancashire	13
Leicestershire	9
Lincolnshire	6
London	238
Merseyside	17
Norfolk	8
North Wales	5
North Yorkshire	2
Northamptonshire	5
Northumbria	3
Nottinghamshire	8
South Wales	12
South Yorkshire	11
Staffordshire	2
Suffolk	4
Surrey	6
Sussex	21
Thames Valley	28
Warwickshire	5
West Mercia	3
West Midlands	68
West Yorkshire	11
Wiltshire	1

## Licence recall performance target information

The licence recall target is for 75% of emergency recalls to be returned to custody within 74 hours and 75% of standard recalls to be returned to custody within 144 hours.

Table 4 shows the performance against this target for each quarter in 2008/09 and for the first quarter of 2009/10. Although performance remains below the target level, it has improved throughout the period. Against this target 72% of cases were returned within target timescales in April to June 2009 compared with 60% in the same period a year previously.

**Table 4: Performance against licence recall targets**

	Apr08 - Jun08	Jul08 - Sep08	Oct08 - Dec08	Jan09 - Mar09	Apr09 - Jun09
Standard recalls	2,533	2,709	2,832	2,776	3,088
<i>of which</i>					
Returned to custody within target	1,505	1,789	1,956	1,994	2,253
Not returned to custody within target	1,028	920	876	782	835
Percentage of Standard recalls returned to custody within target	59%	66%	69%	72%	73%
Emergency recalls	726	710	632	549	655
<i>of which</i>					
Returned to custody within target	436	459	438	391	459
Not returned to custody within target	290	251	194	158	196
Percentage of Emergency recalls returned to custody within target	60%	65%	69%	71%	70%
Total recalls	3,259	3,419	3,464	3,325	3,743
<i>of which</i>					
Returned to custody within target	1,941	2,248	2,394	2,385	2,712
Not returned to custody within target	1,318	1,171	1,070	940	1,031
<b>Overall End to End performance <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>72%</b>

<sup>1</sup> - overall end to end performance is the percentage of all recalls returned to custody within target (144 hours for standard and 74 hours for emergency recalls)

## Performance by agency

Within this end-to-end target, there are individual agency targets as well. These cover the Probation Service, the NOMS Public Protection Casework Section (PPCS) and the Police. Within the recall process, the Probation Service assess the risk offenders pose and complete the necessary paperwork to start the process of recall. The PPCS formally issue the revocation and recall notice on behalf of the Secretary of State. The police then have to find, arrest and return these offenders to custody. The police have a target of returning offenders subject to emergency recalls to custody within 48 hours and offenders subject to standard recalls within 4 days.

Data for the period April to June 2009 show that the Probation Service in England and Wales hit their target timescales in 94% of cases; the PPCS hit their target timescales in 96% of cases and the police in 70% of cases. Table 5 summarises this information for each quarter in 2008/09 and for the first quarter of 2009/10.

**Table 5: Performance against licence recall target, by agency**

	Apr - Jun 08	Jul 08 - Sep 08	Oct - Dec 08	Jan - Mar 09	Apr - Jun 09
Total recalls	3,259	3,419	3,464	3,325	3,743
Probation Service					
Number in target	2,755	2,952	3,021	3,060	3,534
Percentage in target	85%	86%	87%	92%	94%
NOMS PPCS					
Number in target	2,932	3,105	3,327	3,190	3,593
Percentage in target	90%	91%	96%	96%	96%
Police					
Number in target	1,918	2,186	2,299	2,293	2,611
Percentage in target	59%	64%	66%	69%	70%

## Performance by area

Performance against the agency targets is monitored by local criminal justice area. Table 6 below presents these detailed performance levels for each quarter in 2008/09 and for the first quarter of 2009/10.

**Table 6: Performance against licence recall target, by agency, by local criminal justice area**

	Total recalls	Probation Service		NOMS PPCS		Police	
		Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target
<b>England &amp; Wales</b>	<b>3,259</b>	<b>2,755</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>2,932</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>1,918</b>	<b>59%</b>
Avon & Somerset	60	55	92%	57	95%	29	48%
Bedfordshire	36	34	94%	33	92%	18	50%
Cambridgeshire	28	26	93%	24	86%	14	50%
Cheshire	34	34	100%	29	85%	25	74%
Cleveland/Teesside	53	52	98%	48	91%	42	79%
Cumbria	40	38	95%	37	93%	36	90%
Derbyshire	58	55	95%	55	95%	48	83%
Devon & Cornwall	53	43	81%	48	91%	32	60%
Dorset	38	33	87%	33	87%	15	39%
Durham & Darlington	21	21	100%	16	76%	13	62%
Dyfed Powys	13	12	92%	13	100%	9	69%
Essex	53	45	85%	50	94%	29	55%
Gloucestershire	35	29	83%	30	86%	21	60%
Greater Manchester	233	216	93%	205	88%	129	55%
Gwent	33	32	97%	29	88%	19	58%
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	77	69	90%	69	90%	37	48%
Hertfordshire	30	25	83%	27	90%	15	50%
Humber-side	85	83	98%	75	88%	58	68%
Kent	62	57	92%	53	85%	35	56%
Lancashire	108	104	96%	91	84%	83	77%
Leicestershire	68	59	87%	65	96%	38	56%
Lincolnshire	36	36	100%	34	94%	18	50%
London	534	301	56%	469	88%	310	58%
Merseyside	116	98	84%	102	88%	68	59%
Norfolk	31	30	97%	29	94%	19	61%
North Wales	28	23	82%	27	96%	14	50%
North Yorkshire	36	33	92%	32	89%	25	69%
Northamptonshire	44	39	89%	43	98%	18	41%
Northumbria	74	68	92%	68	92%	48	65%
Nottinghamshire	108	97	90%	102	94%	54	50%
South Wales	108	94	87%	97	90%	58	54%
South Yorkshire	119	101	85%	107	90%	65	55%
Staffordshire	80	71	89%	74	93%	54	68%
Suffolk	34	33	97%	28	82%	26	76%
Surrey	18	17	94%	17	94%	14	78%
Sussex	57	51	89%	51	89%	31	54%
Thames Valley	97	85	88%	95	98%	51	53%
Warwickshire	28	24	86%	27	96%	17	61%
West Mercia	44	39	89%	32	73%	30	68%
West Midlands	260	216	83%	235	90%	144	55%
West Yorkshire	174	162	93%	163	94%	99	57%
Wiltshire	15	15	100%	13	87%	10	67%



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Jul - Sep 2008							
	Total recalls	Probation Service		NOMS PPCS		Police	
		Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target
<b>England &amp; Wales</b>	<b>3,419</b>	<b>2,952</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>3,105</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>2,186</b>	<b>64%</b>
Avon & Somerset	89	76	85%	85	96%	47	53%
Bedfordshire	37	37	100%	36	97%	21	57%
Cambridgeshire	28	24	86%	26	93%	21	75%
Cheshire	43	39	91%	37	86%	31	72%
Cleveland/Teesside	53	51	96%	48	91%	36	68%
Cumbria	30	30	100%	26	87%	22	73%
Derbyshire	65	64	98%	62	95%	40	62%
Devon & Cornwall	55	46	84%	47	85%	40	73%
Dorset	47	44	94%	42	89%	28	60%
Durham & Darlington	24	21	88%	19	79%	22	92%
Dyfed Powys	22	22	100%	20	91%	15	68%
Essex	56	46	82%	48	86%	36	64%
Gloucestershire	37	37	100%	36	97%	22	59%
Greater Manchester	253	240	95%	233	92%	147	58%
Gwent	38	36	95%	33	87%	25	66%
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	97	87	90%	82	85%	56	58%
Hertfordshire	47	44	94%	37	79%	23	49%
Humberside	91	86	95%	74	81%	64	70%
Kent	73	66	90%	65	89%	49	67%
Lancashire	99	93	94%	89	90%	68	69%
Leicestershire	66	59	89%	62	94%	42	64%
Lincolnshire	32	31	97%	31	97%	17	53%
London	529	359	68%	447	84%	327	62%
Merseyside	124	94	76%	120	97%	73	59%
Norfolk	44	33	75%	40	91%	31	70%
North Wales	37	34	92%	34	92%	24	65%
North Yorkshire	26	26	100%	24	92%	20	77%
Northamptonshire	44	34	77%	42	95%	30	68%
Northumbria	117	102	87%	105	90%	88	75%
Nottinghamshire	114	108	95%	108	95%	65	57%
South Wales	103	94	91%	99	96%	58	56%
South Yorkshire	112	103	92%	107	96%	78	70%
Staffordshire	55	52	95%	53	96%	38	69%
Suffolk	26	25	96%	20	77%	21	81%
Surrey	25	24	96%	23	92%	20	80%
Sussex	57	55	96%	56	98%	33	58%
Thames Valley	103	92	89%	97	94%	66	64%
Warwickshire	33	29	88%	29	88%	21	64%
West Mercia	22	18	82%	22	100%	21	95%
West Midlands	269	215	80%	254	94%	173	64%
West Yorkshire	166	146	88%	160	96%	101	61%
Wiltshire	31	30	97%	27	87%	26	84%

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Oct - Dec 2008							
	Total recalls	Probation Service		NOMS PPCS		Police	
		Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target
<b>England &amp; Wales</b>	<b>3,464</b>	<b>3,021</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>3,327</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>66%</b>
Avon & Somerset	88	84	95%	85	97%	57	65%
Bedfordshire	42	42	100%	42	100%	29	69%
Cambridgeshire	39	38	97%	38	97%	29	74%
Cheshire	58	58	100%	52	90%	43	74%
Cleveland/Teesside	55	52	95%	46	84%	42	76%
Cumbria	25	25	100%	25	100%	20	80%
Derbyshire	71	66	93%	64	90%	53	75%
Devon & Cornwall	51	47	92%	47	92%	41	80%
Dorset	46	44	96%	46	100%	34	74%
Durham & Darlington	32	30	94%	31	97%	25	78%
Dyfed Powys	10	10	100%	10	100%	8	80%
Essex	62	60	97%	61	98%	41	66%
Gloucestershire	32	31	97%	31	97%	20	63%
Greater Manchester	287	260	91%	281	98%	167	58%
Gwent	42	41	98%	40	95%	28	67%
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	80	78	98%	79	99%	59	74%
Hertfordshire	30	26	87%	29	97%	21	70%
Humberside	102	92	90%	96	94%	72	71%
Kent	73	67	92%	70	96%	49	67%
Lancashire	96	93	97%	95	99%	69	72%
Leicestershire	63	54	86%	63	100%	49	78%
Lincolnshire	28	28	100%	24	86%	20	71%
London	480	330	69%	444	93%	278	58%
Merseyside	140	127	91%	139	99%	87	62%
Norfolk	49	42	86%	45	92%	36	73%
North Wales	46	36	78%	45	98%	35	76%
North Yorkshire	32	31	97%	28	88%	24	75%
Northamptonshire	40	36	90%	40	100%	28	70%
Northumbria	107	88	82%	102	95%	79	74%
Nottinghamshire	113	101	89%	107	95%	80	71%
South Wales	117	88	75%	116	99%	78	67%
South Yorkshire	130	120	92%	128	98%	93	72%
Staffordshire	66	61	92%	66	100%	49	74%
Suffolk	21	16	76%	21	100%	17	81%
Surrey	23	23	100%	23	100%	18	78%
Sussex	69	65	94%	69	100%	44	64%
Thames Valley	93	82	88%	89	96%	56	60%
Warwickshire	25	24	96%	24	96%	13	52%
West Mercia	36	32	89%	34	94%	29	81%
West Midlands	257	206	80%	245	95%	154	60%
West Yorkshire	195	175	90%	194	99%	117	60%
Wiltshire	13	12	92%	13	100%	8	62%

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Jan - Mar 2009							
	Total recalls	Probation Service		NOMS PPCS		Police	
		Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target
<b>England &amp; Wales</b>	<b>3,325</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>69%</b>
Avon & Somerset	77	75	97%	75	97%	49	64%
Bedfordshire	41	41	100%	40	98%	25	61%
Cambridgeshire	34	33	97%	33	97%	25	74%
Cheshire	52	49	94%	50	96%	41	79%
Cleveland/Teesside	58	56	97%	53	91%	41	71%
Cumbria	25	25	100%	25	100%	21	84%
Derbyshire	64	64	100%	61	95%	49	77%
Devon & Cornwall	53	50	94%	53	100%	38	72%
Dorset	37	37	100%	35	95%	27	73%
Durham & Darlington	25	25	100%	21	84%	21	84%
Dyfed Powys	12	12	100%	12	100%	8	67%
Essex	65	62	95%	64	98%	39	60%
Gloucestershire	34	33	97%	34	100%	26	76%
Greater Manchester	247	237	96%	240	97%	149	60%
Gwent	40	37	93%	40	100%	27	68%
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	77	75	97%	74	96%	55	71%
Hertfordshire	28	26	93%	27	96%	20	71%
Humberside	88	80	91%	84	95%	71	81%
Kent	72	70	97%	70	97%	57	79%
Lancashire	90	88	98%	88	98%	66	73%
Leicestershire	52	51	98%	50	96%	37	71%
Lincolnshire	26	26	100%	24	92%	19	73%
London	500	379	76%	457	91%	339	68%
Merseyside	123	113	92%	121	98%	95	77%
Norfolk	30	28	93%	30	100%	23	77%
North Wales	38	34	89%	38	100%	24	63%
North Yorkshire	36	35	97%	35	97%	31	86%
Northamptonshire	55	49	89%	55	100%	35	64%
Northumbria	102	100	98%	97	95%	82	80%
Nottinghamshire	102	99	97%	96	94%	56	55%
South Wales	131	117	89%	129	98%	81	62%
South Yorkshire	131	125	95%	125	95%	93	71%
Staffordshire	67	65	97%	63	94%	52	78%
Suffolk	26	26	100%	26	100%	19	73%
Surrey	29	27	93%	27	93%	24	83%
Sussex	51	50	98%	49	96%	35	69%
Thames Valley	93	86	92%	89	96%	62	67%
Warwickshire	31	31	100%	29	94%	16	52%
West Mercia	47	38	81%	46	98%	35	74%
West Midlands	234	216	92%	226	97%	157	67%
West Yorkshire	182	170	93%	179	98%	108	59%
Wiltshire	20	20	100%	20	100%	15	75%

Table 6 (contd.)

Apr - Jun 2009							
	Total recalls	Probation Service		NOMS PPCS		Police	
		Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target
<b>England &amp; Wales</b>	<b>3,743</b>	<b>3,534</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>3,593</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>2,611</b>	<b>70%</b>
Avon & Somerset	101	99	98%	98	97%	61	60%
Bedfordshire	50	50	100%	47	94%	32	64%
Cambridgeshire	31	30	97%	27	87%	19	61%
Cheshire	62	60	97%	61	98%	50	81%
Cleveland/Teesside	59	57	97%	55	93%	36	61%
Cumbria	25	24	96%	24	96%	19	76%
Derbyshire	82	80	98%	76	93%	66	80%
Devon & Cornwall	62	62	100%	61	98%	50	81%
Dorset	35	35	100%	35	100%	25	71%
Durham & Darlington	25	24	96%	24	96%	21	84%
Dyfed Powys	22	22	100%	22	100%	12	55%
Essex	45	45	100%	44	98%	34	76%
Gloucestershire	41	38	93%	41	100%	33	80%
Greater Manchester	260	242	93%	255	98%	179	69%
Gwent	33	32	97%	32	97%	16	48%
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	83	82	99%	79	95%	59	71%
Hertfordshire	34	34	100%	33	97%	29	85%
Humberside	103	99	96%	100	97%	83	81%
Kent	94	90	96%	86	91%	69	73%
Lancashire	113	111	98%	109	96%	76	67%
Leicestershire	73	66	90%	70	96%	54	74%
Lincolnshire	33	32	97%	32	97%	28	85%
London	627	570	91%	583	93%	440	70%
Merseyside	120	112	93%	120	100%	90	75%
Norfolk	37	33	89%	35	95%	22	59%
North Wales	41	37	90%	41	100%	23	56%
North Yorkshire	26	25	96%	26	100%	18	69%
Northamptonshire	53	45	85%	53	100%	34	64%
Northumbria	90	89	99%	88	98%	74	82%
Nottinghamshire	126	115	91%	118	94%	68	54%
South Wales	145	137	94%	145	100%	93	64%
South Yorkshire	118	109	92%	114	97%	79	67%
Staffordshire	84	82	98%	83	99%	65	77%
Suffolk	23	22	96%	22	96%	18	78%
Surrey	21	18	86%	19	90%	17	81%
Sussex	69	67	97%	63	91%	39	57%
Thames Valley	112	99	88%	109	97%	76	68%
Warwickshire	39	39	100%	36	92%	26	67%
West Mercia	37	34	92%	36	97%	27	73%
West Midlands	301	286	95%	286	95%	208	69%
West Yorkshire	188	182	97%	185	98%	126	67%
Wiltshire	20	19	95%	20	100%	17	85%

## Explanatory notes

### **Background**

Offenders serving a sentence of twelve months and over are released from prison, in most cases automatically at the half way point of their sentence, under licensed supervision to the Probation Service. They are all subject to a set of standard licence conditions, requiring them to report regularly to the Probation Service, live at an address approved by the Probation Service and to be of good behaviour.

In many cases, they will also be subject to additional licence conditions, which are designed to help the Probation Service to manage the offenders effectively in the community. These licence conditions can place a wide range of restrictions or requirements on the offender, for example, to undertake offending behaviour work, not to enter an exclusion zone, to abide by a curfew or to live in a specific hostel.

A key element of public protection is that offenders released on licence should be effectively supervised in the community and swiftly recalled to custody if their behaviour gives cause for concern. It is explained to offenders at the outset that they may be recalled to custody if they breach any of the conditions of their licence.

There are various reasons why offenders are recalled to custody for breaching their licence conditions. For example, an offender may be recalled if there is any deterioration in behaviour which leads the Probation Service to conclude that there is an increased risk of the offender committing further offences. If an offender is no longer in touch with his Offender Manager or if he has resumed a drug habit or alcohol abuse or has been spotted entering an exclusion zone – all such breaches are likely to lead to the offender being recalled to custody.

### **Data sources**

The final data on those who were recalled up to and including 31 March 2009 was compiled by reconciling data from the Police National Computer (PNC), the Prison Service Inmate Information System (IIS) and the Public Protection Unit Database (PPUD).

The reconciled data was circulated to all police forces and probation areas to cross check against local records. The provisional data on those who were recalled between 1 April 2009 and 30 June 2009 is from the same source but has not undergone the same degree of cross-checking across all systems.

## **Licence recall performance data**

The licence recall performance data is collated by the National Offender Management Service based on returns from the agencies involved and the Local Criminal Justice Boards.

### **Definitions**

**Total number of recalls** – all figures presented in this bulletin include offenders recalled from licence for determinate sentences, indeterminate sentences for public protection (IPPs) and life sentences, and those recalled from Home Detention Curfew. They do not include recalls from End of Custody Licence. Information on End of Custody Licence releases and recalls is already published in line with the Code of Practice for Statistics at [www.justice.gov.uk/publications/endofcustodylicence.htm](http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/endofcustodylicence.htm)

**Returned to custody** – the figures for those returned to custody include people who have died or been deported by the UK Borders Agency as prior to 2007 this information was not collected separately. The information held centrally records whether or not recalled offenders are still wanted for return to custody but for those offenders no longer wanted for return to custody, information is not held on whether the recall was completed by actual return to custody or because the offender died or was deported.

**Not returned to custody** – of the 95,708 total recalls up to 30 June 2009, 750 had not been returned to custody by 16 October 2009. This includes some offenders believed to be dead or living outside of the UK but who have not been confirmed as dead or deported.

**Offence** – table 2 presents a breakdown of all offenders recalled in the period up to and including 31 March 2009 and not returned to custody by 16 October 2009 by offence. This is the offence for which the offender served a prison sentence before being released on licence and subsequently recalled for breaching the conditions of that licence. The figures are presented by standard offence groups, with a further breakdown of violence against the person and sexual offences. Those cases recorded as “other” do not fit into the set categories. These offences include: arson, blackmail, breach of probation orders, criminal damage, drunk and disorderly, escape lawful custody, harassment, libel and possession of weapons.

### **Contact points for further information**

Current and previous editions of this publication are available for download at [www.justice.gov.uk/publications/licence-recalls.htm](http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/licence-recalls.htm). Future reports will be published on a quarterly basis.

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