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Statistical News Release: Football-related arrests and banning orders, England and Wales, 2016 to 2017 season

The Home Office published the latest Official Statistics on football-related arrests and banning orders in England and Wales, 2016 to 2017 season on 23 November 2017.

The release covers data on football banning orders in force as at 7 August 2017. This includes information by competition, club and trends over the last 7 seasons. Also presented in the release are data on football-related arrests made during the 2016 to 2017 season by competition, club, offence type, location and arrest rate per 100,000 attendees. The 2016 to 2017 season ran from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

Football banning orders as at 7 August 2017

- There were 1,929 football banning orders in force, a decrease of 7% (-156) from the number of banning orders as at 1 August 2016.
- There has been a steady decline in the total number of football banning orders in the last 6 seasons, falling by 39% (-1,245) from 3,174 on 29 November 2011.
- The number of new banning orders issued between 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017 was 517, a 5% decrease of 25 banning orders when compared with the previous season.

Football-related arrests during the 2016 to 17 season

- There were 1,638 football-related arrests, a 14% decrease of 257 on the previous season.
- Of the 1,638 football-related arrests, the 3 most common offence types were public disorder (31%), violent disorder (21%) and alcohol offences (16%).
- There were 4.0 football-related arrests per 100,000 attendees¹.

Notes to editors

1. Football-related banning orders and arrests, England and Wales, season 2016 to 2017 is available online at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/football-related-arrests-and-banning-orders-england-and-wales-season-2016-to-2017>

¹ Football-related arrests rate excludes 'other' competitions which include Community Shield, Under-21 internationals, pre-season friendlies.

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