

Home Office Counting Rules (HOCR) for Recorded Crime

Update of HOCR July 2018

General Rules

HOCR Reference	G Location of Crimes (3 of 6)
Change 1	Paragraph added to location of crime rules where the location of the offender cannot be determined. NCRS paper 39-2018 refers.

HOCR Reference	C Removing Crime Records (1 of 3)
Change 2	Homicides added to rapes in relation to offences where cancellations should be authorised by an FCR. Discussed at TWG meeting on 24 May 2018.

Violence Against the Person

HOCR Reference	105A Assault without Injury
Change 3	Principle crime rule for controlling and coercive behaviour brought into line with the rule for harassment and stalking. Where there is a course of conduct amounting to either stalking, harassment or controlling and coercive behaviour the relevant course of conduct crime should be recorded in addition to the most serious additional notifiable crime reported at the same time (per victim-offender relationship). Where there is a course of conduct that involves a combination of harassment, stalking or controlling and coercive behaviour between the same victim and offender then only the most serious offence needs to be recorded. NCRS Paper 34-2018 refers. Relevant examples in the HOCR updated to reflect this change.

HOCR Reference	106 Modern Slavery Classification (1 of 1)
Change 4	Sentence added in the National Referral Mechanism box to clarify the rules in regard to referrals where a report of rape outside the UK is made.

Public Order Offences

HOCR Reference	66 Other offences against the State or public order Classification (4 of 5)
Change 5	Offences under the Specialist Printing Equipment and Materials (Offences) Act 2015 added. Code 68/14. Commenced 26 May 2015.

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Change 6	Offence code 8/32 Breach of Anti-Social Behaviour Order deleted. ASBOs replaced by Criminal Behaviour Orders in 2014. Any breach of an existing ASBO, issued prior to 2015 but still in effect, to be recorded as breach of a CBO.

Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society

HOCR Reference	95 Disclosure, Obstruction, False or Misleading Statements etc. Classification (3 of 3) Counting Rule (1 of 1)
Change 7	Offences under the Common Agricultural Policy (Control and Enforcement, Cross-Compliance, Scrutiny of Transactions and Appeals) Regulations 2014. Code 95/80. Commenced 1 January 2015.

HOCR Reference	99 Other Notifiable Offences Classification / Counting Rule (13 of 25)
Change 8	Offences under the Laser Misuse (Vehicles) Act 2018 added, code 94/17 and 94/18. Commence 10 July 2018.

HOCR Reference	99 Other Notifiable Offences Classification / Counting Rule (16 of 25)
Change 9	Offences under the Marriage Act 1949 moved to code 98/97 from 99/99.

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Change 10	Triable either way offences under the Data Protection Act 2018 added. Code 98/98. Commencement date 24 May 2018.