



Annex B: Serious Further Offences

Introduction

This annex provides management information on the total number of Serious Further Offences (SFOs) as collected from the SFO Review Process. This is an update to the information that was published in the proven reoffending publication published on 26 October 2017 and covered the period 2015/16.

Since 1 December 2008, an SFO review will be triggered when an offender is charged with an offence listed in Schedule 15a to the Criminal Justice Act 2003, alleged to have been committed within the probation supervision period or within 28 working days of the supervision period terminating.

Mandatory SFO reviews are triggered in the following circumstances:

- Any eligible offender who has been charged with one of the most serious SFOs – murder, manslaughter, other offence causing death, rape, assault by penetration or a sexual offence against a child under 13 years (including attempted offences); and,
- Any eligible offender who has been charged with another offence on the SFO list and is or has been assessed as high/very high risk of serious harm during their current supervision period or has not been subject to a risk assessment during that period.

A review may be carried out on a discretionary basis in the following circumstances:

- Any eligible offender who has been charged with an offence, irrespective of whether that offence is a qualifying offence, and Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) and the supervising probation provider have identified public-interest reasons for conducting a review.

Users should refer to the ['2012 Compendium of Reoffending Statistics and Analysis'](#) for further definitions of the terms used in this annex, and for commentary to help interpret these.

Results

Care must be taken when interpreting the figures in 2015/16 and 2016/17, as a number of cases where offenders have been charged with a qualifying SFO have not concluded their course through the judicial system.

The table in this annex provides the numbers of SFO notifications under the Probation SFO Review Process which resulted in a conviction for a serious further offence between 2011/12 and 2016/17. The table reflects the number of offenders who received an SFO notification up to 2016/17 and who were subsequently convicted of an SFO, up to 15 September 2018. Some offenders are eventually convicted of offences lesser than the offences with which they were charged and which triggered the SFO notification.

Table 1: SFO notifications received under the HMPPS SFO Review Process which resulted in a conviction for England and Wales, 2011/12 to 2016/17.

Type of Offence	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 ¹	2016/17 ¹
Murder	67	50	59	43	37	49
Attempted Murder	13	16	15	14	21	14
Manslaughter	15	16	23	12	15	32
Rape /assault by penetration	76	90	80	89	94	108
Arson with Intent to endanger life	8	7	10	9	10	7
Kidnapping /Abduction/False imprisonment	14	16	19	21	7	20
Attempted Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other serious sexual or violent offences ²	60	74	69	65	81	82
All SFO convictions	253	269	275	253	265	312
Offences which did not meet the SFO criteria ³	55	65	71	84	74	114
All Convictions	308	334	346	337	339	426

¹ Provisional figures subject to change as outstanding cases are completed.

² Any other serious violent or sexual offence which carries a maximum custodial penalty of more than 10 years.

³ Offenders who had been charged with an offence which met the SFO criteria, but were convicted of a less serious offence.

Further information

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