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# **Statistical notice and consultation**

## **Criminal Justice Statistics: February 2020**

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## Consultation on offending histories

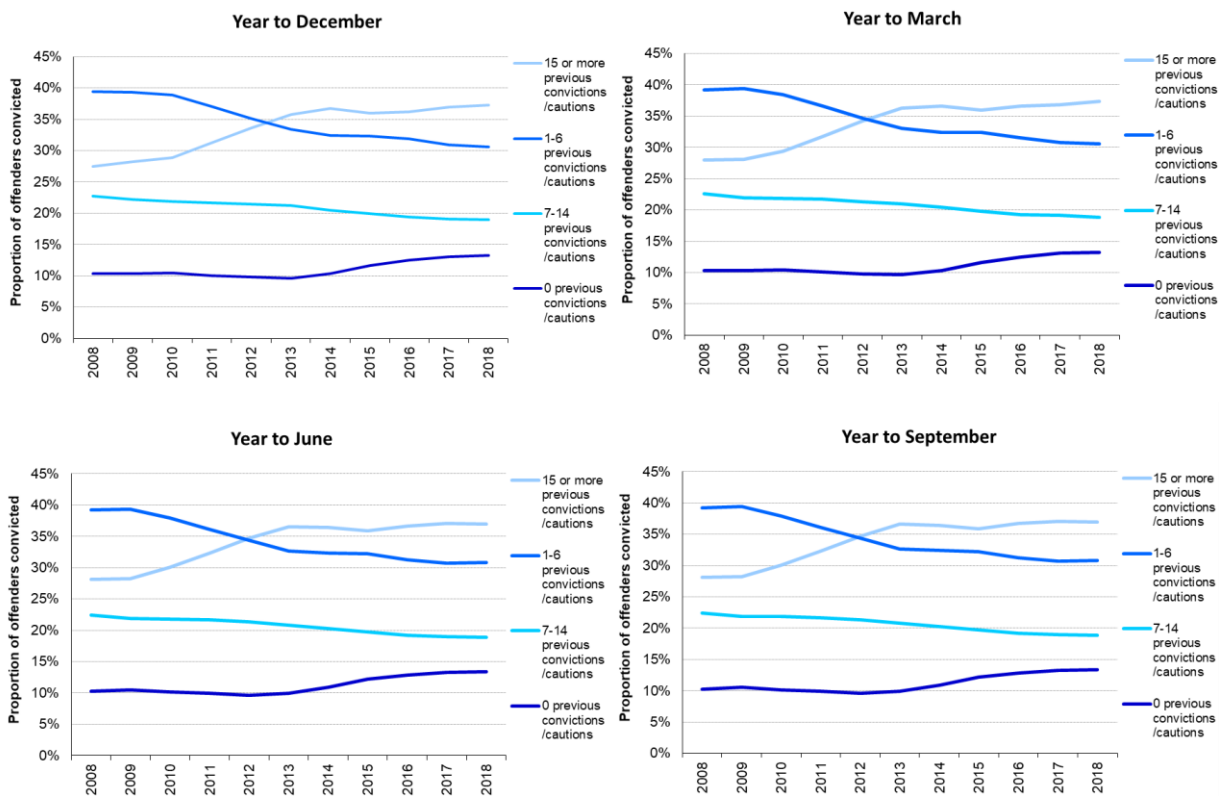
### Offending Histories data

1. The offending histories chapter is published quarterly in the Criminal Justice Statistics, presenting key statistics on offending histories.
2. This note is to consult users on our proposal to **publish the offending histories chapter on an annual basis, rather than the current quarterly updates.**
3. It is proposed that the tables, associated commentary and data tools will be published on 21 May 2020 and annually, in May, from then on. The May publication reports on the previous calendar year.
4. The documents affected by the proposed changes would be:
  - The offending histories chapter in Criminal Justice Statistics
  - The associated overview tables (Q6\_1 to Q6\_6c)
  - The offending histories data tool: previous offence statistics
  - The offending histories data tool
  - The first-time entrants data tool

No other elements of Criminal Justice Statistics than those relating to offending histories would be impacted.

5. This change is proposed as the trends in this series do not change very much on a quarterly basis and there is a lack of user demand for this information on a quarterly basis.

The figures below show that the trends are very similar whichever quarter is used.



6. If you have any comments about this change or other views on the content of the offending histories chapter please email [CJS\\_Statistics@justice.gov.uk](mailto:CJS_Statistics@justice.gov.uk). Please put 'Consultation Response' in the title of any emails. Two questions you may wish to consider are:

- Do you agree with the proposed change in frequency for this element of Criminal Justice Statistics?
- Do you agree that offending histories, if published annually, should form part of the May publication?

7. This consultation will run from 20 February 2020 until 20 March 2020

### Contact details and further information

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