

The Home Office wanted forces to ensure their recording practices reflected the counting rules guidance and CPS charging standards, and needed to gain an indication of how much of the increased recording was attributable to the clarification that the new guidance had provided. To help quantify this impact, the Home Office, with the support of ACPO, wrote to a subset of eighteen forces which had shown a significant increase in their reported *GBH with intent* figures for Q1 2008/09. To enable a direct comparison to be made with data they had supplied in Q1 2007/08, these forces were asked to revisit their *GBH with intent* offences for April to June 2008 applying the local classification procedure they had been using in the same quarter in the previous year. This was a specific exercise and recorded crime in general is part of National Statistics.

The table below provides information on which these forces provided as a result of this exercise.

**Return of data from forces on offences in class 5A:  
Wounding or carrying out an act endangering life  
These '5A offences' make up more than 95% of  
GBH with intent and are the category influenced by  
the clarification**

Police Force Area	2008/09 Quarter 1 5A offences based on interpretation of rules used in the force prior to the clarification issued in April 2008
Bedfordshire	31
Cambridgeshire	55
Cumbria	14
Derbyshire	66
Essex	68
Hertfordshire	49
Kent	106
Lancashire	136
Norfolk	34
North Wales	28
North Yorkshire	37
Suffolk	36
Thames Valley	69
<b>Total of forces that returned the template (13)</b>	<b>729</b>

There were 5 further forces who were approached but did not provide data:  
Metropolitan Police, Cleveland, Staffordshire, Humberside & Nottinghamshire