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Introduction

1. This note is to advise users of the Ministry of Justice's intention to collect and publish new summary statistics on privacy injunctions applied for in the High Court of England and Wales at the Royal Courts of Justice in London.

Summary

2. Specifically, the new statistics will relate to interim and final injunctions sought in civil proceedings which seek to restrain the publication of information and engage section 12 of the Human Rights Act. This will include, but will not be exclusively restricted to, super-injunctions, which are commonly understood to be those injunctions which not only prohibit the disclosure of the protected information but also the fact of the existence of the injunction.
3. The statistics will cover such injunctions where they are applied for in the Queen's Bench Division and the Chancery Division of the High Court, and also any appeals against the granting or refusal of such injunctions in the Court of Appeal.
4. The summary statistical information collected will include: the number of such injunctions which are applied for; the number granted and refused; whether with notice or without notice; and if granted, what derogations from the principle of open justice there were and which derogations were consented to by the parties involved.
5. At the present time, no statistics are collected about these injunctions. Data will start being collected in August 2011, with statistics published for the first time later in the year. A further update will be provided to users on the timescales for the first release of aggregate-level statistics later this year.

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