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# **Estimates of Initial court hearing outcomes of suspects involved in recent disturbances**

Using data available as at midday 31 August 2011



## Background

This note presents analysis of the outcome of the initial court hearings for those involved in offences either directly related to the disturbances or heavily influenced by the disturbances. This is based on management information received from the courts and covers all cases where the courts and prosecutors determine it to be related to the disturbances.

These figures should be treated as provisional and will be revised as more information becomes available.

## Results

**Table 1 – Summary of Suspects brought before the courts for offences relating to the disturbances of 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

### Outcome of initial court hearings

England and Wales

	Sentenced to Custody	Sentenced to non-custody	Remanded on unconditional bail	Remanded on conditional bail	Remanded in custody	Outcome of hearing not recorded	Total
<i>Adult</i>	105	54	34	204	729	35	1161
<i>Juvenile</i>	16	39	6	145	101	13	320
<i>Not known</i>		1	9	45	30		85
<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1566</b>

1,566 suspects have had an initial hearing at a magistrates' court based on the data available at midday on 31<sup>st</sup> August. The majority of these hearings were in London (66 per cent).

For those cases where the age is known, 22 per cent (320) were aged 10-17 and 1,161 were adults. From the information currently available around 91 per cent of defendants are male.

For those cases where the defendant is currently on remand, 66 per cent were remanded in custody. By comparison in 2010, 10 per cent of people brought before magistrates' courts were remanded in custody.

As cases are being progressed we will also be collecting any data which has yet to be received centrally on age and initial outcome of hearing.

### Sentencing – Magistrates' courts

Of those cases where the defendant has been convicted and sentenced, 45 per cent received a custodial sentence, with an average custodial sentence length (ACSL) of 5.0 months. For equivalent offences convicted and sentenced in

2010 the ACSL was 2.5 months and the custody rate was 12.3 per cent. Due to the low volume of cases sentenced in the Crown Court these sentences are not yet being reported in this bulletin.

**Table 2 – Sentencing Comparison for offenders convicted following the August 2011 Public Disturbances, with similar offences<sup>(1)</sup> committed in 2010.**

	For offences committed during the recent disturbances				During 2010			
	Total sentenced	Sentenced to custody	Custody rate (%)	Average custodial sentence length (months)	Total sentenced	Sentenced to custody	Custody rate (%)	Average custodial sentence length
Juvenile (youth courts)	54	11	20.4	8.9	34,796	1,843	5.3	7.3
Adult - Magistrates' court	114	64	56.1	4.4	166,746	22,867	13.7	2.1
All ages - Magistrates courts	168	75	44.6	5.0	201,542	24,710	12.3	2.5

(1) Offences of: Violent disorder, Burglary, Robbery, Theft, Affray, Assault/obstructing a police officer, criminal damage, breach of the peace and possession of offensive weapons

**Table 3 – Area Summaries of Suspects brought before the courts for offences relating to the disturbances of 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2011.**

**London**

	Sentenced to Immediate Custody	Sentenced to non-custody	Remanded on unconditional bail	Remanded on conditional bail	Remanded in custody	Outcome of hearing not recorded	Total
<i>Adult</i>	53	20	18	136	511	29	767
<i>Juvenile</i>	7	11	5	74	73	9	179
<i>Not known</i>		1	9	43	28		81
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1027</b>

**West Midlands**

	Sentenced to Immediate Custody	Sentenced to non-custody	Remanded on unconditional bail	Remanded on conditional bail	Remanded in custody	Outcome of hearing not recorded	Total
<i>Adult</i>	11	4	9	22	54	5	105
<i>Juvenile</i>	3	1		14	8	1	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>132</b>

**Nottingham**

	Sentenced to Immediate Custody	Sentenced to non-custody	Remanded on unconditional bail	Remanded on conditional bail	Remanded in custody	Outcome of hearing not recorded	Total
<i>Adult</i>	1	4	2	9	28		44
<i>Juvenile</i>		2		16	2		20
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>64</b>

**Greater Manchester**

	Sentenced to Immediate Custody	Sentenced to non-custody	Remanded on unconditional bail	Remanded on conditional bail	Remanded in custody	Outcome of hearing not recorded	Total
<i>Adult</i>	36	8		5	89	1	139
<i>Juvenile</i>	6	19		19	5	1	50
<i>Not known</i>					1		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>27</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>190</b>

**Merseyside**

	Sentenced to Immediate Custody	Sentenced to non-custody	Remanded on unconditional bail	Remanded on conditional bail	Remanded in custody	Outcome of hearing not recorded	Total
<i>Adult</i>	2	16	2	9	14		43
<i>Juvenile</i>		2		13	7	2	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>67</b>

**Other**

	Sentenced to Immediate Custody	Sentenced to non-custody	Remanded on unconditional bail	Remanded on conditional bail	Remanded in custody	Outcome of hearing not recorded	Total
<i>Adult</i>	2	2	3	23	33		63
<i>Juvenile</i>		4	1	9	6		20
<i>Not known</i>				2	1		3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>40</b>		<b>86</b>

## **Future publications**

It is intended to release data on this basis on the 6<sup>th</sup> and then the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. A more detailed release will be published on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September containing detailed information on age, gender, offence committed, sentence given, and previous criminal history.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of September I will announce my intentions for future publications on this topic.

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