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### **Introduction**

This Statistical Notice advises users that the statistical report *Time intervals for criminal proceedings in magistrates’ courts June 2011*, which was published on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011, is the last in the series.

### **Statistics on timeliness of criminal cases in the magistrates’ courts**

The report *Time intervals for criminal proceedings in magistrates’ courts* presents statistics on the time taken from offence to completion of criminal cases in the magistrates’ court, sourced from the quarterly Time Intervals Survey.

Due to recent improvements in the data quality, in future these statistics will instead be sourced from data collected through the magistrates’ courts administrative systems. As a result, the statistics will now be based on all criminal proceedings dealt with in court and not a sample as previously.

The first publication of these new statistics will be in the forthcoming edition of *Court Statistics Quarterly* for Q2 (April-June) 2011, which will be published on the Ministry of Justice website on 29 September 2011, followed by detailed court level statistics published in January 2012. The report will also contain an analysis of the differences between the previous survey-sourced statistics and the new administrative data

Summary statistics for subsequent quarters will also be published in *Court Statistics Quarterly* and there will be no further editions of the *Time intervals for criminal proceedings in magistrates’ courts* series.

### **Statistics on the overall timeliness of cases in the criminal courts**

The Q2 2011 edition of *Court Statistics Quarterly* will also contain, for the first time, new statistics on the overall timeliness of proceedings in the criminal courts, with court level statistics published in January 2012. These statistics will provide information on the overall time taken from the date an offence is committed to the final outcome of a defendant’s case, whether this is reached in the either the magistrates’ court or the Crown Court.

*Court Statistics Quarterly* Q2 (April- June) 2011 will be published on the Ministry of Justice website on 29 September 2011 at:

[www.justice.gov.uk/publications/statistics-and-data/courts-and-sentencing/judicial-quarterly.htm](http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/statistics-and-data/courts-and-sentencing/judicial-quarterly.htm)

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