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End of Custody Licence (ECL) releases and recalls

On 22 February 2010, the Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor announced that the ECL scheme would end on 12 March 2010. All prisoners who were eligible for release on ECL on or before 12 March would be released. Prisoners who had, by 22 February, been formally notified, under form ECL3, of release dates under the scheme up to and including 9 April, would also be released. No prisoners would be released on ECL after 9 April 2010.

This is the last monthly report and contains data on releases from 1 March to 9 April 2010, and recalls notified to the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) by 26 April 2010. A set of final tables on the scheme will be published in Offender Management Caseload Statistics in July 2010. This will include any recall notifications that occurred after 26 April.

The total for March and April includes 1,020 prisoners released in March and 17 prisoners released between 1 April and up to and including 9 April.

ECL releases

- During March and April 2010 there were 1,037 releases on ECL, of which 90% were male prisoners and 10% female prisoners.
- 72% of those released were serving sentences of under 12 months. The remaining 28% were serving longer sentences.

ECL recalls

- There were 37 decisions to recall offenders to custody between 1 March and 26 April 2010 (as notified to NOMS by end 26 April 2010). The most common reason for recall was for alleged re-offending which accounted for 19 decisions to recall.
- To date, the large majority (95%) of those recalled following release under ECL have been returned to custody (based on decisions notified to NOMS).

Explanatory notes

ECL exclusions

Any prisoners falling into the following categories are excluded from release on ECL:

- Registered sex offenders, whether or not they are currently serving a sentence for a sexual offence.
- Prisoners serving sentences for serious violence as specified in Prison Service Instruction 42/2007 (which consolidates and replaces PSI 27/2007) http://psi.hmprisonservice.gov.uk/PSI_2007_42_end_of_custody_licence.doc (this includes offences such as murder, manslaughter, wounding with intent to commit Grievous Bodily Harm, possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life, child cruelty and serious explosives offences). With effect from 28 March 2008 prisoners serving a sentence for an offence committed under counter terrorism legislation are excluded from ECL.
- Prisoners who have previously escaped from custody.
- Prisoners who have previously breached temporary release conditions during the current sentence, have offended during a period under temporary release at any time, or prisoners currently serving a sentence for failing to return from temporary release.
- Prisoners who report that they do not have a release address.
- Foreign national prisoners who will be subject to deportation at the end of their sentence.
- Prisoners who are subject to extradition proceedings.
- Sentenced prisoners who have been remanded into custody on further charges or who are awaiting sentence.
- Prisoners who, within the period of their current sentence, had been recalled either from HDC or from normal licence.
- Prisoners under the age of 18.
- Prisoners serving Detention and Training Order (DTO) sentences.
- Prisoners required to undertake a treatment programme as a condition of the normal (end of sentence) supervision licence that could not be arranged during the period of ECL or at a time otherwise agreed by the Offender Manager.

Explanatory notes (contd.)

Data sources and quality

The data presented in this brief are drawn from the prison administrative IT system. Although care is taken when processing and analysing the returns, the detail collected is subject to the inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale recording system. While the figures shown have been checked as far as practicable, they should be regarded as approximate and not necessarily accurate to the last whole number.

Data on releases are extracted around 3 weeks after the end of the previous month, allowing prison staff time to update the prisoners' records. Amendments to records after this time are not published. A comparison between published data and live data indicates a variance of less than 0.5%.

Unless otherwise stated, numbers in the text have been rounded for ease of reading using the following rules:

Numbers of 100,000 and over are rounded to the nearest 1,000

Numbers from 1,000 – 99,999 are rounded to the nearest 100

Numbers from 10 – 999 are rounded to the nearest 10

Numbers under 10 are unrounded.

Data on ECL recalls and the tables show the unrounded data.

Contact points for further information

Current and previous editions of this publication are available for download at www.justice.gov.uk/publications/endofcustodylicence.htm. Future reports will be published on a monthly basis. Spreadsheet files of the tables contained in this document are also available for download from this address.

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**Table 1: ECL releases by offence group, sentence length, age, ethnic group and sex
- March and April 2010 and cumulative totals²**

	Releases in March and April 2010 ²			2010	2009	2008	2007
	Males	Females	Total	1 January - 9 April 2010	1 January - 31 December 2009	1 January - 31 December 2008	29 June - 31 December 2007
Total ECL releases	930	107	1,037	4,692	29,371	31,318	16,197
By offence group							
Violence against the person ¹	198	19	217	997	6,121	6,216	3,000
Sexual offences	0	0	0	0	1	5	4
Robbery	47	4	51	152	815	792	349
Burglary	113	2	115	484	2,727	2,794	1,499
Theft and Handling	176	41	217	914	6,071	7,116	3,682
Fraud and Forgery	16	5	21	104	665	656	291
Drug offences	46	9	55	229	1,405	1,322	691
Motoring offences	94	1	95	465	2,960	3,473	2,032
Other offences	219	25	244	1,231	8,037	8,431	4,362
Offence not recorded	21	1	22	116	569	513	287
By sentence length							
Less than or equal to 6 months	534	71	605	2,882	19,840	22,079	11,448
Greater than 6 months to less than 12 months ³	129	16	145	656	3,454	3,592	1,806
12 months to less than 4 years	267	20	287	1,154	6,074	5,643	2,941
4 years or more	0	0	0	0	3	4	2
By age							
18-20	126	8	134	628	3,817	4,340	2,339
21-24	212	21	233	1,067	6,359	6,557	3,283
25-29	208	24	232	970	6,471	6,949	3,588
30-39	237	34	271	1,264	8,119	8,663	4,462
40-49	118	17	135	596	3,633	3,797	1,989
50-59	23	2	25	128	808	841	454
60 and over	6	1	7	39	164	171	82
By ethnic group							
White	772	95	867	3,920	25,109	26,781	13,850
Mixed	29	3	32	150	726	799	403
Asian or Asian British	66	2	68	264	1,419	1,447	697
Black or Black British	58	6	64	316	1,976	2,135	1,161
Chinese or Other ethnic group	1	0	1	14	79	113	47
Not stated	1	0	1	2	18	34	27
Unrecorded	3	1	4	26	25	6	6
1991 Census ethnic codes	0	0	0	0	19	3	6

1 Excludes serious violent offences such as murder, manslaughter, wounding with intent to commit Grievous Bodily Harm, possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life, child cruelty and serious explosives offences. A full list of exclusions can be found in Prison Service Instruction 42/2007 (which consolidates and replaces PSI 27/2007).

2 The total for March and April includes 1,020 prisoners released in March and 17 prisoners released between 1 April and up to and including 9 April.

Data Sources and Quality

These figures have been drawn from administrative IT systems which, as with any large scale recording system, are subject to possible errors with data entry and processing.

Table 2: ECL releases by discharging establishment - March and April 2010 and cumulative totals ⁴

Establishment	Releases in March and April 2010 ⁴	2010	2009	2008	2007
		1 January - 9 April 2010	1 January - 31 December 2009	1 January - 31 December 2008	29 June - 31 December 2007
Males					
Acklington	0	15	96	122	81
Albany	0	0	0	0	0
Altcourse	48	214	1,578	1,403	350
Ashfield	0	0	1	0	0
Ashwell	0	3	60	111	58
Aylesbury	1	5	25	15	14
Bedford	9	58	472	572	372
Belmarsh	0	5	61	31	41
Birmingham	7	61	631	375	232
Blakenhurst	0	0	0	303	329
Blantyre House	0	0	0	0	0
Blundeston	6	7	42	44	27
Brinsford	2	6	22	56	16
Bristol	11	95	428	502	214
Brixton	12	54	298	122	127
Brockhill	0	0	0	45	69
Buckley Hall	6	20	83	77	31
Bullingdon	4	45	361	364	155
Bullwood Hall	2	14	69	78	25
Bure ³	0	0	0	0	0
Camp Hill	0	0	37	87	20
Canterbury	1	10	62	77	34
Cardiff	7	45	406	398	188
Castington	3	8	69	107	61
Channings Wood	8	33	194	173	81
Chelmsford	11	42	206	104	41
Coldingley	1	3	12	9	1
Cookham Wood	0	0	0	0	14
Dartmoor	10	23	67	58	32
Deerbolt	13	46	289	370	145
Doncaster	38	127	813	828	565
Dorchester	2	15	90	25	34
Dovegate	6	32	42	0	0
Dover	0	0	0	0	0
Durham	1	18	303	453	341
Edmunds Hill	11	41	284	394	206
Erlestoke	1	12	63	78	40
Everthorpe	13	56	308	347	253
Exeter	8	46	495	644	334
Featherstone	0	7	26	26	15
Feltham	0	0	27	32	3
Ford	19	89	483	435	253
Forest Bank	34	175	850	1,009	164
Frankland	0	0	0	0	0
Full Sutton	0	0	0	0	0
Garth	1	1	1	2	1
Gartree	0	0	1	0	0
Glen Parva	17	119	640	730	390
Gloucester	0	18	123	164	116
Grendon/Spring Hill	4	20	141	90	22
Guys Marsh	8	27	169	217	154
Haslar	0	0	0	0	0
Haverigg	14	46	200	361	175
Hewell Grange	0	0	0	68	68
Hewell ¹	24	116	722	376	0
High Down	21	70	407	573	234
Highpoint	7	21	157	177	79
Hindley	0	0	2	37	38
Hollesley Bay	8	40	290	390	146
Holme House	21	56	420	540	221
Hull	1	25	374	266	138
Huntercombe	0	0	5	4	0
Isle of Wight ²	9	37	107	0	0
Kennet	3	29	154	135	72
Kingston (Portsmouth)	0	0	0	0	0
Kirkham	4	15	189	409	306
Kirklevington Grange	0	0	1	8	3
Lancaster	13	33	166	135	57
Lancaster Farms	11	32	162	134	33
Latchmere House	0	0	0	0	0
Leeds	26	100	488	290	198
Leicester	12	40	236	221	135
Lewes	13	41	282	348	100
Leyhill	7	25	164	367	190
Lincoln	9	54	395	445	148
Lindholme	4	35	245	360	234
Littlehey	0	2	11	22	5
Liverpool	35	66	774	405	335
Long Lartin	0	0	0	0	0
Lowdham Grange	0	0	0	0	0
Maidstone	0	0	7	11	3
Manchester	15	97	675	829	525
Moorland Closed	4	29	189	250	124
Moorland Open	4	8	120	151	95
Mount (The)	1	4	21	27	1
North Sea Camp	13	46	300	395	227
Northallerton	12	67	384	490	259
Norwich	12	99	387	306	171
Nottingham	6	31	212	307	221
Onley	15	53	322	413	234
Parc	36	156	868	690	436
Parkhurst	0	0	0	2	0
Pentonville	16	84	337	311	208
Peterborough	22	84	331	272	224
Portland	7	23	176	194	106
Preston	14	98	490	462	218

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		1 January - 9 April 2010	1 January - 31 December 2009	1 January - 31 December 2008	29 June - 31 December 2007
Ranby	22	92	467	392	242
Reading	0	4	41	25	22
Risley	3	10	98	125	79
Rochester	16	85	430	270	127
Rye Hill	1	1	1	0	2
Sheppey Cluster (Elmley)	3	23	221	307	151
Sheppey Cluster (Standford Hill)	9	53	471	544	286
Sheppey Cluster (Swaleside)	0	0	0	0	0
Shepton Mallet	0	0	0	0	0
Shrewsbury	2	21	393	244	145
Stafford	0	4	15	15	2
Stocken	6	39	189	218	93
Stoke Heath	8	39	215	271	179
Sudbury	4	16	119	191	82
Swansea	1	2	62	225	144
Swinfen Hall	0	0	11	14	7
Thorn Cross	13	55	261	227	57
Usk/Prescoed	1	2	28	106	58
Verne (The)	0	0	3	3	8
Wakefield	0	0	0	1	0
Wandsworth	9	53	161	359	220
Warren Hill	0	0	0	1	1
Wayland	3	21	109	102	41
Wealstun	1	10	64	200	155
Wellingborough	4	24	124	87	28
Werrington	0	0	0	0	0
Wetherby	0	0	0	0	0
Whatton	0	0	0	1	2
Whitemoor	0	0	1	0	0
Winchester	11	51	325	310	151
Wolds	1	1	16	35	24
Woodhill	38	89	399	388	126
Wormwood Scrubs	26	134	864	752	369
Wymott	4	28	97	109	62
TOTAL	930	4,234	26,383	27,780	14,479
Females					
Askham Grange	2	5	7	21	7
Bronzehead	14	67	507	618	265
Downview	18	25	83	105	41
Drake Hall	3	17	124	145	73
East Sutton Park	0	2	23	10	3
Eastwood Park	21	78	381	416	228
Foston Hall	7	31	211	231	125
Holloway	10	50	374	393	164
Low Newton	10	31	248	312	172
Morton Hall	2	18	102	58	18
New Hall	2	9	151	357	224
Peterborough	9	53	268	227	164
Send	1	3	35	37	10
Styal	8	69	474	608	224
TOTAL	107	458	2,988	3,538	1,718
GRAND TOTAL	1,037	4,692	29,371	31,318	16,197

1 On 25 June 2008 3 prisons (HMPs Blakenhurst, Brockhill and Hewell Grange) merged to become HMP Hewell. ECL releases are now shown for HMP Hewell only. Cumulative totals for the 3 prisons which merged are shown for the time period 29 June 2007 to 31 May 2008.

2 On 1 April 2009 3 prisons (HMPs Albany, Camp Hill and Parkhurst) merged to become HMP Isle of Wight. ECL releases are now shown for HMP Isle of Wight only. Cumulative totals for the 3 prisons which merged are shown from 29 June 2007 to 31 March 2009.

3 HMP Bure was opened and accepted its first prisoners on 30 November 2009.

4 The total for March and April includes 1,020 prisoners released in March and 17 prisoners released between 1 April and up to and including 9 April.

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**Table 3a: Offenders recalled to prison from ECL and the reasons for recall
- March and April 2010 and cumulative totals**

Decisions to recall between 1 March 2010 and 26 April 2010 reported to NOMS Public Protection Unit by end of 26 April 2010

	2010	2009	2008	2007	
	1 March - 26 April 2010	1 January - 26 April 2010	1 January - 31 December 2009	1 January - 31 December 2008	29 June - 31 December 2007
Decisions to recall as notified to NOMS	37	135	928	1,030	564
By reason for recall ¹					
Alleged re-offending ²	19	66	449	474	194
Failure to live at an approved address	11	43	263	274	118
Out of touch with the probation service	9	35	209	268	226
Poor behaviour ³	4	13	105	101	75

Table 3b: ECL recalls and returns to custody - cumulative totals to date

Decisions to recall offenders from ECL, from 29 June 2007 to 26 April 2010

Number of offenders notified as recalled at 26 April 2010	2,657	(3% of offenders released on ECL)
Of which,		
Number not yet returned to custody	125	(0.2% of offenders released on ECL)
Number who have returned to custody	2,532	(3% of offenders released on ECL)

Table 3c: Alleged Re-offending by Offenders on ECL

The number of alleged offences (by offenders during their period of ECL), as notified to NOMS by April 26 and cumulative totals

	1 March- 26 April 2010	1 January - 26 April 2010	1 January - 31 December 2009	1 January - 31 December 2008	29 June - 31 December 2007
Number of offenders ⁴	17	68	454	497	215
Alleged further offences	22	81	584	658	301

Footnotes

- 1 The total of reasons for recall is not the same as the total number of decisions to recall because offenders can be recalled for more than one reason.
- 2 Alleged re-offending may lead to recall of the offender even though, at the point of the recall, the offender may not have formally been charged.
- 3 The offender's behaviour indicates an increased risk of reoffending or harm.
- 4 The number of offenders notified to NOMS as having allegedly reoffended during their period on ECL.

Data Sources and Quality

All of the figures above are as notified to NOMS and may therefore be subject to inaccuracies. There may be recalls, reoffending, further offences, offenders returned to custody, and offenders released not in accordance with the scheme, some of which may not have been notified to us.

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