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Introduction

This Statistical Notice advises users of changes to the publication schedule for the *Knife Possession Sentencing Quarterly Brief*.

Summary

The publication dates for the *Knife Possession Sentencing Quarterly Brief* are being changed as follows:

Statistical release	Current publication date	Revised publication date
Knife possession sentencing quarterly brief - April to June 2013	5 September 2013	19 September 2013
Knife possession sentencing quarterly brief - July to September 2013	5 December 2013	12 December 2013
Knife possession sentencing quarterly brief - October to December 2013	6 March 2014	13 March 2014
Knife possession sentencing quarterly brief - January to March 2014	5 June 2014	12 June 2014

Details

Since the fourth quarter of 2012 figures presented in the *Knife Possession Sentencing Quarterly Brief* have been based on a new process, where recent sentencing trends are used to provide a more accurate indication of final outcomes for those found guilty of possessing a knife or an offensive weapon.

While this new process is more accurate, it is also more time consuming to administer and the Head of Profession for Statistics in the Ministry of Justice has therefore decided to revise the publication dates as set out above to allow sufficient time for quality assurance.

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