



Ministry
of Justice

Statistical Notice

Pre-announcing intention to publish
results from the Justice Data Lab

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Background

What is the Justice Data Lab initiative?

The Justice Data Lab has been launched as a pilot for one year from April 2013. During this year, a small team from Analytical Services within the Ministry of Justice (the Justice Data Lab team) will support organisations that provide offender services by allowing them easy access to aggregate re-offending data, specific to the group of people they have worked with. This will support organisations in understanding their effectiveness at reducing re-offending.

Participating organisations supply the Justice Data Lab with details of the offenders who they have worked with, and information about the services they have provided. As standard the Justice Data Lab will supply aggregate one-year proven re-offending rates for that group, and that of a matched control group of similar offenders. The re-offending rates for the organisation's group and the matched control group will be compared using statistical testing to assess the impact of the organisation's work on reducing re-offending. The results will then be returned to the organisation in a clear and easy to understand format, with explanations of the key metrics, and any caveats and limitations necessary for interpretation of the results.

What is being published?

From October 2013, results from the Justice Data Lab will be published. There are two types of publications:

- Monthly Official Statistics which summarize the findings of the Justice Data Lab to date.
- Tailored reports pertaining to the re-offending outcomes of services or interventions delivered by organisations who have requested information through the Justice Data Lab. Each report will be an Official Statistic.

The first of these publications will be published at 09:30 on Thursday 10th October 2013, and subsequently, regular updates will be published at 9:30 on the second Thursday of each calendar month for the remainder of the duration of the Justice Data Lab pilot.

Why is this information being published?

The Justice Data Lab pilot is free at the point of service, paid for through the Ministry of Justice budget. The Ministry of Justice therefore has a duty to act transparently and openly about the outcomes of this initiative. It is anticipated that by making this information available in the public domain, organisations that work with offenders will have a greater evidence base about what works to rehabilitate offenders, and ultimately cut crime.

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