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

Using data available as at midday 7 September 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 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>	148	62	45	258	763	43	1319
<i>Juvenile</i>	21	54	10	145	104	18	352
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1671</b>

1,671 suspects have had an initial hearing at a magistrates' court based on the data available at midday on 7<sup>th</sup> September. The majority of these hearings were in London (67 per cent).

Twenty-one per cent (352) of those to have appeared in court were aged 10-17 and the remaining 79 per cent (1,319) were adults. From the information currently available around 91 per cent of defendants are male.

For those cases where the defendant was not sentenced but remanded at the first hearing, 65 per cent were remanded to custody. By comparison in 2010, 10 per cent of people brought before magistrates' courts were remanded in custody.

Where information is available it is estimated that 77 per cent of adults have a caution or conviction for a previous criminal offence.

### Sentencing – Magistrates' courts

Of those cases where the defendant has been convicted and sentenced, 46 per cent received a custodial sentence, with an average custodial sentence length (ACSL) of 5.3 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 (months)
Juvenile (youth courts)	73	20	27.4	7.6	34,796	1,843	5.3	7.3
Adult - Magistrates' court	125	71	56.8	4.7	166,746	22,867	13.7	2.1
All ages - Magistrates courts	198	91	46.0	5.3	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>	68	24	28	187	560	37	904
<i>Juvenile</i>	8	22	8	78	80	13	209
<i>Not known</i>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1113</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>	23	5	9	20	49	5	111
<i>Juvenile</i>	3	2		13	8	1	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>138</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>	2	4	2	9	28		45
<i>Juvenile</i>		2		16	2		20
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>65</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>	51	11		7	75	1	145
<i>Juvenile</i>	9	22		16	1	1	49
<i>Not known</i>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>33</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>194</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	10	14		44
<i>Juvenile</i>		2		12	7	3	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>68</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	4	25	37		70
<i>Juvenile</i>	1	4	2	10	6		23
<i>Not known</i>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>		<b>93</b>

## **Future publications**

It is intended to release data on this basis on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September and 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 also announce my intentions for future publications on this topic.

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