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# **Statistical Notice**

## Changes to Safety In Custody

### National Statistics Bulletin

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**Changes to the timeliness of the Deaths in Custody tables in the quarterly Safety in Custody National Statistics publication.**

This notice pre-announces to users that due to continuing interest in the latest deaths in prison custody figures for England and Wales, it has been decided to advance the timeliness of statistics on deaths in custody by three months.

The next quarterly edition of Safety In Custody Statistics, due to be published on 30 October, will therefore include data on deaths up until 30 September 2014, rather than 30 June 2014.

Assaults and self-harm data will continue to be published on the same timetable as previously scheduled. Due to a lag in reporting on administrative systems of these types of incident it is not possible to advance the timeliness of the entire publication. Therefore no changes to the timeliness of these incident types will be made, and the October publication will include assault and self-harm figures to 30 June 2014.

Increasing the timeliness of Deaths in Custody statistics will allow for these national statistics to be as timely as possible, with quarterly figures for deaths published within a four week window.

There will be no reduction or change to the content of the statistical publication aside from improving timeliness of deaths statistics. However, because deaths statistics will no longer be aligned with assaults and self harm, Table 1 summary annual time series will be separated into two tables to accommodate the different time points referenced.

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