

Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)

Key Statistics

- **total estate running cost** (annual) = £35.88 million
- **holdings** (number) = 44 (England & Wales)
- **floorspace** (office) = 69,000 sq.m
- **land** = N/A
- **staff number** (FTE) = 4,131 (5,584 worldwide)
- **locations** = London and 37 other in England and Wales

Our Business

The CPS is the principal prosecuting authority for England and Wales.

We deliver justice by continuously improving the way we work:

- continuing to digitise and modernise, supporting a flexible workforce and delivering swifter justice, fewer hearings and more effective trials
- identifying opportunities to reform and improve, working flexibly and adapting to drive up quality across the CPS
- investing in IT and co-create a shared, digital system that works for all partners in the criminal justice system
- cutting bureaucracy and designing new ways of working informed by the expertise of our frontline staff, giving them the tools they need

Our Estate

Our current estate comprises 39 locations, almost one-third of the size of our estate in 2010. This period of rationalisation has enabled us to reduce our property costs by around 35% over the last five years. Around 80% of our estate is leasehold and we spend almost £16.7 million a year on rent alone, representing more than half of estate's costs.

Going forward our priority is to reduce our costs and contractual risk through a 50% decrease in leasehold liabilities and a 100% expansion in Memorandum of Terms of Occupation arrangements.

This transition is reflected in our objective of ceasing to be the sole occupier in any property by 2026. Significant progress towards this began in 2017 with the move of several hundred of our staff into 102 Petty France which is now the HQ location for both CPS and MoJ. Over nine hundred further staff will relocate to Petty France during 2018.

We will continue to exit commercial leases with private landlords in favour of One Public Estate solutions through effective collaboration with public sector partners as strategic change opportunities arise.

This process of migration has been founded on enabling smarter working, providing staff with greater flexibility in their working arrangements, and equipping them with modern technology. In doing so, we will continue to make progress towards meeting the government estate occupancy target of 8 sq.m/FTE.

This Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) will help to ensure our estate is shaped to support the CPS in achieving its objectives whilst ensuring the business infrastructure within which the CPS operates represents value for money for the Taxpayer.

Our Capability

In 2016 we joined the MoJ-hosted Estates Cluster. The Estates Cluster now provides a range of estates and facilities management services to a broad array of other government departments including the Home Office, Department for Education, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Department for International Trade and the Department for Exiting the EU.

CPS continues to work in collaboration with partner organisations including the Office of Government Property (OGP) and is committed to working with the Government Property Agency (GPA), One Public Estate (OPE) agenda and the Government Hubs Programme. These core priorities are designed to support the government estate strategy and departmental strategies within the Estates Cluster.

To ensure they are met, the Estates Cluster is working to improve data management, ways of working and delivering greater value through its estate and facilities management supply chain contracts. This will ensure that the CPS operates from an affordable, fit for purpose and efficient estate, which is capable of supporting our day to day operations. The sustained development of a strong estate strategy will enhance our commercial, property, environmental and health and safety capability.