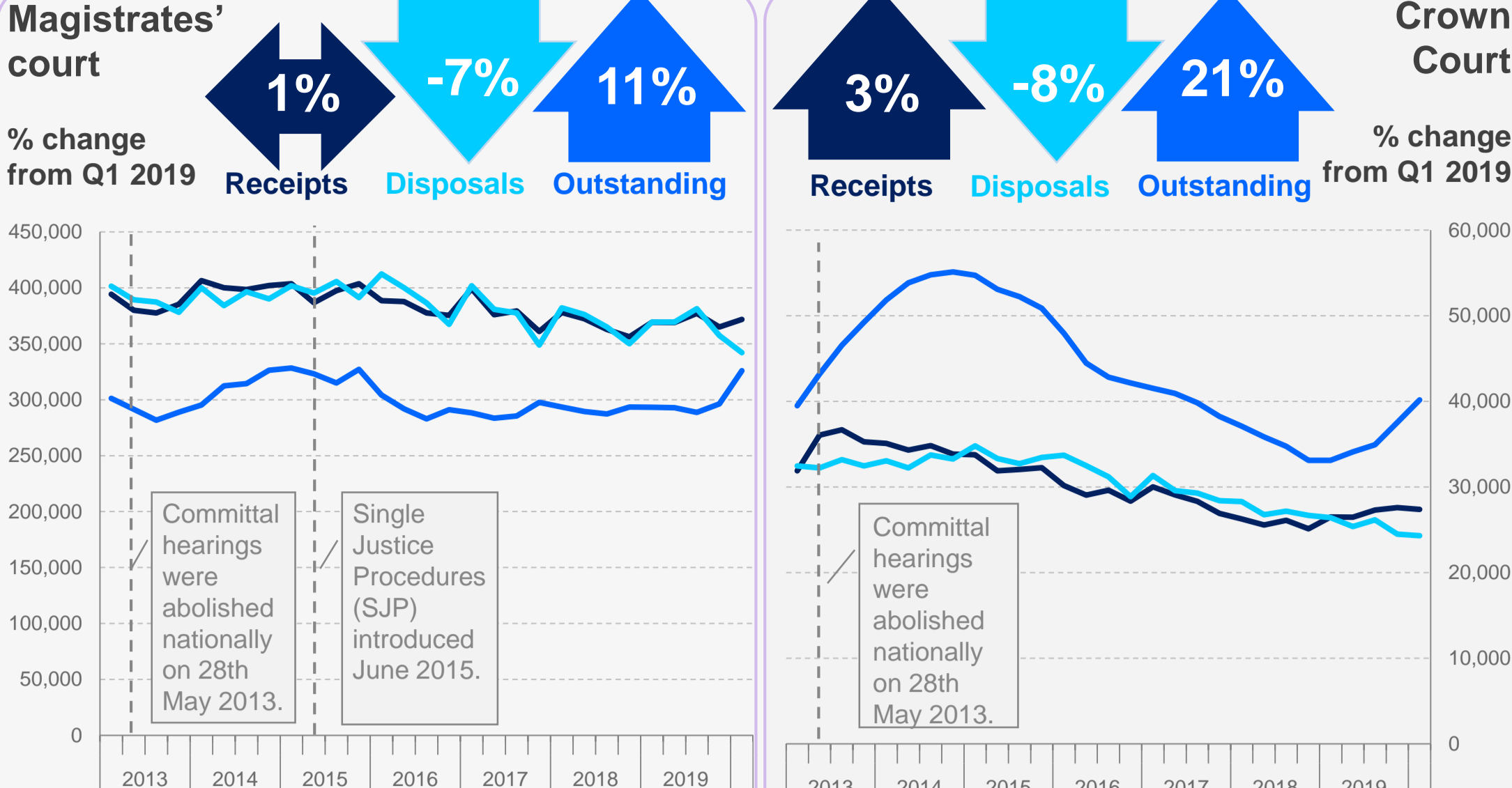


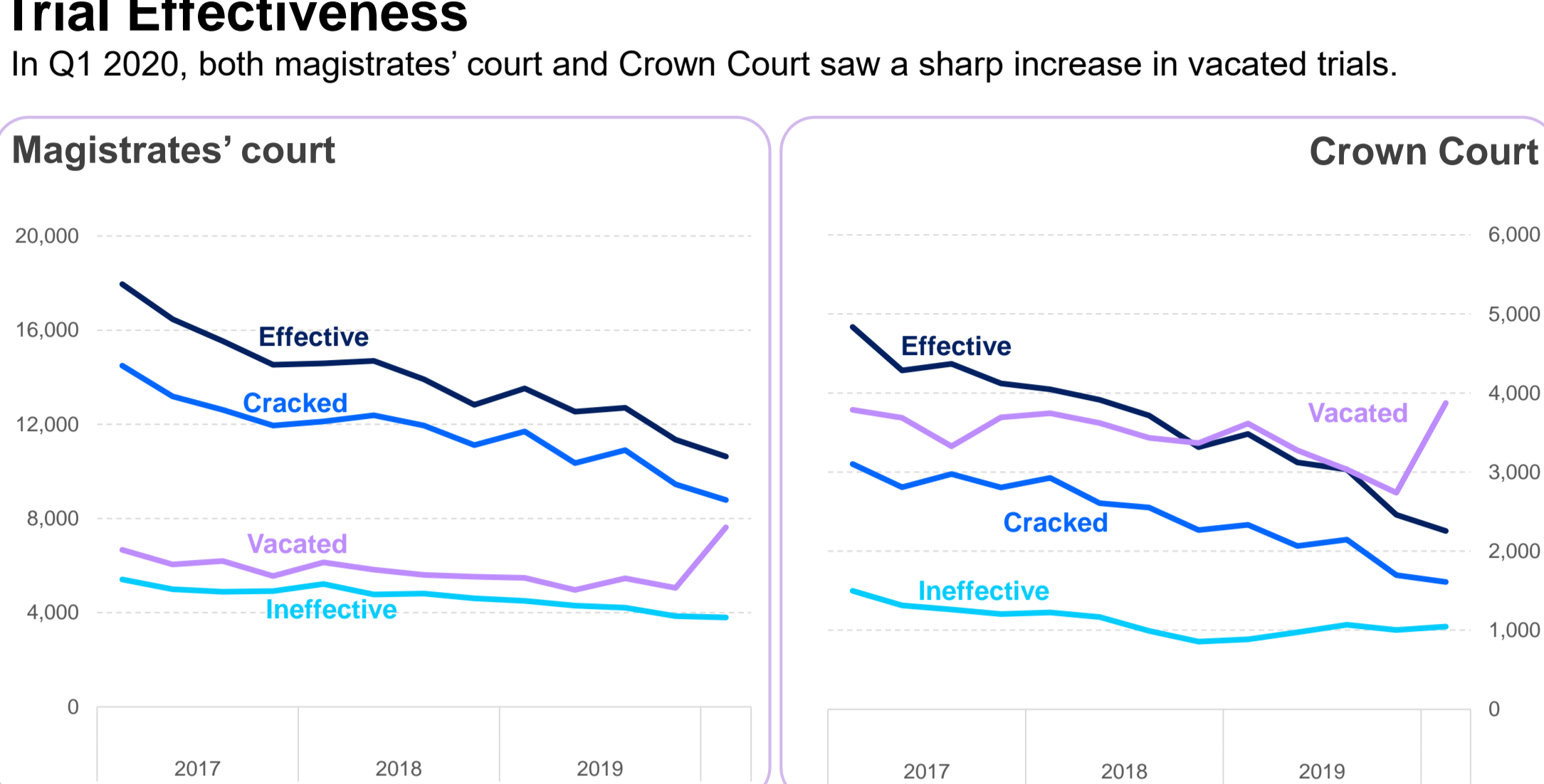
Flow through the criminal courts, latest data to Q1 2020

Caseload



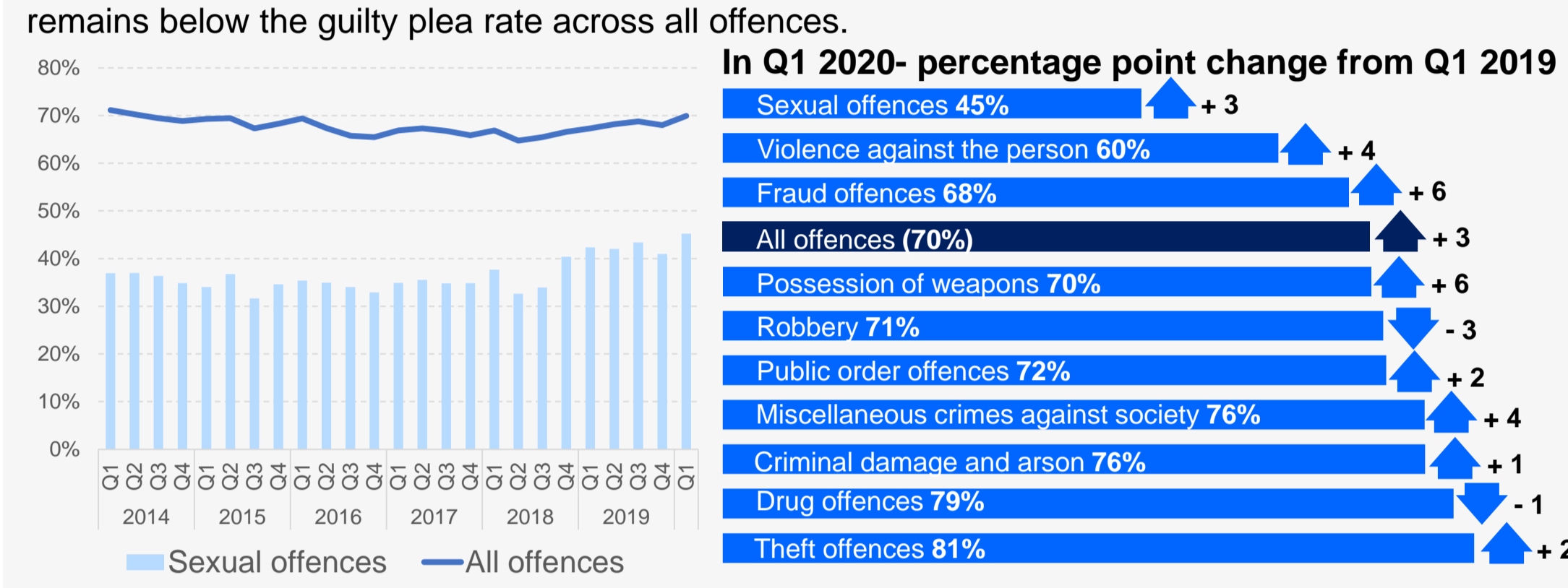
Trial Effectiveness

In Q1 2020, both magistrates' court and Crown Court saw a sharp increase in vacated trials.

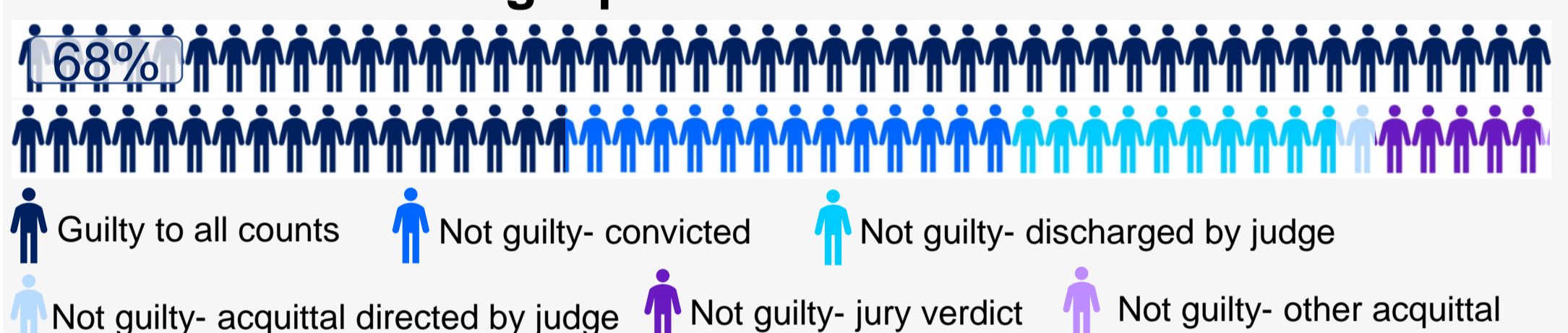


Guilty Plea Rate

The guilty plea rate for sexual offences has increased to a series high in Q1 2020, although remains below the guilty plea rate across all offences.

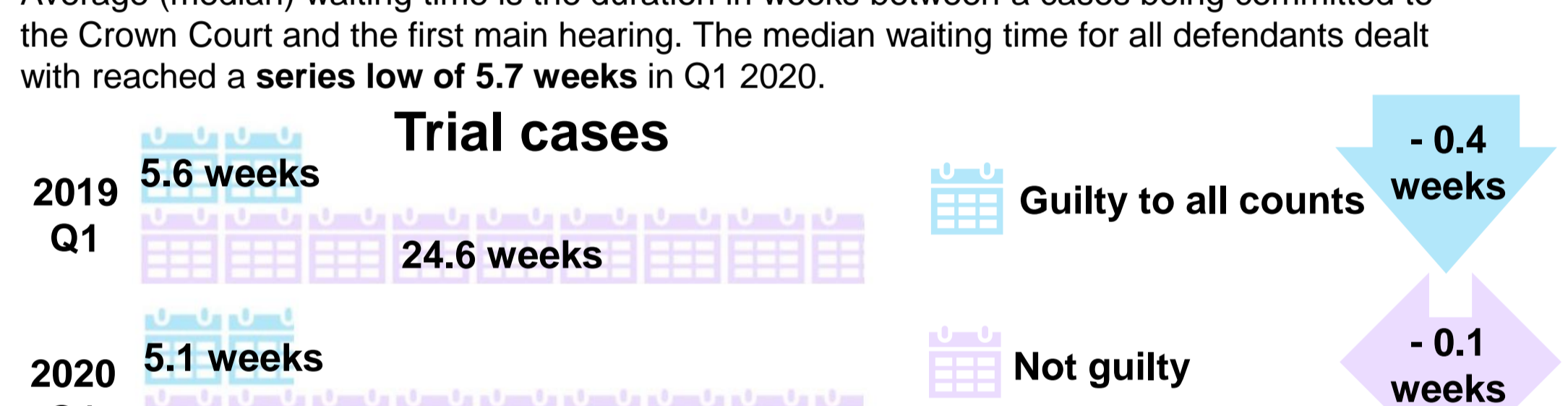


Defendants entering a plea across 2019



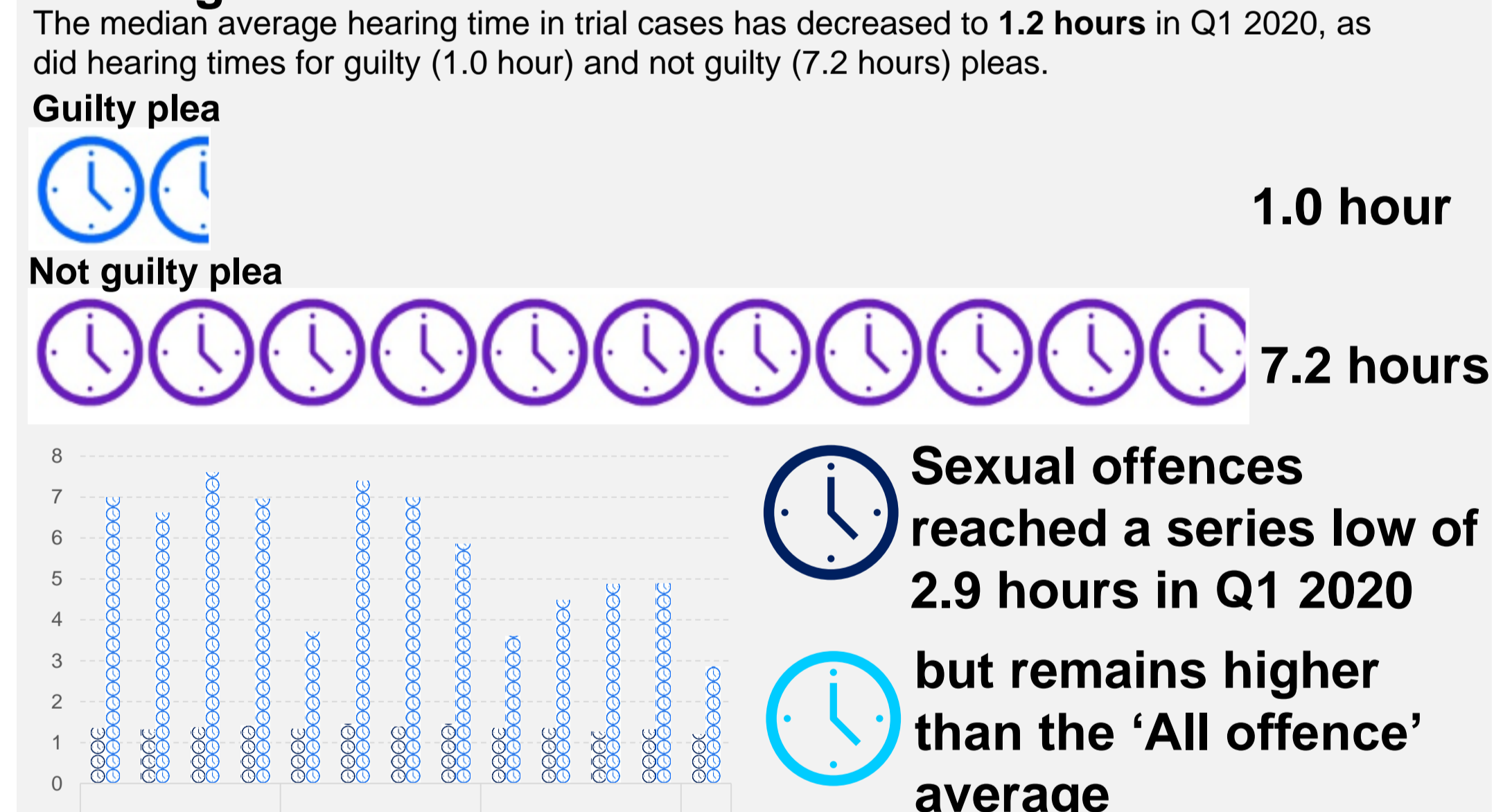
Waiting Times

Average (median) waiting time is the duration in weeks between a cases being committed to the Crown Court and the first main hearing. The median waiting time for all defendants dealt with reached a series low of 5.7 weeks in Q1 2020.

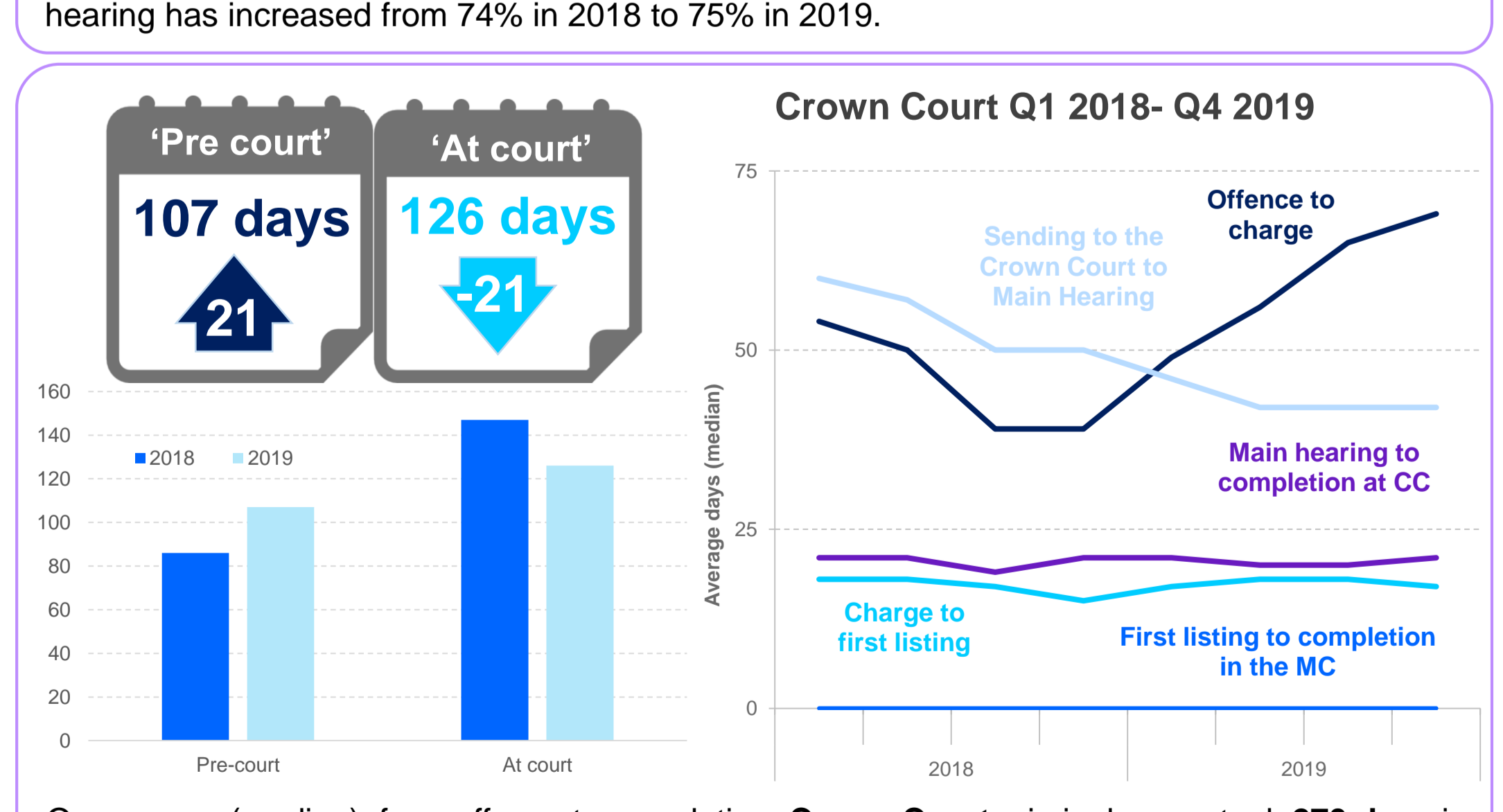
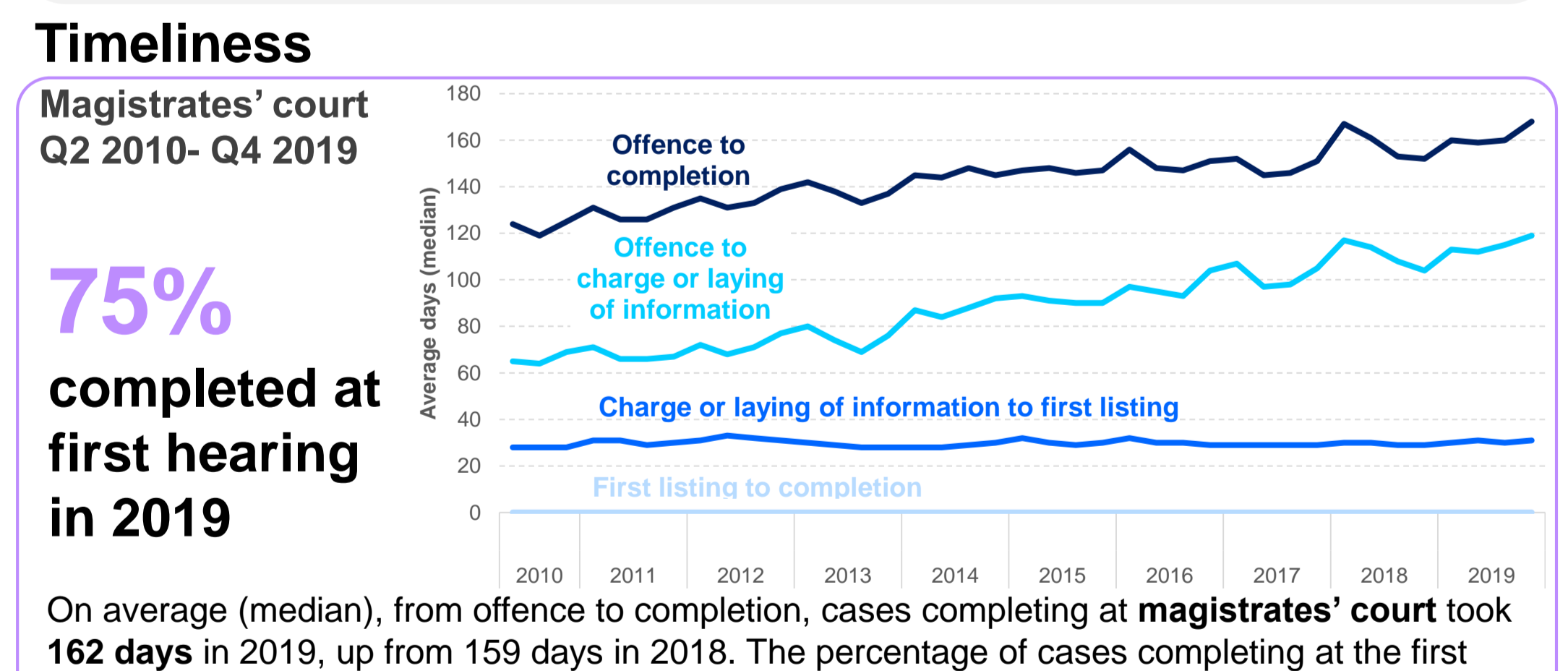


Hearing times- trial cases

The median average hearing time in trial cases has decreased to 1.2 hours in Q1 2020, as did hearing times for guilty (1.0 hour) and not guilty (7.2 hours) pleas.



Timeliness



Single Justice Procedure Offences (SJP)

Introduced in June 2015, they allow cases involving adults charged with summary offences to be dealt with in a single magistrates' sitting without a prosecutor or defendant being present.

