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Statistical notice and consultation

Serious Further Offence Statistics: October 2022

Discontinuation of separate figures for offenders
under the Offender Rehabilitation Act

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Consultation on Serious Further Offence (SFO) Bulletin

SFO data

1. The SFO bulletin is published annually in the Proven Reoffending Statistics, presenting key statistics on serious further offences.
2. This note is to consult users on our proposal to discontinue the publication of separate figures for offenders under the Offender Rehabilitation Act (ORA).
3. It is proposed that the tables will continue to be published as is, with the exception of ORA figures from 2023 onwards.
4. The tables affected by the proposed changes are:
 - Table 1. SFO conviction offences by notification period as at 30 September for England and Wales.
 - Table 4. SFO cases by supervision body as at 30 September.
5. This change is proposed due to the passage of time since ORA was introduced in 2015. It should therefore now be subsumed into the statistics as business as usual. Whilst there was an initial impact of ORA cases on SFO notifications, this has now plateaued and notification numbers have broadly returned to pre-ORA levels.
6. If you have any comments about this change or other views on the content of the SFO bulletin, please email SFO@justice.gov.uk. Please put 'Consultation Response' in the title of any emails.

Key question you may wish to consider is:

- Do you agree with the proposed change to discontinue the publication of separate SFO figures for ORA?

7. This consultation will run from 27 October 2022 until 30 November 2022

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