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Users of Restricted Patients Statistics

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Users and uses of these Statistics

The contents of the report will be of interest to the public, the media, and agencies responsible for offender management at both national and local levels, government policy makers and others who want to understand more about restricted patients.

The statistics included in this publication meet a range of user needs as shown below.

User	Summary of main statistical needs
MOJ Ministers	Use the statistics to monitor the offender caseload and the use of some restrictive orders.
MPs and House of Lords	Statistics are used to answer parliamentary questions.
Policy teams	Statistics are used to inform policy development, to monitor impact of changes over time and to model future changes and their impact on the system
Agencies responsible for offender management	Current and historical robust administrative data are used to support performance management information at national and local levels to complement their understanding of the current picture and trends over time
Academia, students and businesses	Used as a source of statistics for research purposes and to support lectures, presentations and conferences
Journalists	Used as a compendium of robust data on Restricted Patients so that an accurate and coherent story can be told on this subset of the offender population.
Voluntary sector	Data are used to monitor trends of Restricted Patients, to reuse the data in their own briefing and research papers and to inform policy work and responses to consultations.
General public	Data are used to respond to ad-hoc requests and requests made under the Freedom of Information Act.

Contact points for further information

Press enquiries should be directed to the Ministry of Justice press office:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice/about/media-enquiries>

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General enquiries about Restricted Patients statistics can be e-mailed to:

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General information about the official statistics system of the UK is available from:

<https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/>

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