

# Diversity of the Judiciary 2026

## Annex B: Quarterly reporting on the number of magistrate appointments

### 1. Introduction

The Ministry of Justice recognises the importance of transparency in relation to the recruitment of magistrates. To that end this annex announces the publication of a new statistical report which will present the number of magistrate appointments made in England and Wales, on a quarterly basis.

### 2. Summary Statistics

The number of magistrates appointed in the quarter 1 April to 30 June 2026 in England and Wales was 655.

It is intended that the next quarterly report, due to be published in the latter half of October 2026, will contain additional information, such as a regional breakdown of these figures, and will be presented in a tabular format. The scope and presentation of future reporting will be reviewed continually.

For comparison purposes, the quarterly total magistrate appointment figures for 2024/25 and 2025/26 were as follows:

Q1 2024/25 (April-June 2024):	215
Q2 2024/25 (July-September 2024):	224
Q3 2024/25 (October-December 2024):	144
Q4 2024/25 (January-March 2025):	311
Q1 2025/26 (April-June 2025):	384
Q2 2025/26 (July-September 2025):	368
Q3 2025/26 (October-December 2025):	336
Q4 2025/26 (January-March 2026):	569
Q1 2026/27 (April-June 2026):	655

### 3. Background Notes

The data source for Q1 2026-27 used in this report is the Judicial Office Judicial HR database.

The data source for the quarterly breakdown of the 2024-25 and 2025-26 appointment figures is the Magistrate Applicant Tracking System, as used for the 2026 annual report.