

Probation Board for Northern Ireland Caseload Statistics Report

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Introduction

This report provides provisional statistics on the PBNI caseload by month for 2017/18. Comparisons are made between the current and previous financial year throughout the report. For those statistics on the number of court reports completed, the number of new orders added to the PBNI caseload and victims information scheme registrations, comparisons are between the financial year to date (FYTD) and the previous financial year to date (PFYTD) (i.e. 1 April 2017 – 30 June 2017 compared with 1 April 2016 – 30 June 2016). However for statistics on the total caseload (point in time), comparisons are made with the position at the same point in the previous financial year (i.e. the position on 30 June 2017 compared with the position on 30 June 2016).

The data presented in this publication is drawn from PBNI's case management system (PIMS). Although care is taken when processing and analysing to quality assure the data, the data is subject to inaccuracies inherent in an administrative data recording system. Where percentages have been presented in this report they are subject to rounding.

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Key Points

Section 1: Reports Completed (Page 2)

- There were 2,184 reports (all report types) completed between 1 April and 30 June 2017, a decrease of 14% compared to the same period in 2016/17 (2,527).
- Magistrates Court Reports (MCRs) were introduced in April 2016. The combined total of PSRs, MCRs and SPSRs completed between 1 April and 30 June 2017 was 1,232. This is 26% lower than in the same period of 2016/17 (1,673).

Section 2: Total PBNI Caseload [Point in Time] (Page 3)

- At 30 June 2017, there were 4,269 people subject to 4,679 orders on the PBNI caseload. The total number of people on the PBNI caseload is 1% lower than at the end of June 2016 (4,305).
- The numbers of Probation Orders and Community Service Orders at the end of June 2017 are both similar to the end of June 2016.
- The numbers of Determinate Custodial Sentences (DCS) at the end of June 2017 was 1,188 and the number of Extended Custodial Sentences was 194, both similar to the previous year.

Section 3: New Orders added to PBNI Caseload (Page 6)

- Between 1 April and 30 June 2017, 826 new statutory orders were added to the PBNI caseload. This is 16% lower than in the same period of 2016/7 (983).
- Looking at a longer term trend; there were 3,184 new orders made in the 12 months to the end of June 2017. This is 2% higher than the total made in the 12 months to the end of June 2016 (3,136).

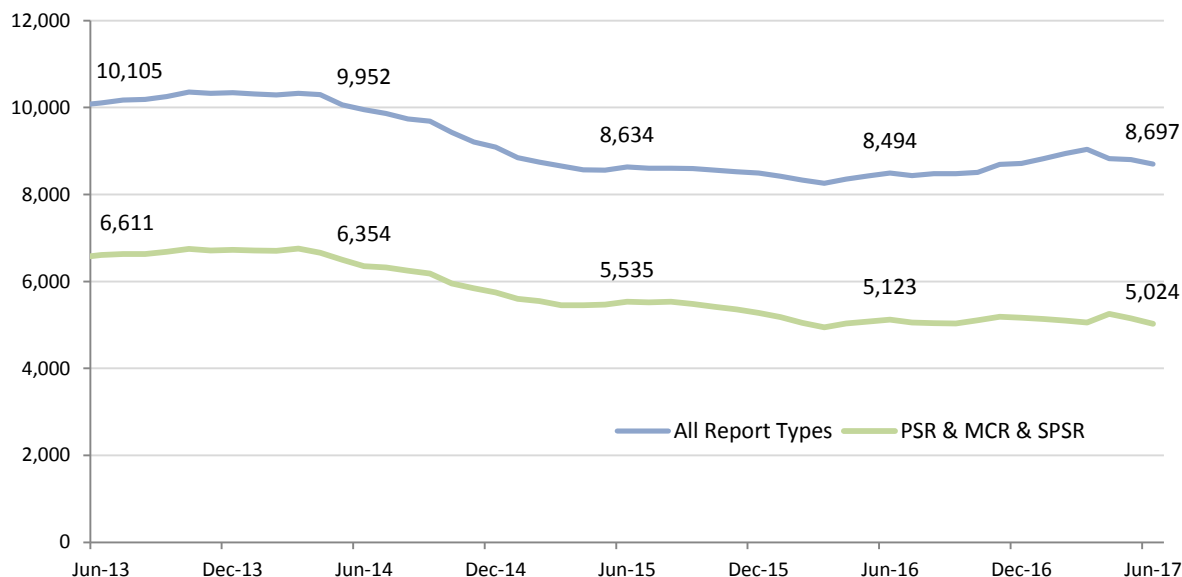
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- There were 42 new registrations to the PBNI Victims Information Scheme in the first three months of 2017/18.

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Section 1: Reports Completed

Figure 1: Reports* Completed – All Types and PSR/MCR/SPSR: Rolling 12 Month Total to end June 2017



- There were 2,184 reports (all report types) completed between 1 April and 30 June 2017. This is 14% lower than the same period in 2016/17 (2,527), however Easter fell within this period this year.
- The number of Pre Sentence Reports (PSRs) completed has decreased by 39% from 1,543 PFYTD** to 936 in the current FYTD**.
- Magistrates Court Reports (MCRs) were introduced in April 2016. The combined total of PSRs, MCRs and SPSRs completed between 1 April and 30 June 2017 was 1,232. This is 26% lower than in the same period of 2016/17 (1,673).
- In the 12 months to the end of June 2017; there were 4,127 PSRs and 897 MCRs/SPSRs completed, 5,024 in total.

Table 1: Reports* Completed: 1 April 2017 – 30 June 2017

Type of Report	Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017	2017/18 FYTD**	2016/17 PFYTD**	% change FYTD on PFYTD	Latest 12
							Month Total Jul 2016 to Jun 2017
Pre-Sentence Report	280	307	349	936	1,543	-39%	4,127
Magistrates' Court / Short Pre-Sentence Reports	69	126	101	296	130	128%	897
Addendum Report	109	115	131	355	410	-13%	1,382
Breach / Recall / Revocation Reports	67	133	124	324	299	8%	1,299
Parole Commissioners / Life Sentence Unit Reports	2	7	4	13	14	-	79
Release Plans / Home Leave Reports ‡	29	52	40	121	51	137%	531
Other***	40	50	49	139	80	74%	382
Total Number of Reports	596	790	798	2,184	2,527	-14%	8,697

- Percentage change is not shown as the denominator is less than 50. ‡ Recording of these reports types commenced April 2016. Includes Needs Profiles and Reviews.

*Excludes explanatory letters to courts **FYTD=Financial Year to Date. PFYTD=Previous Financial Year to Date ***Includes Home Circumstances Report, Probation Officers Report, Unassigned Reports.

Section 2: Total PBNI Caseload [Point in Time]

Table 2: People at Point in Time (end of month): April 2017 – June 2017

Type of Disposal**		Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017	Jun 2016	% change on Jun 2016
Orders	Combination Order	378	388	376	399	-6%
	Community Service Order	657	682	697	692	+1%
	Custody Probation Order	67	71	69	77	-10%
	Determinate Custodial Sentence	1,194	1,207	1,188	1,208	-2%
	Enhanced Combination Order	115	118	119	67	+78%
	Juvenile Justice Centre Order	9	7	11	21	-
	Probation Order	1,372	1,368	1,361	1,370	-1%
	Other Orders*	5	5	4	2	-
Licences	Life Sentence/ Licence	254	255	254	248	+2%
	Sex Offender Licence	89	88	87	102	-15%
	GB Transfer Licence	49	53	53	54	-2%
Public Protection Sentences	Extended Custodial Sentence	192	192	194	193	+1%
	Indeterminate Custodial Sentence	37	37	39	31	-
Non-statutory Sentences	Inescapable Voluntary	15	14	8	12	-
	Remand/Sentence	1	3	4	2	-
Total Number of Orders		4,639	4,695	4,679	4,684	0%

Total Number of People	4,234	4,287	4,269	4,305	-1%
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- Percentage change is not shown as the denominator is less than 50. *Includes Community Responsibility Order, Supervised Activity Order and Supervision & Treatment Order. **944 of these orders are allocated to Prison teams; of these PBNI undertakes a co-ordination role for 471 orders and acts as a supporting role for 473 orders. # The table shows people counted once per order type and therefore the sum of the rows may differ from the overall totals.

- At 30 June 2017, there were 4,269 people subject to 4,679 orders on the PBNI caseload. The total number of people on the PBNI caseload is 1% lower than at the end of June 2016 (4,305).
- The table above shows the number of people on each type of order on the caseload at the end of each month during the first quarter of 2017/18. Please be aware that an individual may be subject to more than one type of order and multiple orders of the same type. At 30 June 2017, Probation Orders accounted for 32% of the caseload (1,361), Determinate Custodial Sentences accounted for 28% (1,188) and Community Service Orders for 16% (697).
- The numbers of Probation Orders and on Community Service Orders at the end of June 2017 are both similar to the end of June 2016.
- The number of Determinate Custodial Sentences (DCS) at the end of June 2017 was 1,208 and the number of people on an Extended Custodial Sentence was 193, both similar to the previous year.

Figure 2: Total Caseload at Point in Time 30 June 2013 to 30 June 2017

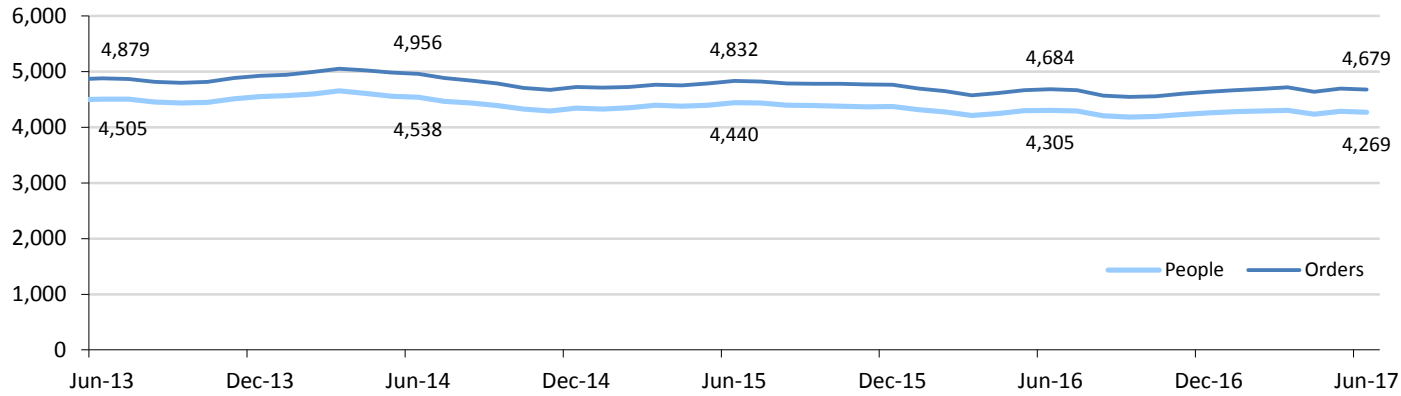


Figure 3: People on Probation Orders at Point in Time 30 June 2013 to 30 June 2017

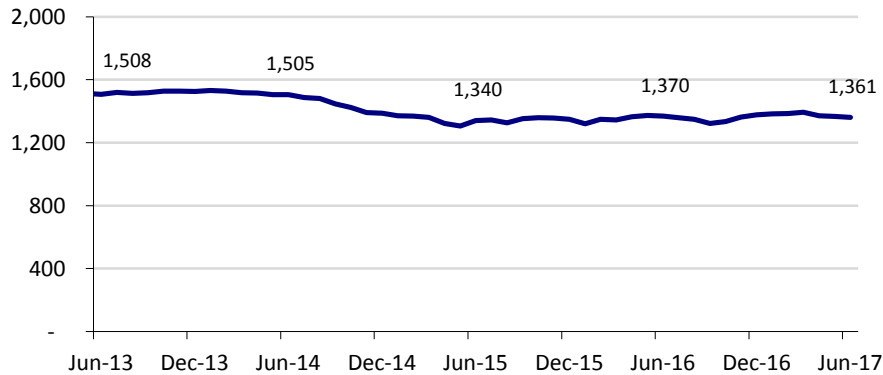


Figure 4: People on Community Service Orders at Point in Time 30 June 2013 to 30 June 2017

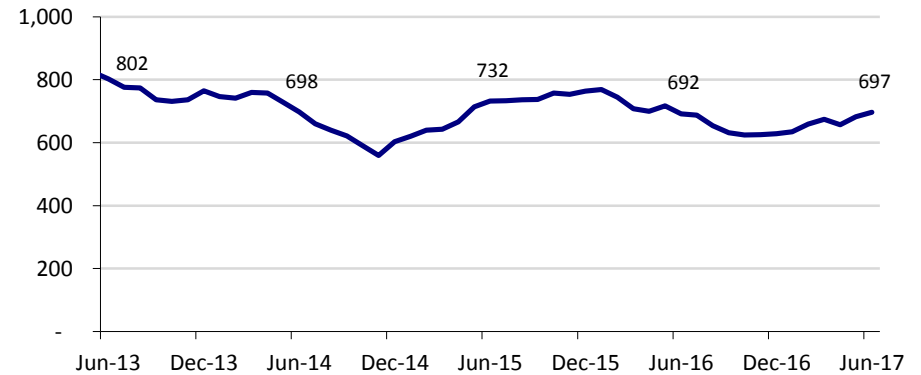


Figure 5: People on Combination Orders at Point in Time 30 June 2013 to 30 June 2017

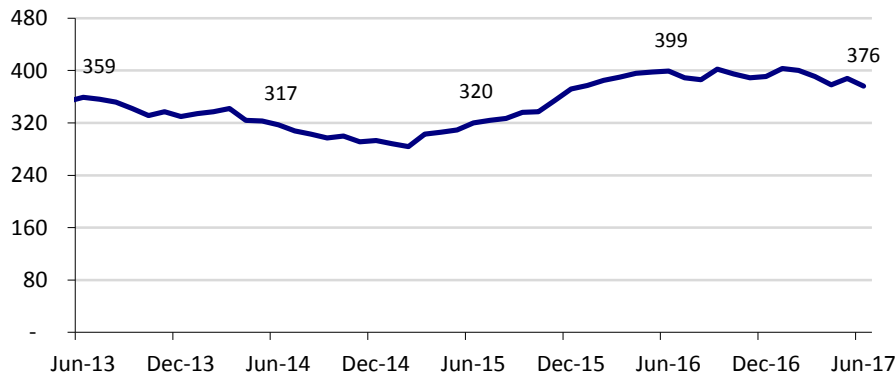


Figure 6: People on Custody Probation Orders & Determinate Custodial Sentences at Point in Time 30 June 2013 to 30 June 2017

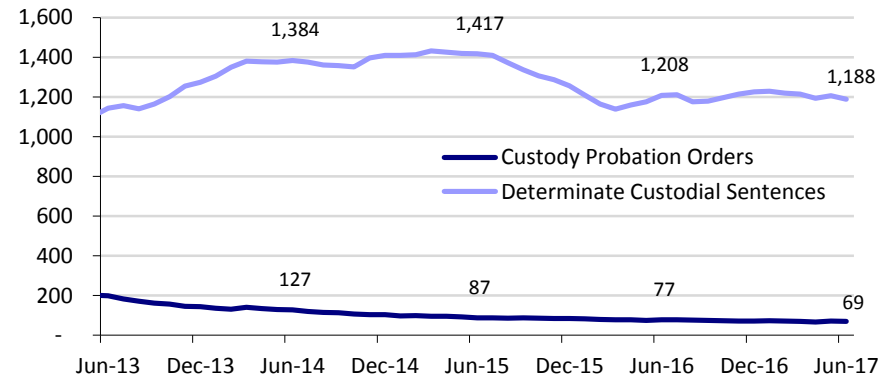


Table 3: Gender and Age profile of offenders at Point in Time (end of month): April 2017 – June 2017

Number of people	Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017	Jun 2016	% change on Jun 2016	Jun 2017 Profile*
Female	400	399	395	410	-4%	9%
Male	3,834	3,888	3,874	3,895	-1%	91%
Less than 18	37	33	34	45	-24%	1%
18-19	136	139	139	162	-14%	3%
20-24	734	753	752	800	-6%	18%
25-29	881	909	900	836	8%	21%
30-39	1,222	1,217	1,215	1,194	2%	28%
40-49	644	645	647	695	-7%	15%
50-59	386	392	387	389	-1%	9%
60 +	194	199	195	184	6%	5%
Total Number of People	4,234	4,287	4,269	4,305	-1%	100%

- There are currently 3,895 males (91%) and 410 females (9%) on the PBNI caseload.
- Two thirds of people on the PBNI caseload at 30 June 2017 were aged 20 – 39 (67%). Over one quarter were aged 40 and over (29%).

Section 3: New Orders added to PBNI Caseload

Table 4: New Orders** Starting during month: 1 April 2017 – 30 June 2017**

Type of Disposal	Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017	2017/18 FYTD**	2016/17 PFYTD**	% change FYTD on PFYTD	Latest 12 Month Total Jul 2016 to Jun 2017
Orders							
Combination Order	23	32	32	87	84	4%	336
Community Service Order	69	93	94	256	278	-8%	981
Custody Probation Order	2	7	0	9	6	-	18
Determinate Custodial Sentence	37	57	48	142	222	-36%	541
Enhanced Combination Order	7	5	8	20	31	-	97
Juvenile Justice Centre Order	4	2	12	18	13	-	33
Probation Order	76	94	107	277	326	-15%	1104
Other Orders*	0	0	0	0	1	-	3
Licences							
Life/Sentence Licence	0	1	0	1	0	-	11
Sex Offender Licence	0	2	0	2	1	-	3
GB Licence	1	3	1	5	11	-	19
Public Protection Sentences							
Extended Custodial Sentence	2	2	3	7	8	-	34
Indeterminate Custodial Sentence	0	0	2	2	2	-	4
Total Number of Orders	221	298	307	826	983	-16%	3184
Total Number of People***	215	289	291	795	940	-15%	3091

- Percentage change is not shown as the denominator is less than 50.

*Includes Community Responsibility Order and Supervision & Treatment Order. **FYTD=Financial Year to Date. PFYTD=Previous Financial Year to Date. ***Individual monthly totals of people will not sum to FYTD totals as a person can receive more than one new order during the year. ****New Non-statutory cases are not included in these figures.

- Between 1 April and 30 June 2017, 826 new statutory orders were added to the PBNI caseload. This is 16% lower than in the same period of 2016/7 (983).
- The number of new Probation Orders made between 1 April and 30 June 2017 is 15% lower than in the same period of 2016/17, the number of new Community Service Orders is 8% lower and the number of new Combination Orders is 4% higher.
- At 142, the number of new Determinate Custodial Sentences, which is the main custodial disposal on the PBNI caseload, is 36% lower than was the case during April to June 2016.
- Looking at a longer term trend; there were 3,184 new orders added to the PBNI caseload in the 12 months to the end of June 2017. This is 2% higher than the total made in the 12 months to the end of June 2016 (3,136).

Figure 7: All New Orders: Rolling 12 Month Total to end June 2017

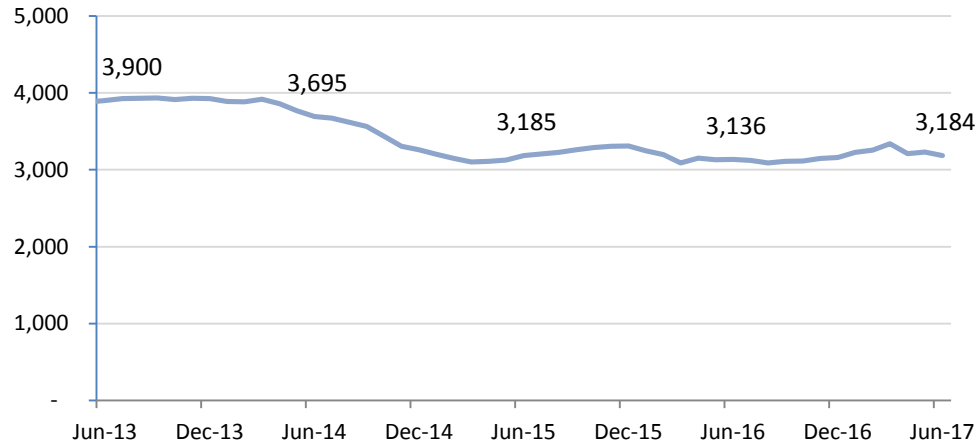


Figure 8: New Probation Orders: Rolling 12 Month Total to end June 2017

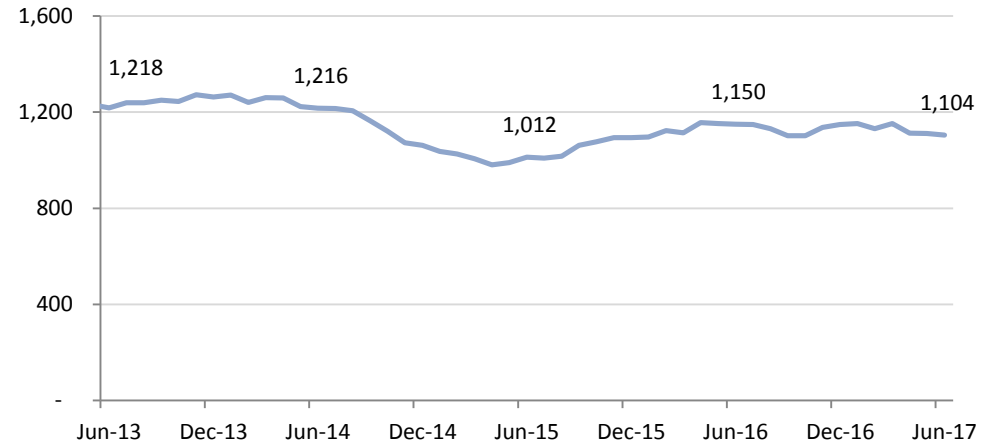


Figure 9: New Community Service Orders: Rolling 12 Month Total to end June 2017

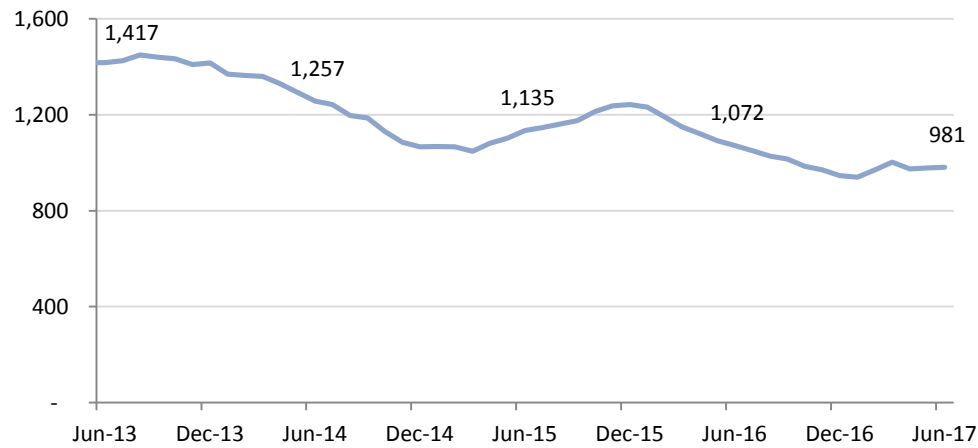
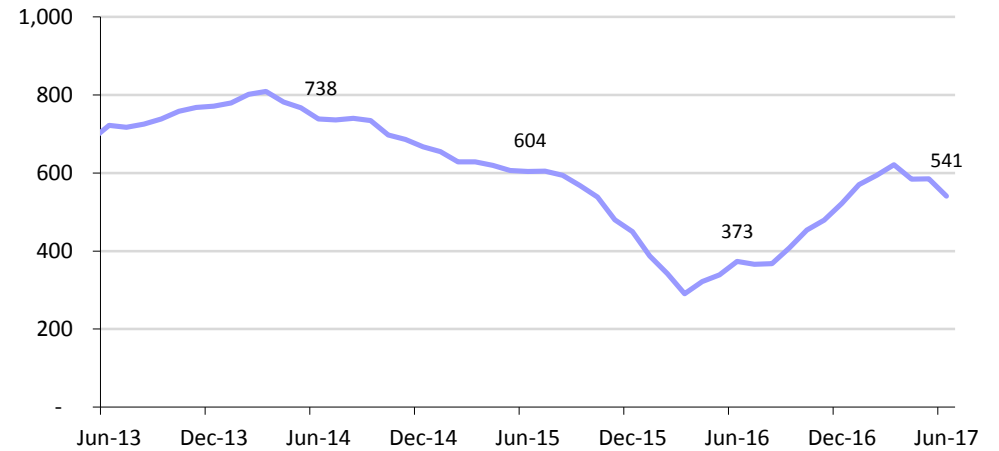


Figure 10: New Determinate Custodial Sentences: Rolling 12 Month Total to end June 2017



Section 4: PBNI Victims Information Scheme

Figure 11: New Registrations to the PBNI Victim Information Scheme by month: 31 March 2012 to 30 June 2017

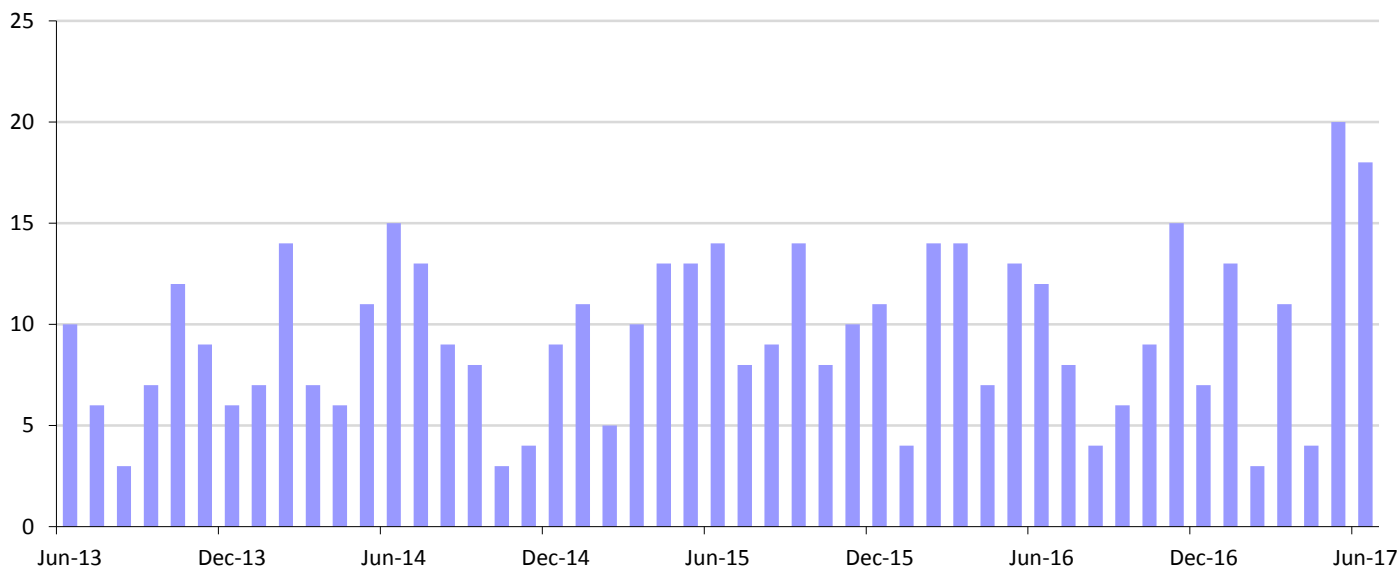


Table 5: Registrations to the PBNI Victim Information Scheme and 3-Year Pre Tariff Reports Completed by month: 1 April 2017 – 30 June 2017

	Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017	2017/18 FYTD**	2016/17 PFYTD**	% change FYTD on PFYTD	Latest 12 Month Total Jul 2016 to Jun 2017
New Registrations	4	20	18	42	32	-	118
No of victim reports completed for the Parole Commissioners	1	0	1	2	1	-	8

- Percentage change is not shown as the denominator is less than 50.

*Please note that Victim Registrations are person based, each person may have multiple reports across different months.

- At the end of June 2017 there were 275 victims registered on the PBNI Victim Information Scheme.
- Between 1 April and 30 June 2017, there were 42 new registrations to the PBNI Victim Information Scheme.

Annex 1: Definitions

A **Combination Order** is a sentence that combines a Probation Order and a Community Service Order. The period of Probation supervision can last from 1 to 3 years. The Community Service part of the Order can range from 40 to 100 hours and must be completed as instructed.

A **Community Service Order** requires an offender to do unpaid work in the community. It may be given to someone 16 or over if the offender consents, and lasts between 40 hours and 240 hours and must be completed within 12 months.

A **Custody Probation Order** requires an offender to serve a period of imprisonment followed by a period of supervision in the community (the period of supervision will be 1 to 3 years commencing on date of release), and is unique to Northern Ireland. This order cannot be made unless the offender consents. Although Custody Probation Orders remain on the statute books, Determinate Custodial Sentences were made available from 1 April 2009.

A **Determinate Custodial Sentence** requires an offender to serve a period of imprisonment followed by a period of supervision in the community. The court will specify the length of both custody and community supervision at sentencing. This will be the standard determinate sentence for all offenders, and has been available to the courts from 1 April 2009.

An **Enhanced Combination Order** is an intensive pilot project with a focus on rehabilitation, reparation, restorative practice, and desistance, and has been available to two of the court divisions from October 2015. The period of Probation supervision can last from 1 to 3 years. The Community Service part of the Order can range from 40 to 100 hours and must be carried out at an accelerated pace.

An **Extended Custodial Sentence** may be given at court if the offender has been convicted on indictment of a specified offence, where a life sentence or Indeterminate Custodial Sentence is not appropriate. The court must be of the opinion that there is a significant risk that the offender will re-offend and that such re-offending is likely to cause serious harm to members of the public. The court will specify the maximum length of custody and length of time to be served on licence in the community. Halfway through the custodial element of their sentence offenders may apply to the Parole Commissioners for early release.

A **GB Transfer Licence** – any individual subject to licence may, given the agreement of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland, transfer to Northern Ireland from another jurisdiction in Great Britain.

An **Indeterminate Custodial Sentence** may be given at court if the offender has been convicted on indictment of a specified offence, where a life sentence is not appropriate but an Extended Custodial Sentence is not sufficient. The court must be of the opinion that there is a significant risk that the offender will re-offend and that such re-offending is likely to cause serious harm to members of the public. The court will specify the maximum length of custody that an offender must serve before being released on licence into the community. Offenders may remain on licence for the rest of their natural lives. On reaching a tariff date, offenders may apply to the parole commissioners for early release.

Inescapable Voluntary refers to those offenders who continue to be supervised by PBNI on a voluntary basis following the end of their sentence, usually for the purposes of completing programmes. These are not statutory orders.

A **Juvenile Justice Centre Order** requires a young offender (aged between 10 and 17 years) to spend time, normally three months, in a Juvenile Justice Centre and then be supervised in the community by a probation officer, normally for three months.

A **Life Sentence Licence** means an offender serving a life sentence will be released from custody on licence. An individual must comply with the conditions of his licence in order to remain in the community and not be returned to custody.

A **Probation Order** can last between 6 months and 3 years, and puts the offender under the supervision of a Probation Officer for that period. The order may have extra requirements. Offender consent is required.

Remand/Sentence - refers to persons who are remanded in custody awaiting sentence or who are subject to a custodial sentence not involving PBNI supervision on release with whom PBNI works in order to assess individual risks and needs.

A **Sex Offender Licence** – under article 26 of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 makes provision for all offenders convicted of a sexual offence to be released on licence under the supervision of a Probation Officer.

A **Supervision and Treatment Order** requires the specified person to be under supervision for a period of not more than 2 years; and to submit, during that period to treatment under the direction of a medical practitioner with a view to the improvement of his mental condition.