

## Evaluation of the judicial systems 2024 (data 2022)



UK-England and Wales

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**Reference data 2022 (01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022)**

**Start/end date of the data collection campaign : 15/03/2023 - 01/10/2023**

### **Objective :**

The CEPEJ decided, at its 39th plenary meeting, to launch the ninth evaluation cycle 2024, focused on 2022 data. The CEPEJ wishes to use the methodology developed in the previous cycles to get, with the support of its national correspondents' network, a general evaluation of the judicial systems in the 46 member states of the Council of Europe as well as three observer states (Israel, Morocco and Kazakhstan).

The present questionnaire was developed by the Working group on evaluation of judicial systems (CEPEJ-GT-EVAL) in view of the previous evaluation cycles and considering the comments submitted by CEPEJ members, observers, experts and national correspondents. The aim of this exercise is to increase awareness of judicial systems in the participating states, to compare the functioning of judicial systems in their various aspects, as well as to have a better knowledge of the trends of the judicial organisation in order to help improve the efficiency of justice. The evaluation questionnaire and the analysis of the results becomes a genuine tool in favour of public policies on justice, in service of the European citizens.

For better understanding of the questions it is necessary to consult the Explanatory note that gives definitions and explanations on the CEPEJ evaluation questionnaire and the methodology needed for replying. You can download the Explanatory note as a whole document on the CEPEJ website. In addition to the Explanatory note, there is also the User manual that is a technical document to help you navigate through this application for data collection.

In case you have any questions related to these documents or on the use of the application, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat.

### **Instruction :**

Explanatory note: <https://rm.coe.int/explanatory-note-2024-cycle-cepej-2023-2-en/1680aae30a>

Word version of the questionnaire - <https://rm.coe.int/evaluation-scheme-2024-cycle-cepej-2022-9rev1-en-30-march-2023/1680aae309>

CEPEJ COLLECT - User manual – you can download under Documentation tab

## **1.General and financial information**

### **1.1.Demographic and economic data**

#### **1.1.1Inhabitants and economic general information**



##### **001. Number of inhabitants (if possible on 1 January of the reference year +1)**

[ 59 642 000 ]

Comments 56,536,000 for England

3,105,000 for Wales

Mid-year 2021 estimates for Office of National Statistics



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**003. Per capita GDP (in €) in current prices for the reference year**

[ 37 525 ]

Comments

**004. Average gross annual salary (in €) for the reference year**

[ 38 447 ]

[ ] NA

Comments

**005. Exchange rate of national currency (non-Euro zone) in € on 1 January of the reference year +1:**

[ 0.8868 ]

Allow decimals : 5

[ ] NAP

Comments

**A1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part**

Sources: N/A

**1.1.2 Budgetary data concerning judicial system**

**006. Annual (approved and implemented) public budget allocated to the functioning of all courts, in € (without the budget of the public prosecution services and without the budget of legal aid). If you cannot separate the budget allocated to the courts from the budget of public prosecution services and/or the one allocated to legal aid, please go to question 7. If you are able to answer this question, please answer NA to question 7.**

	Approved budget (in €)	Implemented budget (in €)
<b>TOTAL - Annual public budget allocated to the functioning of all courts (1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7)</b>	2 801 367 323 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	2 812 209 131 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>1. Annual public budget allocated to (gross) salaries</b>	1 479 537 538 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	1 453 362 490 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>2. Annual public budget allocated to computerisation (2.1 + 2.2)</b>	334 497 369 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	348 290 359 [ ] NA [ ] NAP

<b>2.1 Investments in computerisation</b>	87 388 018 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	87 758 012 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>2.2 Maintenance of the IT equipment of courts</b>	247 109 351 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	260 532 347 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>3. Annual public budget allocated to justice expenses (expertise, interpretation, etc.)</b>	77 954 519 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	76 711 404 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>4. Annual public budget allocated to court buildings (maintenance, operating costs)</b>	490 558 443 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	511 261 192 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>5. Annual public budget allocated to investments in new (court) buildings</b>	56 618 526 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	50 044 292 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>6. Annual public budget allocated to training</b>	2 760 000 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	2 589 979 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>7. Other (please specify)</b>	359 440 927 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	369 949 413 [ ] NA [ ] NAP

Please indicate any useful comment to explain the figures provided. If the annual public budget allocated to the functioning of all courts actually implemented is different from the approved annual public budget allocated to the functioning of all courts, please indicate the main reasons for the differences: All the financial information relates to the 2022-23 financial year. The prior return had been prepared under a different methodology, as it previously fell under another team in the organisation.

#### Overall Total

The UK has seen significant inflationary pressures between 2020 and 2023 – the Bank of England’s estimated inflation for this period was 21.6%<sup>1</sup>, which is a significant driver for the overall increased expenditure incurred by HMCTS. In addition to this, the 22-23 financial year was still dealing with legacy of the COVID-19 impact, with additional funding made available to support video hearings and increase the court estate to mitigate the impact of the increased backlog of court cases.

#### 2.1 Investments in computerisation

HMCTS started an ambitious programme of court reform in 2016, which involved a considerable element of digitisation of services. This programme was in the development phase in the 19-20 financial year, hence there was significant investment in computerisation at this stage, in addition to business as usual investment in IT infrastructure. By the 22-23 financial year, this programme is significantly further on in its lifecycle, and therefore there is significantly less development spend relating to computerisation.

#### 2.2 Maintenance of the IT equipment of courts

Per the above, HMCTS has invested heavily in computerisation of services since the start of 2016. As of the 22-23 financial year, many of these services have gone live, resulting in additional IT maintenance spend compared to 19-20. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic led to a significant increase in utilisation of video hearings, which has inflated the expenditure on IT maintenance compared to 19-20.

#### 5. Annual public budget allocated to investments in new (court) buildings

HMCTS adopted the IFRS 16 Leases accounting standard from in the 2021-22 financial year. Therefore, the figures for 22-23 included budget and expenditure on both property purchases, as well as the capitalisation of new leases. The prior data from 19-20 only includes purchases, and so is not a like-for-like comparison. 6. Annual public budget allocated to training Following the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a significant reduction in in-person training for both judiciary and staff, leading to considerable reductions in travel and subsistence expenditure relating to training.

#### 7. Other (Please specify)

The “Other” category for 19-20 contains the disposal receipts for several HMCTS properties. The rationalisation of HMCTS’ estate was a key element of the Court Reform programme, with the proceeds re-invested into the courts service. BY 22-23, this programme of property sales had ended, hence a significantly higher amount of spend within classified as “other”:

- Consultancy;
- Prisoner related costs;
- Banking & Finance charges;

- Other Contracted or Professional services;
- Staff Travel & Subsistence;
- Print, postage & office expenditure;
- Profit/Loss on disposals of assets;
- Recoveries from other government bodies and other miscellaneous income;
- Depreciation and amortisation of assets. Approved and Implemented budget excludes HMCTS fee income as this budget is held / managed by Ministry of Justice.

**007. If you cannot answer question 6 because you cannot isolate the public budget allocated to courts from the budget allocated to public prosecution services and/or the one allocated to legal aid, please fill in only the appropriate line in the table according to your system:**

	Approved budget (in €)	Implemented budget (in €)
Total annual public budget allocated to all courts and the public prosecution services together	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
Total annual public budget allocated to all courts and legal aid together	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
Total annual public budget allocated to all courts, public prosecution services and legal aid together	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments - Please indicate any useful comment to explain the figures provided. If the annual public budget actually implemented is different from the approved annual public budget, please indicate the main reasons for the differences: N/A



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**008. Are litigants in general required to pay a court fee to initiate a proceeding at a court of general jurisdiction:**

	Litigants required to pay a court fee to initiate a proceeding at a court of general jurisdiction ?
for criminal cases	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at the beginning of the procedure <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at a later stage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
for other than criminal cases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, at the beginning of the procedure <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at a later stage <input type="checkbox"/> No

Comments - If there are exceptions to the obligation to pay these court fees, could you please provide comments on those exceptions? There are some cases where a user cannot afford to pay a fee. As part of the Lord Chancellor's duty to protect access to justice, a fee remission scheme called 'Help with Fees' (HwF) exists to provide fee remissions to eligible users. HwF eligibility is determined by several different remission criteria, including the applicant's income, savings, if they live with a partner or if they have dependent children, the size of the fee, and whether they are in receipt of certain benefits. Successful applicants receive either a partial or total remission of their fee.

**008-1. Please briefly present the methodology of calculation of these court fees:**

- The Lord Chancellor has the power to charge and prescribe fees in relation to anything done by the courts and tribunals. The fees are set out in statutory instruments. A user is required to pay the fee set out in the relevant statutory instrument in order to take certain steps, including starting proceedings (issuing a claim, filing a counterclaim, applying to enforce a court order) or moving their case forward (making applications and proceeding to a hearing). The Lord Chancellor has the power to set both non-enhanced fees (at or below cost) or (in some areas) enhanced fees. As a principle, fees are generally be set at a level that recovers at least part of the cost of the service. Few fees recover the whole cost of the service and a large proportion of court and tribunal fees require some level of taxpayer subsidy to help fund the service. There are some services where we do not charge a fee, including, for example, non-molestation orders and cases taken to the First-tier Tribunal concerning mental health.

## 008-2. The amount of court fees requested to commence an action for 3000€ debt recovery:

[ 130 ]

[ ] NA

[ ] NAP

Comments The fee to apply to a county court to claim a debt owed by a person or business for €3,000 (£2,659) would be €130 (£115). This is the fee where the claimed sum exceeds €1692 (£1500) but does not exceed €3385 (£3000), converted using central bank mid-rate 2 Jan 2023 €1 = £0.8863.

## 009. Annual income of court fees received by the State (in €):

[ 815 199 536 ]

[ ] NA

[ ] NAP

Comments For Question 6 - Based on government budgeting measure known as Resource DEL and Capital DEL, as per internal budget category and implemented budgets recorded on HMCTS's finance system. Figures have been converted from GBP to Euros using central bank mid-rate 2 Jan 2023 €1 = £0.8863.

For Question 8-2: Court Fees are updated and published at: Court and tribunal fees - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

## 012. Annual approved public budget allocated to legal aid, in €.

	TOTAL	Criminal cases	Other than criminal cases
<b>TOTAL - Annual approved public budget allocated to legal aid (12.1 + 12.2)</b>	2 276 000 000 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	1 198 000 000 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	1 079 000 000 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>12.1 for cases brought to court (court fees and/or legal representation)</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>12.2 for cases not brought to court (legal advice, ADR and other legal services)</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP

Comments Source: <https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/34163/documents/187993/default/>

## 012-1. Annual implemented public budget allocated to legal aid, in €.

TOTAL	Criminal cases	Other than criminal cases
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<b>TOTAL - Annual implemented public budget allocated to legal aid (12-1.1 + 12-1.2)</b>	2 183 000 000 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	1 094 000 000 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	1 089 000 000 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>12-1.1 for cases brought to court (court fees and/or legal representation)</b>	1 767 000 000 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	773 000 000 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	994 000 000 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>12-1.2 for cases not brought to court (legal advice, ADR and other legal services)</b>	295 000 000 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	166 000 000 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	129 000 000 [ ] NA [ ] NAP

If the public budget actually implemented regarding legal aid is different from the annual approved public budget allocated to legal aid, please indicate the main reasons for the differences: Source:

1. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/legal-aid-agency-annual-report-and-accounts-2022-to-2023>

2. <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/legal-aid-statistics>

see note below these are closed-case not RDEL so will NOT match row 23 - ie these breakdowns only available on a closed-case basis, not RDEL basis (see below for explanation of Resource Departmental Expenditure Limits)

3. <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/legal-aid-statistics> see note below these are closed-case not RDEL so will NOT match row 23 - ie these breakdowns only available on a closed-case basis, not RDEL basis (see below for explanation of Resource Departmental Expenditure Limits)

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### 012-3. Do legal aid budgets indicated in Q12 and Q12-1 include:

	Amount calculated/estimated included
<b>Coverage of court fees</b>	( X ) Yes ( ) No ( ) NAP (Legal aid does not include coverage of court fees)
<b>Exemption from court fees</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No ( ) NAP (Legal aid does not include exemption from court fees)

Comments A individual who is formally represented in court proceeding under legal aid would have his or her court fees covered.

### 013. Annual (approved and implemented) public budget allocated to the public prosecution services, in €.

	Approved budget (in €)	Implemented budget (in €)
<b>Total annual public budget allocated to the public prosecution services, in € (including 13.1)</b>	889 271 521 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	889 271 521 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>13.1. Annual public budget allocated to training of public prosecution services</b>	5 363 844 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	5 363 844 [ ] NA [ ] NAP

Please indicate any useful comment to explain the figures provided. Moreover, if the annual public budget allocated to the public prosecution services actually implemented is different from the approved annual public budget, please indicate the main reasons for the differences:

### A2. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

### 1.1.3 Budgetary data concerning the whole justice system

**015-1. Annual (approved and implemented) public budget allocated to the whole justice system, in € (this global budget includes the judicial system budget - see 15-2 and other elements of the justice system - see 15-3)**

	Approved budget (in €)	Implemented budget (in €)
<b>Total annual public budget allocated to the whole justice system in €</b>	14 593 481 832 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	14 308 634 638 [ ] NA [ ] NAP

Comments - Please indicate any useful comment to explain the figures provided above and specify if a large portion of the budget allocated to the whole justice system comes from an international organisation. Moreover, if the annual public budget allocated to the whole justice system actually implemented is different from the approved annual public budget, please indicate the main reasons for the differences: These totals are the total budget, plus the responses in question 13 for CPS budget.

### 015-2. Elements of the judicial system budget (Q6, Q7, Q12, Q13)

	Included
<b>Courts</b>	( X ) Yes ( ) No [ ] NAP
<b>Legal aid</b>	( X ) Yes ( ) No [ ] NAP
<b>Public prosecution services</b>	( X ) Yes ( ) No [ ] NAP

Comments

### 015-3. Other budgetary elements

	Included
<b>Prison system</b>	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP
<b>Probation services</b>	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP
<b>High Judicial Council</b>	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP

High Prosecutorial Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
Constitutional court	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
Judicial management body	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
Service for legal representation of the State	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
Enforcement services	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
Notariat	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
Forensic services	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
Judicial protection of juveniles	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
Functioning of the Ministry of Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
Refugees and asylum seekers services	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
Immigration Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
Some police services (e.g. : transfer, investigation, prisoners' security)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP

If "Other", please specify:

### A3. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: Ministry of Justice Annual Report and Accounts

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6565e39962180b0012ce8302/\\_HC13\\_\\_MOJ\\_Annual\\_Report\\_and\\_Accounts\\_2022-23.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6565e39962180b0012ce8302/_HC13__MOJ_Annual_Report_and_Accounts_2022-23.pdf)



## 2. Access to justice and all courts

### 2.1. Legal Aid

#### 2.1.1 Scope of legal aid

016. Does legal aid apply to:

	Criminal cases	Other than criminal cases
Representation in court	( X ) Yes ( ) No [ ] NA [ ] NAP	( X ) Yes ( ) No [ ] NA [ ] NAP
Legal advice, ADR and other legal services	( X ) Yes ( ) No [ ] NA [ ] NAP	( X ) Yes ( ) No [ ] NA [ ] NAP

016-1. Please briefly describe the organisation of the legal aid system in your country.

- The provision of legal aid can be broken down into two main justice areas, criminal and civil. Criminal legal aid mainly includes work carried out in police stations and in criminal courts in relation to people being investigated or charged with criminal offences. Civil legal aid includes work relating to disputes between the state and individuals, such as care proceedings, asylum claims and judicial reviews. It can be split by area of law, and into the categories legal help, controlled legal representation and civil representation.

018. Can legal aid be granted for the fees that are related to the enforcement of judicial decisions (e.g. fees of an enforcement agent)?

( ) Yes

( X ) No

[ ] NAP

If yes, please specify:

019. Can legal aid be granted for other costs (different from those mentioned in questions 16 to 18, e.g. fees of technical advisors or experts, costs of other legal professionals (notaries), travel costs etc.)?

	Criminal cases	Other than criminal cases
Legal aid granted for other costs	( X ) Yes ( ) No [ ] NA [ ] NAP	( X ) Yes ( ) No [ ] NA [ ] NAP

Comments - If yes, please specify: For example, travel costs and expert fees.

## 2.1.2 Information on legal aid



**020. Please indicate the number of cases for which legal aid has been granted:**

	Total	Cases brought to court	Cases not brought to court
<b>TOTAL</b>	1 426 659 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	473 614 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	953 045 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>In criminal cases</b>	1 154 000 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	342 002 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	811 998 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>In other than criminal cases</b>	272 659 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	131 612 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	141 047 [ ] NA [ ] NAP

Comments - Please specify when appropriate: Sources for the above figures (Legal aid statistics England & Wales table no.):

Court: Crime lower: magistrates' court representation (2.1), Crime higher: Crown Courts representation (4.1), Civil Representation: closed case (6.3).

Non-Court: Crime Lower: advice at police station, prison law (2.1), Civil: legal help and Controlled Legal Representation (CLR)\* (5.2) + family mediation (7.2).

\*Although not in a court, CLR figures cover proceedings in the Mental Health and Immigration and Asylum jurisdictions of the First-Tier Tribunal and Immigration and Asylum Chamber of the Upper Tribunal.

**020-0. Please indicate the number of recipients of legal aid:**

	Total	Cases brought to court	Cases not brought to court
<b>TOTAL</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>In criminal cases</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>In other than criminal cases</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ ] NA [ X ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP

Comments - Please specify when appropriate:

**020-0-1. Are there statistical data disaggregated by gender in respect of recipients of legal aid?**

( ) Yes

( X ) No

Comments

**020-0-2. If yes, please provide details on distribution by gender of recipients of legal aid:**

	Total	Males	Females
<b>Number of recipients of legal aid</b>	[ ] NA [ X ] NAP	[ ] NA [ X ] NAP	[ ] NA [ X ] NAP

**020-0-3. Is it possible to divide the number of recipients of legal aid per different categories of cases?**

( ) Yes

( X ) No

Comment: If yes, please specify for which categories of cases:

**020-0-4. Are there situations where legal aid is automatically granted depending on categories of cases?**

( ) Yes

( X ) No

Comment: If yes, please specify:

**020-0-5. How many of the recipients of legal aid are alleged victims of domestic violence?**

	Total	Males	Females
Number of recipients of legal aid who are alleged victims of domestic violence	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP

**020-1. Please indicate the timeframes of the procedure for granting legal aid, in relation to the duration from the initial legal aid request to the final decision on the legal aid request:**

	Time in days
Maximum duration prescribed in law/regulation	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
Actual average duration	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP

Comments - Please specify if the envisaged timeframe is set in a statutory law, or in other regulation. Furthermore, if different timeframes are envisaged for criminal and other than criminal cases, please provide more information:

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**021. In criminal cases, can individuals who do not have sufficient financial means be assisted by a free of charge (or financed by a public budget) lawyer?**

	Assisted by a free of charge lawyer
Accused individuals	( X ) Yes ( ) No
Victims	( ) Yes ( X ) No

Comments - If yes, please specify: In accused individual's (defendant's) case this is subject to financial (means) and interest of justice (merits) tests conducted by the Legal Aid Agency, formerly the Legal Services Commission. In the victim's case, funding is usually available from Her Majesty's Courts Service.

## 022. In criminal cases are these individuals free to choose their lawyer within the framework of the legal aid system?

	free selection of lawyer
Accused individuals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
Victims	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments

## 023-0. Does your country have an income and assets evaluation for granting full or partial legal aid?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments - Please indicate if any other criteria are taken into account for the granting of legal aid and any comment that could explain the data provided above: Source:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/criminal-legal-aid-means-testing>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/civil-legal-aid-means-testing>

Please note: the figures provided above refer to a range of thresholds that are dependent on case and a full means test. Therefore they represent a large oversimplification. The means test for Crime and Prison Law Advice and Assistance is determined by the Provider using the thresholds set out in Regulations but summarised at the link provided above. Criminal figure above for household disposable income. In the Crown Court those with disposable income above that threshold, but below £37,500, receive legal aid but have to pay a contribution from income.

For non-criminal cases, the means test is also determined in accordance with the legal aid regulations but is summarised at the link above. As with criminal cases, the annual income and assets values do not necessarily relate to just "one person". Instead, the resources of an individual's partner will be included within the individual's disposable income and disposable capital unless they have a contrary interest in the proceedings. They are therefore also household values. The assets of other individuals may also be included (e.g. anyone substantially maintaining the individual). There are thresholds of £12,475, £22,325 and £37,500 (depending on the type of case and full means test (dependants etc.))

The £31,884 annual income value is gross household income. If income is within this limit there are further requirements on disposable income that must be met before either "full legal aid" or "partial legal aid" can be provided. The upper threshold is a disposable income level of no more than £733 per calendar month.

In terms of "full legal aid", the maximum annual assets value of £3,000 only applies to "civil representation". "Legal help and CLR" are only provided on a "full legal aid" basis. Thus, legal aid will be available without contributions where gross income is no more than £31,884, disposable income is no more than £733 pcm, and disposable capital is no more than £8,000 (except certain immigration cases where the limit is £3,000)

In terms of "partial legal aid", where an individual applying for "civil representation" has between £316 and £733 monthly disposable income and/or between £3,000 and £8,000 disposable capital they are still eligible to receive legal aid but may be required to make a "contribution" to the costs of their case on a one-off or monthly basis.

## 023. If yes, please specify in the table:

	Annual income value (for one person), (in €)	Assets value (for one person), (in €)
Full legal aid to the applicant for criminal cases	14 676 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	[ ] NA [ X ] NAP
Full legal aid to the applicant for other than criminal cases	37 511 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	3 529 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
Partial legal aid to the applicant for criminal cases	14 676 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	[ ] NA [ X ] NAP
Partial legal aid to the applicant for other than criminal cases	37 511 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	9 412 [ ] NA [ ] NAP

**024. Is it possible to refuse legal aid for lack of merit of the case (for example for frivolous action or no chance of success)?**

( X ) Yes

( ) No

Comments - If yes, please specify the exact criteria for denying legal aid: There are different criteria for granting legal aid depending on the nature of the proceedings in question, including some cases where there is no minimum criteria at all. In general terms, an applicant must show that they have reasonable grounds for taking, defending or being a party to proceedings, and that it is reasonable, in the particular circumstances of the case, for legal aid to be granted. The Legal Aid Agency must consider, for example, whether the case has a reasonable chance of success, whether the benefits of litigation would outweigh the cost to public funds, and whether the applicant would gain any significant personal benefit from proceeding, bearing in mind any liability to repay the costs if successful. These factors are similar to those that would influence a privately paying client of moderate means when considering whether to become involved in proceedings.

**025. Is the decision to grant or refuse legal aid taken by:**

( ) the judge(s) dealing with the main case

( ) another judge or official

( X ) an authority external to the court

( ) several authorities (court and external bodies)

Comments

**027. Can judicial decisions direct how legal costs, paid by the parties during the procedure, will be shared:**

	Judicial decisions direct how legal costs will be shared
in criminal cases	( X ) Yes ( ) No
in other than criminal cases	( X ) Yes ( ) No

Comments - If no, please specify how legal costs are distributed:

**B1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part**

## 2.2.Court users and victims

### 2.2.1Rights of the users and victims



**028. Are there official internet sites/portals (e.g. Ministry of Justice, Judicial Council etc.) where general public may have free-of-charge access to the following:**

	Yes, internet adresse(es)	No
Legal texts (e.g. codes, laws, regulations, etc.)	( X ) <a href="https://www.gov.uk/search/all">https://www.gov.uk/search/all</a> <a href="https://www.judiciary.uk/judgments/">https://www.judiciary.uk/judgments/</a> <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/</a>	( )
Case-law of the higher court/s	( X ) <a href="https://www.gov.uk/search/all">https://www.gov.uk/search/all</a> <a href="https://www.judiciary.uk/judgments/">https://www.judiciary.uk/judgments/</a> <a href="https://www.supremecourt.uk/decided-cases/">https://www.supremecourt.uk/decided-cases/</a> <a href="https://www.bailii.org/form/search_cases.html">https://www.bailii.org/form/search_cases.html</a>	( )
Information about the judicial system (organisation of courts, court proceedings, etc)	( X ) <a href="https://www.judiciary.uk/about-the-judiciary/our-justice-system/">https://www.judiciary.uk/about-the-judiciary/our-justice-system/</a>	( )
Other documents (e.g. forms, downloadable forms, online registration forms)	( X ) <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/court-and-tribunal-forms">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/court-and-tribunal-forms</a>	( )

Comment - Please specify what documents and information are included in “Other documents” N/A

**029. Is there an obligation to provide information to the parties concerning the foreseeable timeframes of their proceedings?**

( ) Yes, always

( X ) No

( ) Yes, only in some specific situations

Comment - If “Yes, only in some specific situations”, please specify:

**030. Is there a public and free-of-charge information system for providing information and facilitating access to justice:**

	Information system
General for citizens	<input type="checkbox"/> Online information <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> Interactive chat <input type="checkbox"/> In-person (physical access on site) <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Specific for victims of offences	<input type="checkbox"/> Online information <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> Interactive chat <input type="checkbox"/> In-person (physical access on site) <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Specific for minors (child-friendly systems)	<input type="checkbox"/> Online information <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> Interactive chat <input type="checkbox"/> In-person (physical access on site) <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Comments - Please provide more information on these systems and specify how this assistance is provided: Answers N/A

**031. Are there special favourable arrangements to be applied, during judicial proceedings, to the following categories of vulnerable persons:**

	Information mechanism	Special arrangements in hearings	Other specific arrangements
Victims of sexual violence/rape	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Victims of terrorism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Minors (witnesses or victims)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Victims of domestic violence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Ethnic minorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Persons with disabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Juvenile offenders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Other (e.g. victims of human trafficking, forced marriage, sexual mutilation)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Comments - If “Other vulnerable person” and/or “Other specific arrangements”, please specify: Legislation exists to allow for the use of special measures in court, to provide a safe environment for the victim or witness to give their evidence. Applications for these measures are permitted for whichever type of offence has been committed, it is not subject to any of the categories listed above.

The use of special measures does become automatic in certain categories of cases, for example cases with children or rape victims. In

addition to the above, new legislation permits the recording of evidence and cross-examination of children, vulnerable adults, intimidated, and modern-day slavery witnesses. This recorded evidence is used in court to allow the witness to give evidence and be cross-examined in the courtroom. There is in addition the use of remote locations away from the courtroom, where a victim or witness can give evidence which is transmitted live to the courtroom.

**031-0. If there are special arrangements for minors, what are the settings / tools / facilities / practises employed to protect them when they participate in judicial proceedings?**

- ☐ Special and child-adequate preparation for participation in trials / lawsuits (explaining in a child-friendly manner the proceedings)
- ☐ Special room in court designated for child-friendly hearings
- ☐ Special person / team of trained professional(s) (such as psychologists) to accompany a minor throughout the proceedings
- ☐ Special ways to communicate and explain meaning of court decisions
- ☐ Interagency/multidisciplinary structure such as “Children’s Houses”
- ☐ Other, please specify .....
- ☒ NAP

Comment

**031-1. What are the main criteria for a person under 18 years of age to act in court proceedings or to be a witness?**

	Civil proceedings	Criminal proceedings
<b>Capacity to initiate a proceeding and take other procedural actions in his/her own name</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Age threshold [Comment] <input type="checkbox"/> Capacity for discernment <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Age threshold [Comment] <input type="checkbox"/> Capacity for discernment <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>To be a witness</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Age threshold [Comment] <input type="checkbox"/> Capacity for discernment <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Age threshold [Comment] <input type="checkbox"/> Capacity for discernment <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments - Please specify if you selected “Other”.

**031-2. If a person under 18 years of age cannot act in court proceedings in his/her own name, who can represent him/her in judicial proceedings?**

	Civil proceedings	Criminal proceedings
<b>Parent/legal guardian</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, always <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, except in some specific situations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, always <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, except in some specific situations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No



Another representative (instead of parent/legal guardian)	<input type="checkbox"/> Social care services or other public institution	<input type="checkbox"/> Social care services or other public institution
	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal professional
	<input type="checkbox"/> Associations for protection of minors	<input type="checkbox"/> Associations for protection of minors
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other

Comment NAP

031-3. What are the different criteria for the criminal liability of minors? (multiple replies possible)

- ☐ Age threshold(s)
- ☐ Capacity for discernment
- ☐ Other criteria

Comment N/A

031-3-1. What is the age threshold for the criminal liability of minors?

Criminal liability resulting in sentence without privation of liberty (for example, educational measures)

- ☐
- ☒ NA
- ☐ NAP

Criminal liability resulting in sentence of privation of liberty

- ☐
- ☒ NA
- ☐ NAP

Comment - Please describe, briefly, the specifics of your system. Could you, please specify if the possibility of mitigation applies to the sanctions and how? N/A

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032. Does your country allocate compensation for victims of offences?

- ☐ Yes, but only if the offender is unknown
- ☐ Yes, but only if compensation could not be obtained from the offender
- ☒ Yes, in both situations
- ☐ No

Comment

032-0. If yes, for what types of offences the compensation is allocated?

- ☐ For all types of offences
- ☐ For some types of offences
- ☒ NAP

Comment - Please specify: Judicial decisions

032-1. Is a court decision necessary in the framework of the compensation procedure?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Comments NAP

**032-0. If yes, for what types of offences the compensation is allocated?**

☐ For all types of offences

☐ For some types of offences

☒ NAP

Comment - Please specify: Judicial decisions

**032-1. Is a court decision necessary in the framework of the compensation procedure?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

Comments NAP

**032-0. If yes, for what types of offences the compensation is allocated?**

☐ For all types of offences

☐ For some types of offences

☒ NAP

Comment - Please specify: Judicial decisions

**032-1. Is a court decision necessary in the framework of the compensation procedure?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

Comments NAP

**034. Is there a regular monitoring (official studies, reports etc.) allowing the evaluation of the recovery rate of the damages awarded by courts to victims?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

Comments - If yes, please illustrate with available data concerning the recovery rate, the title of the studies, the frequency of the studies and the coordinating body: N/A

**035. Do public prosecutors have a specific role with respect to victims (protection and assistance)?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments - If yes, please specify: Under the Victim's code prosecutors are required to speak to victims and witnesses at court.

**035-1. Do public prosecutors have a specific role with respect to minor victims (protection and assistance)?**

☒ Yes

☐ No



**036. Do victims of offences have the right to dispute a public prosecutor's decision to discontinue a case? Please verify the consistency of your answers in this question and question 105 regarding the possibility for a public prosecutor "to discontinue a case without needing a decision by a judge".**

( X ) Yes

( ) No

[ ] NAP

Comment - If necessary, please specify: Yes – Victim's have a right to review under the Victim's Right to Review scheme the cases where a decision has been made to discontinue.

A decision by a judge is not required

**037. Is there a system of compensation in the following circumstances:**

	Number of requests for compensation	Number of compensations granted	Total amount of compensations granted (in €)
<b>Total</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>Excessive length of proceedings</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>Non-execution of court decisions</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>Wrongful arrest/detention</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>Wrongful conviction</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>Other</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP

Comments - Where appropriate, please give details on the compensation procedure and the calculation method for the amount of the compensation (e.g., the amount per day for unjustified detentions or convictions):

**037-1. Please specify which authorities are responsible for dealing with the requests and whether a legal time limit exists to deal with these requests:**

	Responsible authorities	Legal time limit
<b>Court concerned</b>	[ ]	[ ]
<b>Other court</b>	[ ]	[ ]

Ministry of Justice	[ ]	[ ]
High Judicial Council	[ ]	[ ]
Other external bodies (e.g. Ombudsman)	[ ]	[ ]

Comments N/A

### 037-2. Are there statistical data disaggregated by gender concerning the number of:

	Existence of statistical data disaggregated by gender
Persons who initiate a case in other than criminal matters	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - If yes, please specify for which categories of cases: [Comment] <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
Victims recognised as such by the court	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - If yes, please specify for which types of offences: [Comment] <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
Perpetrators of criminal offences	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - If yes, please specify for which types of offences: [Comment] <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA

Comments

### 037-3. Are there statistical data on the relation between the perpetrator of the criminal offence and the victim recognised by the court?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please specify: N/A

## 2.2.2 Confidence and satisfaction of citizens with their justice system

### 038. Does your country implement surveys to measure trust in justice and satisfaction with the services delivered by the judicial system?

	National level	Court level
Surveys for judges	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc
Surveys for court staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc
Surveys for public prosecutors	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc

Surveys for lawyers	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc
Surveys for other professionals	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc
Surveys for the parties	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc
Surveys for other court users (e.g. jurors, witnesses, experts, interpreters, representatives of governmental agencies, NGOs)	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc
Surveys for victims	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc
Surveys for minors	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc
Surveys for the general public	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc
Other not mentioned	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Other regular <input type="checkbox"/> Ad hoc

☒ NA

Comment - Please, indicate the references and links to the satisfaction surveys you mentioned above: N/A

### 3.Organisation of the court system

#### 3.1.Courts

##### 3.1.1Number of courts

##### 042. Number of courts - legal entities.

	Number of courts
Total number of all courts - legal entities (1 + 2)	333 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
1 Total number of courts of general jurisdiction - legal entities (1.1 + 1.2 + 1.3)	330 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
1.1 First instance courts of general jurisdiction - legal entities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
1.2 Second instance courts of general jurisdiction - legal entities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

<b>1.3 Highest instance courts of general jurisdiction - legal entities</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>2 Total number of specialised courts - legal entities</b>	3 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments

#### 043. Number of specialised courts – legal entities.

	<b>First instance</b>	<b>Higher instances</b>
<b>Total number of specialised courts - legal entities</b>	3 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Commercial courts (excluded insolvency courts)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Insolvency courts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Labour courts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Family courts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Rent and tenancies courts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Enforcement of criminal sanctions courts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Fight against terrorism, organised crime and corruption</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Internet related disputes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Administrative courts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Insurance and / or social welfare courts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Military courts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Juvenile courts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Other specialised courts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments - If “Other specialised courts”, please specify:

#### 044. Number of courts - geographic locations.

	Number of courts (geographic locations)
First instance courts geographic locations (this includes 1st instance courts of general jurisdiction and first instance specialised courts)	333 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
All the courts (geographic locations) (this includes 1st instance courts of general jurisdiction, first instance specialised courts, all second instance courts and courts of appeal and all Supreme Courts)	333 [ ] NA [ ] NAP

Comments

#### C. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: N/A

### 3.2. Court staff

#### 3.2.1 Judges and non-judge staff

046. Number of professional judges sitting in courts (if possible on 31 December of the reference year). (Please give the information in full-time equivalent and for posts actually filled for all types of courts - general jurisdiction and specialised courts)

	Total	Males	Females
Total number of professional judges (1 + 2 + 3)	1 529 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	999 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	513 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
1. Number of first instance professional judges	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
2. Number of second instance (court of appeal) professional judges	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
3. Number of Supreme Court professional judges	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP

Comment - Please provide any useful comment for interpreting the data above:

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046-1-1. Does your system allow part-time work for professional judges with proportionally reduced remuneration?

( X ) Yes

( ) No

Comments

**046-1-2. If yes, please specify in which situation(s) part-time work can be granted (multiple replies possible).**

- ☐ Child-care
- ☐ Elderly care or other dependant persons' care
- ☐ Training
- ☐ For the purposes of early retirement
- ☒ No specific reason required
- ☐ Other reason, please specify: .....

Comments

**046-1-3. If yes, what is the number of professional judges working part-time with reduced remuneration?**

	Total	Males	Females
<b>Total (1 + 2 + 3)</b>	380 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	102 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	270 [ ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>1. At first instance level</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>2. At second instance (court of appeal) level</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>3. At Supreme Court level</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP

Comments

**046-1-4. Are there other possibilities (apart from part-time) for regular adjustment of working time or conditions with or without reduced remuneration?**

	Adjustment of working time or conditions with or without reduced remuneration
<b>Temporary reduction of the workload</b>	( X ) Yes ( ) No
<b>Temporary reduction of the working time / special leave</b>	( X ) Yes ( ) No
<b>Other measures</b>	( X ) Yes ( ) No

Comment: If such possibilities for regular adjustment exist, please specify if they imply or not a reduction of the remuneration? There are a range of difference circumstances that enabled a salaried judge to use Special Leave without reduced remuneration which are available at the discretion of the President of the Court in which the judge sits. That is not something that is available to fee-paid judges who are



only paid on the days in which they sit and undertake this work whilst remaining as solicitors.

#### 046-1-5. If yes, please specify in which situation(s) these possibilities can be used?

- ☐ Child-care
- ☐ Elderly care or other dependant persons' care
- ☐ Training
- ☐ For the purposes of early retirement
- ☐ As part of induction process for new judges
- ☐ No specific reason required
- ☒ Other reason, please specify: .....
- ☐ NAP

Comments The answers to this question only apply to salaried judges who are employed full-time by the judiciary. There are different instances in which a salaried judge may use their special leave and this is outlined in their employment terms. These include being able to take short-term leave in order to respond to domestic crises such as familial deaths and care responsibilities.

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#### 046-2. Number of judges (FTE) by case type:

	Total	Civil and/or commercial	Criminal	Administrative	Other
<b>Total number of judges</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>First instance</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Second instance</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Supreme Court</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

If "Other", please explain which types of cases: The Judicial Office do not record data in this format.

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#### 047. Number of court presidents .

	Total	Males	Females
<b>Total number of court presidents (1 + 2 + 3)</b>	16 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	8 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	8 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>1. Number of first instance court presidents</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>2. Number of second instance (court of appeal) court presidents</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

3. Number of Supreme Court presidents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
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Comments

**048. Number of professional judges sitting in courts on an occasional basis and who are paid as such (if possible, on 31 December of the reference year):**

	Figure
Gross figure	3 383 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
In full-time equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments - If necessary, please provide comments to explain the answer provided: This is the total of fee-paid judicial office holders (some of whom will hold more than one fee-paid post, and some who will also have a mix of fee-paid and salaried work. The gender breakdown of the 6366 total is 3571 (male) and 2795 (female).

**048-1. Do these professional judges sitting in courts on an occasional basis deal with a significant part of cases?**

- ( ) Yes If yes, please give specifications on the types of cases and an estimate in percentage. ....
- ( ) No
- ☒ NAP

Comments

**049. Number of non-professional judges who are not remunerated but who may receive a simple defrayal of costs (if possible, on 31 December of the reference year) (e.g. lay judges or “juges consulaires”, but not arbitrators or persons sitting on a jury):**

	Figure
Gross figure	13 340 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
In full time equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments

**049-1. If such non-professional judges exist at first instance in your country, please specify for which types of cases:**

	Yes	No	Echevinage / mixed bench
Criminal cases (severe)	( )	( X )	( )

<b>Criminal cases (misdemeanour and/or minor)</b>	( X )	( )	( )
<b>Family law cases</b>	( X )	( )	( )
<b>Labour law cases</b>	( )	( X )	( )
<b>Social law cases</b>	( )	( X )	( )
<b>Commercial law cases</b>	( )	( X )	( )
<b>Insolvency cases</b>	( )	( X )	( )
<b>Other civil cases</b>	( X )	( )	( )

[ ] NAP

Comments - If "Other civil cases", please specify: Magistrates' courts are the first tier of criminal courts in England and Wales and are presided over by three 'Justices of the Peace' (known as magistrates) or by a district judge who dispenses summary justice. Justices of the Peace are lay persons and voluntary. They do not require formal legal qualifications, but will have undertaken a training programme, including court and prisons visits.

## 050. Does your judicial system include trial by jury with the participation of citizens?

( X ) Yes

( ) No

Comments

### 050-1. If yes, for which type(s) of case(s)?

[ X ] Criminal cases

[ X ] Other than criminal cases

Comments Coroner trials

## 051. Number of citizens who were involved in such juries for the year of reference:

[ 113 411 ]

[ ] NA

[ ] NAP

Comments For civil trials only, not coroner trials

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052. Number of non-judge staff who are working in courts (if possible on 31 December of the reference year) (this data should not include the staff working for public prosecutors; see question 60) (please give the information in full-time equivalent and for posts actually filled)

	Total	Males	Females
<b>Total non-judge staff working in courts (1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5)</b>	14 378 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	4 544 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	9 834 [ ] NA [ ] NAP

<b>1. Rechtspfleger (or similar bodies) (see Explanatory Note)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>2. Non-judge (judicial) staff whose task is to assist the judges such as registrars (case preparation, assistance during the hearing, helping to draft the decisions)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>3. Staff in charge of different administrative tasks and of the management of the courts (human resources management, material and equipment management, including computer systems, financial and budgetary management, training management)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>4. Technical staff</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>5. Other non-judge staff</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments - If "Other non-judge staff", please specify: Number of FTE On-strength Payroll His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service Staff by gender (up to 31 Dec 2022)

Female - 9834

Male - 4544

Total - 14378

**052-1. Number of non-judge staff by instance (if possible, on 31 December of the reference year) (this data should not include the staff working for public prosecutors; see question 60) (please give the information in full-time equivalent and for posts actually filled).**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>
<b>Total non-judge staff working in courts (1+2+3)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>1. Total non-judge staff working in courts at first instance level</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>2. Total non-judge staff working in courts at second instance (court of appeal) level</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>3. Total non-judge staff working in courts at Supreme Court level</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments

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**053. If there are Rechtspfleger (or similar bodies), please specify in which fields they have a role:**

☐ Legal aid

- ☐ Family cases
- ☐ Payment orders
- ☐ Registry cases (land and/or business registry cases)
- ☐ Enforcement of civil cases
- ☐ Enforcement of criminal cases
- ☐ Non-litigious cases
- ☐ Other cases not mentioned (please describe in comment)
- ☒ NAP

Comments - Please briefly describe their status and exact duties:

## 054. Have the courts outsourced certain services under their responsibilities to external providers?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Comments N/A

### 054-1. If yes, please specify which services have been outsourced:

- ☐ IT services
- ☐ Training of staff
- ☐ Security
- ☐ Archives
- ☐ Cleaning
- ☐ Other types of services (please specify): .....

Comments - If "Other types of services", please specify:

☒ NA

## C1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: N/A

## 3.3. Public prosecution

### 3.3.1 Public prosecutors and staff

055. Number of public prosecutors (on 31 December of the reference year). (Please give the information in full-time equivalent and for posts actually filled.)

	Total	Males	Females
Total number of prosecutors (1 + 2 + 3)	2 961	1 149	1 811
	<input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> NA
	<input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NAP

<b>1. Number of prosecutors at first instance level</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>2. Number of prosecutors at second instance (court of appeal) level</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>3. Number of prosecutors at Supreme Court level</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments - Please indicate any useful comment for interpreting the data above: Actual numbers (does not allow decimals when inputting):

2961.17

1149.73

1811.73

FTE provided for roles included in CPS definition of prosecutor , i.e,- Associate Prosecutor, Crown Advocate, Crown Prosecutor, Legal Manager 1, Legal Manager 2, Principal Crown Advocate, Senior Crown Advocate, Senior Crown Prosecutor, Senior Crown Prosecutor - Bar, Specialist Prosecutor and Senior Specialist Prosecutor



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### 055-1-1. Does your system allow part-time work for prosecutors with proportionally reduced remuneration?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments

### 055-1-2. If yes, please specify in which situation(s) part-time work can be granted? (multiple replies possible)

☒ Child-care

☒ Elderly care or other dependant persons' care

☒ Training

☒ For the purposes of early retirement

☒ No specific reason required

☐ Other reason, please specify: .....

Comments

### 055-1-3. If yes, what is the number of prosecutors working part-time with reduced remuneration?

	Total	Males	Females
<b>Total (1 + 2 + 3)</b>	570 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	81 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	458 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

<b>1. At first instance level</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>2. At second instance (court of appeal) level</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>3. At Supreme Court level</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments Actual numbers:

570.17

81.73

458.43

#### 055-1-4. Are there other possibilities (apart of part-time work) for regular adjustment of working time or conditions with or without reduced remuneration?

	Adjustment of working time or conditions with or without reduced remuneration
<b>Temporary reduction of the workload</b>	( X ) Yes ( ) No
<b>Temporary reduction of the working time / special leave</b>	( X ) Yes ( ) No
<b>Other measures</b>	( X ) Yes ( ) No

Comment: If such possibilities for regular adjustment exist, please specify if they imply or not a reduction of the remuneration?

Considered on a case-by-case basis if adjustments are needed

#### 055-1-5 . If yes, please specify in which situation(s) these possibilities can be used?

☒ Child-care

☒ Elderly care or other dependant persons' care

☒ Training

☒ For the purposes of early retirement

☒ As part of induction process for new prosecutors

☒ No specific reason required

☐ Other reason, please specify: .....

☐ NAP

Comments

#### 056. Number of heads of prosecution offices.

	Total	Males	Females
<b>Total number of heads of prosecution offices (1 + 2 + 3)</b>	56 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	23 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	33 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

<b>1. Number of heads of prosecution offices at first instance level</b>	[ ] NA [ X ] NAP	[ ] NA [ X ] NAP	[ ] NA [ X ] NAP
<b>2. Number of heads of prosecution offices at second instance (court of appeal) level</b>	[ ] NA [ X ] NAP	[ ] NA [ X ] NAP	[ ] NA [ X ] NAP
<b>3. Number of heads of prosecution offices at Supreme Court level</b>	[ ] NA [ X ] NAP	[ ] NA [ X ] NAP	[ ] NA [ X ] NAP

Please provide any useful comment for interpreting the data above: Actual numbers:

56.61

23

33.61

Data is FTE of Chief Crown Prosecutors and Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutors

## 057. In your judicial system, do other persons have similar duties to those of public prosecutors?

( X ) Yes

( ) No

Comments - If yes, please specify their titles and functions:

### 057-1. If yes, please provide the number (in full-time equivalent):

[ ]

[ X ] NA

### 059. If yes, is their number included in the number of public prosecutors that you have indicated under question 55?

( ) Yes

( X ) No

[ ] NAP

Comments

## 059-1. Do prosecution offices have prosecutors who are specially trained in areas of domestic violence and sexual violence?

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<b>Domestic violence</b>	[ X ] Yes [ ] Yes, specifically for minor victims [ ] No [ ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>Sexual violence</b>	[ X ] Yes [ ] Yes, specifically for minor victims [ ] No [ ] NA [ ] NAP

Comments - If yes, please specify



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060. Number of staff (non-public prosecutors) attached to the public prosecution services, if possible, on 31 December of the reference year and without the number of non-judge staff, see question 52 (in full-time equivalent and for posts actually filled).

	Total	Males	Females
Number of staff (non-public prosecutors) attached to the public prosecution service	4 018 [ ] NA	[ X ] NA	[ X ] NA

Comment – please describe which categories of staff you have included in your reply: Actual number: 4018.93

FTE All other CPS staff not included in definition of prosecutor

## C2. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: Information relating to part-time working and adjustments to working time aligned to UK employment law and internal HR policies. Workforce data taken from Oracle HRMI system.

### 3.4. Gender equality

#### 3.4.1 Specific provisions for facilitating gender equality

061-2. Are there specific provisions for facilitating gender equality within the framework of the procedures for recruiting :

	Yes, please specify	No
judges	( X )	( )
prosecutors	( )	( X )
non-judge staff	( )	( X )
lawyers	( )	( X )
notaries	( )	( X )
enforcement agents	( )	( X )

[ ] NA

Comments - if the situation changed since the reference year, please specify in the comments. If you have additional comments please specify: The equal merit provision is operation by the Judicial Appointments Commission:

<https://judicialappointments.gov.uk/equality-and-diversity/diversity-and-equality-measures/equal-merit/#:~:text=reliance%20on%20an%20equal%20merit,which%20selection%20is%20being%20made>

**061-3. Are there specific provisions for facilitating gender equality within the framework of the procedures for promoting :**

	Yes, please specify	No
<b>judges</b>	( X )	( )
<b>prosecutors</b>	( )	( X )
<b>non-judge staff</b>	( )	( X )
<b>lawyers</b>	( )	( X )
<b>notaries</b>	( )	( X )
<b>enforcement agents</b>	( )	( X )

Comments - If the situation changed since the reference year or you have additional comments, please specify: Promotions are covered by the same processes as all appointments. Answer provided for 61-2 applicable here too.

**061-3-1. Are there specific provisions for facilitating gender equality within the framework of the procedures for the appointment of:**

	Yes / No
<b>Court president</b>	( ) Yes If “yes”, please specify:[Comment] ( X ) No
<b>Head of prosecution services</b>	( ) Yes If “yes”, please specify:[Comment] ( X ) No

Comments


### 3.4.2 At national level

**061-5. Does your country have an overarching document (e.g. policy/strategy/action plan/program) on gender equality that applies specifically to the judiciary?**

( X ) Yes

( ) No

Attachments

 JDF-2022-action-plan.pdf

Comments - If the situation changed since the reference year, please indicate in the comments. Could you specify the reference or internet link of this/these document(s) or send/upload it/them to us? Judicial Diversity Forum Action Plan:

<https://judicialappointments.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/JDF-2022-action-plan.pdf>

**061-6. At national level, is there any specific person (e.g. an equal opportunities commissioner) / institution dealing with gender issues in the justice system concerning:**

	Yes, please specify	No
The recruitment of judges	( X )	( )
The promotion of judges	( X )	( )
The recruitment of prosecutors	( )	( X )
The promotion of prosecutors	( )	( X )
The recruitment of non-judge staff	( )	( X )
The promotion of non-judge staff	( )	( X )

Comments - Please specify the status of this person/institution and if it has a consultative function or if its opinions/decisions have legal consequences: Judiciary Diversity Forum - it has consultative function rather than a statutory function and relates to appointments and promotion of judges.

### 3.4.3 At court/public prosecution services level

**061-7. At the court or public prosecution services level, is there a person (e.g. an equal opportunities commissioner)/institution specifically dedicated to ensure the respect of gender equality in the organisation of judicial work?**

	Yes	No
in courts (judges)	( X )	( )
in public prosecution services (prosecutors)	( )	( X )
for courts' non-judge staff	( )	( X )

Comments - Please specify the details of this person/institution, in particular its titles and function: N/A for courts non-judge staff: The Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (as amended by the Crime and Courts Act 2013) places a duty on the Lord Chancellor and the Lady Chief Justice to take such steps as each considers appropriate for encouraging judicial diversity. The Lady Chief Justice also as a broader responsibility for the welfare training and guidance of the judiciary.

**061-9. In order to improve gender balance in access to different judicial professions and gender equality in promotion and in access to functions of responsibility, what are the measures, in your country, which:**

have been already implemented (please specify) : N/A

are planned (please specify) : N/A

Comments - If the situation changed since reference year, please specify in the comments. Judicial Diversity Forum brings together plans to redress gender balance in the UK Judiciary.

☐ NAP

**061-10. Are there evaluation studies or official reports regarding the main causes of possible gender inequalities with regard to:**

☒ Recruitment procedures, please specify: .....

☒ Appointment to the position of court president, please specify: .....

☐ Appointment to the position of head of prosecution services, please specify: .....

☐ Promotion procedures and access to the functions of responsibility, please specify: .....

☐ Other studies, please specify: .....

☐ NAP

Comments - Please specify also the reference documents. Diversity of the Judicial statistics

**3.5. Use of information technologies in courts**

**3.5.1 Governance**

**ICT STRATEGY**

**062-01. Do you have an overall Information and Communication Technology (ICT) strategy in the judicial system?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments

**062-02. If there is an overall ICT strategy in the judicial system, who was involved in the process of its definition?**

☒ Judges (Judicial council)

☒ Prosecutors (Prosecutorial or judicial council)

☒ Ministry of justice

☒ Lawyers (bar association)

☒ Notaries (association of notaries)

☒ Enforcement agents (association of enforcement agents)

☐ Other (please specify) .....

☐ NA

☐ NAP

Comments

**LEGISLATION**

### 062-03. Does a national legislation/regulation of ICT in the judicial system exist?

( ) Yes

( X ) No

Comments On regulation – there is not specific law or government regulation specifically relating to courts and tribunals ICT, and services and supporting digital processes are developed in line with wider legislation that is applicable beyond government, such as GDPR.

### 062-04. If yes, how is this legislation/regulation of ICT in the judicial system structured?

[ ] Relevant norms are included in the general e-government legislation/regulation

[ ] Relevant norms are included in specific legislation/regulation only for the judicial system

[ ] Relevant texts are included in dedicated technical documents/specifications

[ ] Other, please specify .....

[ ] NA

Comment - If more than one of the proposed models exist in your country, please select them all and explain the details

[ ] NA

## IMPACT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ICT SYSTEMS

### 062-05. Have you already organised audits/evaluations/assessments of the impact of the implementation of the ICT system?

( ) Yes

( X ) No

Comments On evaluation – In the previous survey Reform was very much in project delivery phase and therefore subject to a wide range of scrutiny through formal project governance. As we move from project based reform activity to live service that scrutiny has become more internal to support a development process driven more by an agile continuous improvement approach, supported by internal governance and evaluation processes that iterate future development on a rolling basis.

### 062-06. If these audits/evaluations/assessments were already organised, please specify their modalities:

	Format	Last conducted audit
ICT Governance	<p>[ ] Internal</p> <p>[ ] External</p> <p>[ ] NAP - no audit has been organised</p> <p>[ ] NA</p>	<p>[ ] In the last 2 years</p> <p>[ ] Between 2 and 5 years ago</p> <p>[ ] More than 5 years ago</p> <p>[ ] NAP - no audit has been organised</p> <p>[ ] NA</p>
Security and risk management	<p>[ ] Internal</p> <p>[ ] External</p> <p>[ ] NAP - no audit has been organised</p> <p>[ ] NA</p>	<p>[ ] In the last 2 years</p> <p>[ ] Between 2 and 5 years ago</p> <p>[ ] More than 5 years ago</p> <p>[ ] NAP - no audit has been organised</p> <p>[ ] NA</p>

<b>Impact on efficiency and quality of the business processes and workflow</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Internal <input type="checkbox"/> External <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - no audit has been organised <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> In the last 2 years <input type="checkbox"/> Between 2 and 5 years ago <input type="checkbox"/> More than 5 years ago <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - no audit has been organised <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Impact on human resources (number, workload, wellbeing)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Internal <input type="checkbox"/> External <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - no audit has been organised <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> In the last 2 years <input type="checkbox"/> Between 2 and 5 years ago <input type="checkbox"/> More than 5 years ago <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - no audit has been organised <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Other, please specify in comments</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Internal <input type="checkbox"/> External <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - no audit has been organised <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> In the last 2 years <input type="checkbox"/> Between 2 and 5 years ago <input type="checkbox"/> More than 5 years ago <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - no audit has been organised <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comment - If you have selected other area, please provide details. Please also add details on the content of the last organised evaluation.

### 062-07. If these audits/evaluations/assessments were organised in the last 5 years, how did you apply their recommendations/results?

- ☐ Update applications  
☐ Define new ICT projects/modules  
☐ Adjust legislation  
☐ Adjust working processes  
☐ Withdraw/stop use of a module/application  
☐ Reporting purpose only  
☐ Other, please specify .....  
☐ NA  
☒ NAP

Comments

### 3.5.2 Electronic case processing

### ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF CASES

### 062-08. If it is possible to submit a case to a court electronically, what are the deployment and usage rates?

Deployment rate	Usage rate
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<b>Civil</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic submission is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic submission is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Administrative</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic submission is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic submission is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic submission is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic submission is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comments On deployment and usage rates – the methodology referred to assumes a consistent approach across jurisdictions that can be measured in the same way. We manage a range of different systems from websites, to case management systems at different levels of maturity - reformed or legacy platforms - with an approach of using common components to build systems to meet the need of specific users where possible. The information reflects an overall assessment across the board for each of the jurisdictional groups used by CEPEJ, notwithstanding that the UK system is constitutionally unique and therefore direct comparison is not possible in the way the methodology seeks.

**062-09. If it is possible to submit a case to a court electronically, please specify the modalities:**

Electronic or paper	Possible to be submitted electronically by:	Data integration
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<b>Civil</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paper submission is still possible <input type="checkbox"/> Paper submission is not possible anymore (electronic submission is the only way) <input type="checkbox"/> Double submission (paper must accompany the electronic submission) <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic submission is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lawyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Party not represented by a lawyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic submission is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The data are electronically transferred to the Case Management System (CMS) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The data are manually re-entered in the CMS <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic submission is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Administrative</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paper submission is still possible <input type="checkbox"/> Paper submission is not possible anymore (electronic submission is the only way) <input type="checkbox"/> Double submission (paper must accompany the electronic submission) <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic submission is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lawyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Party not represented by a lawyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic submission is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The data are electronically transferred to the Case Management System (CMS) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The data are manually re-entered in the CMS <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic submission is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paper submission is still possible <input type="checkbox"/> Paper submission is not possible anymore (electronic submission is the only way) <input type="checkbox"/> Double submission (paper must accompany the electronic submission) <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic submission is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer <input type="checkbox"/> Party not represented by a lawyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic submission is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The data are electronically transferred to the Case Management System (CMS) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The data are manually re-entered in the CMS <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic submission is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comments Criminal - other: Prosecutors- varies between prosecutor organisation and whether they are on an interface or not.

## SENDING ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS TO COURT





062-10. If it is possible to send case-related documents to the courts electronically, what are the deployment and usage rates?

	Deployment rate	Usage rate
<b>Civil</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic delivery is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic delivery is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Administrative</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic delivery is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic delivery is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic delivery is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic delivery is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comments

062-11. If it is possible to send electronically case related documents to the courts, please specify the modalities:

Electronic or paper	Possible to be submitted electronically by:	Data integration
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<b>Civil</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paper delivery is still possible <input type="checkbox"/> Paper delivery is not possible anymore (electronic delivery is the only way) <input type="checkbox"/> Double delivery (Paper delivery must accompany the electronic one) <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic delivery is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documents sent by a lawyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documents sent by a party not represented by a lawyer <input type="checkbox"/> Documents sent by another person/institution <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic delivery is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The data are electronically transferred to the CMS <input type="checkbox"/> The data are manually re-entered in the CMS <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic delivery is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Administrative</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paper delivery is still possible <input type="checkbox"/> Paper delivery is not possible anymore (electronic delivery is the only way) <input type="checkbox"/> Double delivery (Paper delivery must accompany the electronic one) <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic delivery is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documents sent by a lawyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documents sent by a party not represented by a lawyer <input type="checkbox"/> Documents sent by another person/institution <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic delivery is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The data are electronically transferred to the CMS <input type="checkbox"/> The data are manually re-entered in the CMS <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic delivery is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paper delivery is still possible <input type="checkbox"/> Paper delivery is not possible anymore (electronic delivery is the only way) <input type="checkbox"/> Double delivery (Paper delivery must accompany the electronic one) <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic delivery is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> Documents sent by a lawyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documents sent by a party not represented by a lawyer <input type="checkbox"/> Documents sent by another person/institution <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic delivery is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> The data are electronically transferred to the CMS <input type="checkbox"/> The data are manually re-entered in the CMS <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic delivery is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comment - If you have selected the option “Documents sent by another person/institution”, please specify details.

## ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATIONS

**062-12. If it is possible for courts to send electronic notifications, what are the deployment and usage rates?**

Deployment rate	Usage rate
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<b>Civil</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic notifications are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic notifications are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Administrative</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic notifications are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic notifications are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic notifications are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic notifications are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comments

**062-13. If it is possible for courts to send electronic notifications, please specify the modalities:**

	<b>Electronic or paper</b>	<b>Type of notification</b>	<b>Data integration</b>
<b>Civil</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paper notification is still possible <input type="checkbox"/> Paper notification is not possible anymore (electronic notification is the only way) <input type="checkbox"/> Double notification (paper notification must accompany the electronic one) <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic notifications are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notifications sent by the court to the lawyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notifications sent by the court to the party not represented by a lawyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notifications with attached official documents sent by the courts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notifications sent to other persons/institutions <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic notifications are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The electronic notification is generated from the CMS <input type="checkbox"/> The electronic notification is manually generated <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic notifications are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA

<b>Administrative</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paper notification is still possible <input type="checkbox"/> Paper notification is not possible anymore (electronic notification is the only way) <input type="checkbox"/> Double notification (paper notification must accompany the electronic one) <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic notifications are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notifications sent by the court to the lawyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notifications sent by the court to the party not represented by a lawyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notifications with attached official documents sent by the courts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notifications sent to other persons/institutions <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic notifications are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The electronic notification is generated from the CMS <input type="checkbox"/> The electronic notification is manually generated <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic notifications are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paper notification is still possible <input type="checkbox"/> Paper notification is not possible anymore (electronic notification is the only way) <input type="checkbox"/> Double notification (paper notification must accompany the electronic one) <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic notifications are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> Notifications sent by the court to the lawyer <input type="checkbox"/> Notifications sent by the court to the party not represented by a lawyer <input type="checkbox"/> Notifications with attached official documents sent by the courts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notifications sent to other persons/institutions <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic notifications are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The electronic notification is generated from the CMS <input type="checkbox"/> The electronic notification is manually generated <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic notifications are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comment - If you have selected the option “Notifications sent to other persons/institutions”, please specify details. Only available for the defendant. All other notifications are electronic unless in limited circumstances e.g. system failure

## CONSULTATION OF A CASE ONLINE

062-14. If it is possible for external users to consult a case online, what are the deployment and usage rates?

Deployment rate	Usage rate
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<b>Civil</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - online consultation is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - online consultation is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Administrative</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - online consultation is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - online consultation is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - online consultation is not possible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - online consultation is not possible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA

Comments

**062-15. If it is possible for external users to consult a case online, please specify the modalities:**

	<b>Content</b>	<b>Access</b>	<b>Consultation format</b>
<b>Civil</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notifications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Events/calendar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court decision <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – online consultation is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lawyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Party not represented by a lawyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – online consultation is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic access at the court premises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – online consultation is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA

<b>Administrative</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notifications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Events/calendar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court decision <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – online consultation is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lawyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Party not represented by a lawyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – online consultation is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic access at the court premises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – online consultation is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Case status <input type="checkbox"/> Documents <input type="checkbox"/> Notifications <input type="checkbox"/> Events/calendar <input type="checkbox"/> Court decision <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – online consultation is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer <input type="checkbox"/> Party not represented by a lawyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – online consultation is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic access at the court premises <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – online consultation is not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comment - If you have selected the option “Other”, please specify details. Through digital services online

## REMOTE HEARINGS

062-16. If it is possible to organise remote hearings what are the deployment and usage rates?

	Deployment rate	Usage rate
<b>Civil</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - remote hearings are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - remote hearings are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Administrative</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - remote hearings are not possible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - remote hearings are not possible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA

<b>Criminal</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - remote hearings are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - remote hearings are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA
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Comments

**062-17. If it is possible to organise remote hearings, please specify the functionalities and modalities:**

	<b>Functionalities</b>	<b>Modalities</b>
<b>Civil</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dedicated tool specially designed for the use by courts <input type="checkbox"/> Publicly available tools used by courts <input type="checkbox"/> Organisation of private sessions within online hearings for consultation between parties and their lawyers <input type="checkbox"/> Tools for witness protection (voice distortion, picture distortion) <input type="checkbox"/> Tools for simultaneous interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> Tools for automatic subtitling (speech-to-text) <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – remote hearings are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement of the parties is needed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The judge can impose a remote hearing <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – remote hearings are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA

<b>Administrative</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated tool specially designed for the use by courts <input type="checkbox"/> Publicly available tools used by courts <input type="checkbox"/> Organisation of private sessions within online hearings for consultation between parties and their lawyers <input type="checkbox"/> Tools for witness protection (voice distortion, picture distortion) <input type="checkbox"/> Tools for simultaneous interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> Tools for automatic subtitling (speech-to-text) <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – remote hearings are not possible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement of the parties is needed <input type="checkbox"/> The judge can impose a remote hearing <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – remote hearings are not possible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dedicated tool specially designed for the use by courts <input type="checkbox"/> Publicly available tools used by courts <input type="checkbox"/> Organisation of private sessions within online hearings for consultation between parties and their lawyers <input type="checkbox"/> Tools for witness protection (voice distortion, picture distortion) <input type="checkbox"/> Tools for simultaneous interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> Tools for automatic subtitling (speech-to-text) <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – remote hearings are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement of the parties is needed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The judge can impose a remote hearing <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – remote hearings are not possible <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comments

## ELECTRONIC ARCHIVES

062-18. If electronic archives of cases exist, what are the deployment and usage rates?

Deployment rate	Usage rate
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<b>Civil</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic archives do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic archives do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Administrative</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic archives do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic archives do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic archives do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - electronic archives do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comments

## 062-19. If an electronic archive of cases exists, please specify the modalities:

	Electronic or paper
<b>Civil</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper archiving is still possible <input type="checkbox"/> Paper archiving is not possible anymore (electronic archiving is the only way) <input type="checkbox"/> Double archiving (paper archiving must accompany the electronic one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic archives do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Administrative</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paper archiving is still possible <input type="checkbox"/> Paper archiving is not possible anymore (electronic archiving is the only way) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Double archiving (paper archiving must accompany the electronic one) <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic archives do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA

<b>Criminal</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper archiving is still possible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paper archiving is not possible anymore (electronic archiving is the only way) <input type="checkbox"/> Double archiving (paper archiving must accompany the electronic one) <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – electronic archives do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA
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Comments

### 3.5.3 Tools

## CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (CMS)

062-20. If one or more case management system(s) (CMS) exist, what are the deployment and usage rates?

	Deployment rate	Usage rate
<b>Civil</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - CMS does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - CMS does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Administrative</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - CMS does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - CMS does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - CMS does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - CMS does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comments

062-21. If one or more case management system(s) (CMS) exist, please specify the functionalities of these system(s):

	Functionalities
Civil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Centralised and/or interoperable CMS databases <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active case management dashboard <input type="checkbox"/> Random allocation of cases <input type="checkbox"/> Case weighting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identification of a case between instances (unique or linked id number) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic transfer of a case to another instance/court <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymisation of decisions to be published <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interoperability with other systems (civil register, tax register, insolvency register) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to closed/resolved cases <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced search engine <input type="checkbox"/> Protected log files <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic signature <input type="checkbox"/> Other special functionality, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – CMS does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Administrative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Centralised and/or interoperable CMS databases <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active case management dashboard <input type="checkbox"/> Random allocation of cases <input type="checkbox"/> Case weighting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identification of a case between instances (unique or linked id number) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic transfer of a case to another instance/court <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymisation of decisions to be published <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interoperability with other systems (civil register, tax register, insolvency register) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to closed/resolved cases <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced search engine <input type="checkbox"/> Protected log files <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic signature <input type="checkbox"/> Other special functionality, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – CMS does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comment - If you have selected the option “Other special functionality”, because of its importance please specify details.

062-22. If one or more case management system(s) (CMS) exist, please specify the functionalities of these system(s):

	Functionalities
Criminal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Centralised and/or interoperable CMS databases <input type="checkbox"/> Active case management dashboard <input type="checkbox"/> Random allocation of cases <input type="checkbox"/> Case weighting <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of a case between instances (unique or linked id number) <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic transfer of a case to another instance/court <input type="checkbox"/> Anonymisation of decisions to be published <input type="checkbox"/> Interoperability with prosecution system <input type="checkbox"/> Interoperability with other systems (civil register, tax register, insolvency register) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to closed/resolved cases <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced search engine <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protected log files <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic signature <input type="checkbox"/> Other special functionality, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – CMS does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comment - If you have selected the option “Other special functionality”, please specify the details.

## WRITING ASSISTANCE TOOLS



062-23. If writing assistance tools exist in courts, what are their deployment and usage rates?

	Deployment rate	Usage rate
Civil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - writing assistance tools do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - writing assistance tools do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA

<b>Administrative</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - writing assistance tools do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - writing assistance tools do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - writing assistance tools do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - writing assistance tools do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comments

**062-24. If writing assistance tools exist in courts, please describe their functionalities:**

	<b>Functionalities</b>
<b>Civil</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Templates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatically generated text <input type="checkbox"/> Automatically suggested decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Speech-to-text <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic signature <input type="checkbox"/> Other special functionality, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – writing assistance tools do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Administrative</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Templates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatically generated text <input type="checkbox"/> Automatically suggested decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Speech-to-text <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic signature <input type="checkbox"/> Other special functionality, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – writing assistance tools do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA

<b>Criminal</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Templates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatically generated text <input type="checkbox"/> Automatically suggested decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Speech-to-text <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic signature <input type="checkbox"/> Other special functionality, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – writing assistance tools do not exist <input type="checkbox"/> NA
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Comment - If you have selected the option “Other special functionality”, please specify the details.

## RECORDING OF COURT HEARINGS



**062-25. If a tool to record court hearings exists, what are the deployment and usage rates?**

	Deployment rate	Usage rate
<b>Civil</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP - there is no tool for recording hearings <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP - there is no tool for recording hearings <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Administrative</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - there is no tool for recording hearings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - there is no tool for recording hearings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - there is no tool for recording hearings <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - there is no tool for recording hearings <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comments

**062-26. If a tool to record court hearings exist, please specify its functionalities:**

<b>Functionalities</b>
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Civil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio recording <input type="checkbox"/> Video recording <input type="checkbox"/> Systematic recording for all hearings <input type="checkbox"/> Automatically indexed recording <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic transcript from recording <input type="checkbox"/> Possibility to request a copy of the recording <input type="checkbox"/> Other special functionality, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – there is no tool for recording hearings <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Administrative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio recording <input type="checkbox"/> Video recording <input type="checkbox"/> Systematic recording for all hearings <input type="checkbox"/> Automatically indexed recording <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic transcript from recording <input type="checkbox"/> Possibility to request a copy of the recording <input type="checkbox"/> Other special functionality, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – there is no tool for recording hearings <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Criminal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio recording <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Video recording <input type="checkbox"/> Systematic recording for all hearings <input type="checkbox"/> Automatically indexed recording <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic transcript from recording <input type="checkbox"/> Possibility to request a copy of the recording <input type="checkbox"/> Other special functionality, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – there is no tool for recording hearings <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comment - If you have selected the option “Other special functionality”, please specify the details. Pre recording evidence for vulnerable witnesses, to be played out to the court during the trial

## DATABASE OF COURT DECISIONS



**062-27. If there is a national database of court decisions, please provide the percentage of the decisions published at each instance.**

	Percentage of 1st instance decisions published	Percentage of 2nd instance decisions published	Percentage of Supreme court decisions published
<b>Civil</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - There is no database for these decisions <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - There is no database for these decisions <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - There is no database for these decisions <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Administrative</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - There is no database for these decisions <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - There is no database for these decisions <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - There is no database for these decisions <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - There is no database for these decisions <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - There is no database for these decisions <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - There is no database for these decisions <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comments

**062-28. If there is a national database of court decisions, please specify the modalities in publishing these decisions:**

	1st instance	2nd instance	Supreme court
<b>Civil</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Published online (public website) <input type="checkbox"/> Published in an internal database <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP– There is no database for these decisions <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> Published online (public website) <input type="checkbox"/> Published in an internal database <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP– There is no database for these decisions <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> Published online (public website) <input type="checkbox"/> Published in an internal database <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP– There is no database for these decisions <input type="checkbox"/> NA



<b>Administrative</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Published online (public website) <input type="checkbox"/> Published in an internal database <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP– There is no database for these decisions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> Published online (public website) <input type="checkbox"/> Published in an internal database <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP– There is no database for these decisions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> Published online (public website) <input type="checkbox"/> Published in an internal database <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP– There is no database for these decisions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Published online (public website) <input type="checkbox"/> Published in an internal database <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP– There is no database for these decisions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> Published online (public website) <input type="checkbox"/> Published in an internal database <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP– There is no database for these decisions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> Published online (public website) <input type="checkbox"/> Published in an internal database <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP– There is no database for these decisions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA

- If you have selected the option “Other” because the court decisions are published online in some other way than the presented modalities, please describe.

## 062-29. If there is a database of court decisions at national level, what are the functionalities of this database?

	Functionalities
<b>Civil</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Automatic anonymisation <input type="checkbox"/> Manual anonymisation <input type="checkbox"/> Free public online access <input type="checkbox"/> Link to the case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) <input type="checkbox"/> Open data <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced search engine <input type="checkbox"/> Machine-readable content <input type="checkbox"/> Structured content <input type="checkbox"/> Metadata <input type="checkbox"/> European Case Law Identifier (ECLI) <input type="checkbox"/> Other special functionality, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – There is no database for these decisions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA

<b>Administrative</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Automatic anonymisation <input type="checkbox"/> Manual anonymisation <input type="checkbox"/> Free public online access <input type="checkbox"/> Link to the case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) <input type="checkbox"/> Open data <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced search engine <input type="checkbox"/> Machine-readable content <input type="checkbox"/> Structured content <input type="checkbox"/> Metadata <input type="checkbox"/> European Case Law Identifier (ECLI) <input type="checkbox"/> Other special functionality, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – There is no database for these decisions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Automatic anonymisation <input type="checkbox"/> Manual anonymisation <input type="checkbox"/> Free public online access <input type="checkbox"/> Link to the case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) <input type="checkbox"/> Open data <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced search engine <input type="checkbox"/> Machine-readable content <input type="checkbox"/> Structured content <input type="checkbox"/> Metadata <input type="checkbox"/> European Case Law Identifier (ECLI) <input type="checkbox"/> Other special functionality, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – There is no database for these decisions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA

Comment - If you have selected the option “Other special functionality”, please specify the details.

## STATISTICAL TOOLS

062-30. If there are statistical tools for analysing court case data, what is their deployment rate?

<b>Civil</b>	<b>Deployment rate</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - there are no statistical tools <input type="checkbox"/> NA
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<b>Administrative</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - there are no statistical tools <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 95-100 % <input type="checkbox"/> 75-95 % <input type="checkbox"/> 50-75 % <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 % <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25 % <input type="checkbox"/> 0 % <input type="checkbox"/> NAP - there are no statistical tools <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comments

**062-31. If there are statistical tools for analysing court case data, please describe their functionalities and the data available for statistical analysis:**

	<b>Functionalities</b>	<b>Data available for statistical analysis</b>
<b>Civil</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integration/connection with the CMS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business intelligence software <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Generation of predefined statistical reports <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Generation of customised statistical reports <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internal page and/or dashboard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External page with statistics (public website) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Real-time data availability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatic consolidation of data at the national level <input type="checkbox"/> Other special functionality, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – there are no statistical tools <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case flow data (number of incoming, resolved, pending) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age of a pending case <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Length of proceedings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Number of hearings <input type="checkbox"/> Cases per judge <input type="checkbox"/> Case weights <input type="checkbox"/> Number of parties in a case <input type="checkbox"/> Indicator of appeal <input type="checkbox"/> Result of the appeal <input type="checkbox"/> NAP– there are no statistical tools <input type="checkbox"/> NA

<b>Administrative</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integration/connection with the CMS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business intelligence software <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Generation of predefined statistical reports <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Generation of customised statistical reports <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internal page and/or dashboard <input type="checkbox"/> External page with statistics (public website) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Real-time data availability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatic consolidation of data at the national level <input type="checkbox"/> Other special functionality, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – there are no statistical tools <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case flow data (number of incoming, resolved, pending) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age of a pending case <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Length of proceedings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Number of hearings <input type="checkbox"/> Cases per judge <input type="checkbox"/> Case weights <input type="checkbox"/> Number of parties in a case <input type="checkbox"/> Indicator of appeal <input type="checkbox"/> Result of the appeal <input type="checkbox"/> NAP– there are no statistical tools <input type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Criminal</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integration/connection with the CMS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business intelligence software <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Generation of predefined statistical reports <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Generation of customised statistical reports <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internal page and/or dashboard <input type="checkbox"/> External page with statistics (public website) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Real-time data availability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatic consolidation of data at the national level <input type="checkbox"/> Other special functionality, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> NAP – there are no statistical tools <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case flow data (number of incoming, resolved, pending) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age of a pending case <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Length of proceedings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Number of hearings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cases per judge <input type="checkbox"/> Case weights <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Number of parties in a case <input type="checkbox"/> Indicator of appeal <input type="checkbox"/> Result of the appeal <input type="checkbox"/> NAP– there are no statistical tools <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comment - If you have selected the option “Other special functionality”, please specify the details

## **OTHER TOOLS**

**062-32. Is there any application for online court-related dispute resolution?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

**062-33. If yes, is there a maximum value over which online court-related dispute resolution cannot be organised?**

- ☐ Yes, please specify the maximum value .....
- ☐ No

Comments

**062-34. If yes, can the online court-related dispute resolution be used in the following areas?**

- ☒ Small claim litigation
- ☐ Undisputed claim
- ☐ Payment order
- ☐ Misdemeanour criminal cases
- ☐ Enforcement of civil cases
- ☐ Other, please specify .....

Comment: Please describe the existing online procedures:

**062-35. Is there a computerised national record centralising all criminal convictions?**

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Comments

**062-36. If yes, please specify the following information:**

- ☒ The computerised record includes biometric data (ex. fingerprint data, picture)
- ☐ The computerised record is linked to other European records of the same nature (ex. ECRIS)
- ☐ The content is directly available through computerised means for judges and/or prosecutors (ex. interoperability with the CMS)
- ☐ The content is directly available for purposes other than criminal (ex. civil and administrative matters)
- ☒ The record contains conviction information on third-country nationals and stateless persons

Comments

**062-37. Is there a Document Management System (DMS) in the registry of courts?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Comment: If yes, please provide details on the purposes and usage of this system.

**062-38. In addition to the tools listed in the ICT section of this questionnaire does your judicial system use other innovative ICT tools?**

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Comment: If yes, please list and describe these ICT tools.

### 3.6. Performance and evaluation

#### 3.6.1 National policies applied in courts and public prosecution services

**066. Are quality standards determined for the judicial system at national level (are there quality systems for the judiciary and/or judicial quality policies)?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

**067. Do you have specialised personnel entrusted with implementation of these national level quality standards?**

	Yes / No
within the courts	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
within the public prosecution services	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Comments

#### 3.6.2 Measuring court/public prosecution services

**070. Do you regularly monitor court activities (performance and quality) concerning:**

☒ number of incoming cases

☒ length of proceedings (timeframes)

☒ number of resolved cases

☒ number of pending cases

☒ backlogs

☐ productivity of judges and court staff

☐ satisfaction of court staff

☒ satisfaction of users (regarding the services delivered by the courts)

☒ costs of the judicial procedures

☒ number of appeals

☒ appeal ratio

☒ clearance rate

☐ disposition time

☐ other (please specify): .....

Comments

**070-1. Do you regularly monitor public prosecution activities (performance and quality) concerning:**

- ☒ number of incoming cases
- ☒ length of proceedings (timeframes)
- ☒ number of resolved cases
- ☒ number of pending cases
- ☒ backlogs
- ☐ productivity of prosecutors and prosecution staff
- ☐ satisfaction of prosecution staff
- ☒ satisfaction of users (regarding the services delivered by the by the public prosecution)
- ☒ costs of the judicial procedures
- ☒ clearance rate
- ☐ disposition time
- ☐ percentage of convictions and acquittals
- ☐ other (please specify): .....

Comments

**071. Do you monitor the number of pending cases and cases that are not processed within a reasonable timeframe (backlogs) for:**

- ☒ civil law cases
- ☒ criminal law cases
- ☒ administrative law cases

Comments

**072. Do you monitor waiting time during judicial proceedings?**

	Yes (If yes, please specify)	No
<b>within the courts</b>	( X )	( )
<b>within the public prosecution services</b>	( )	( X )

Comments

**073. Do you have a system to evaluate regularly court performance based on the monitored indicators of question 70?**

- ( X ) Yes
- ( ) No

Comments

**073-0. If yes, please specify the frequency:**

- ( ) Annual
- ( ) Less frequent
- ( X ) More frequent

Comments - If "Less frequent" or "More frequent", please specify:

**073-1. Is this evaluation of the court activity used for the later allocation of resources within this court?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments

**073-2. If yes, which courses of action are taken (multiple replies possible)?**

☒ Identifying the causes of improved or deteriorated performance

☒ Reallocating resources (human/financial resources based on performance)

☒ Reengineering of internal procedures to increase efficiency

☐ Other (please specify): .....

Comments

**073-3. Do you have a system to evaluate regularly the performance of the public prosecution services based on the monitored indicators of question 70-1?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments

**073-4. If yes, please specify the frequency:**

☐ Annual

☐ Less frequent

☒ More frequent

Comments - If "less frequent" or "more frequent", please specify: Performance is monitored on a monthly and quarterly basis

**073-5. Is this evaluation of the activity of public prosecution services used for the later allocation of resources within this public prosecution service?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments

**073-6. If yes, which courses of action are taken (multiple replies possible)?**

☒ Identifying the causes of improved or deteriorated performance

☒ Reallocating resources (human/financial resources based on performance)

☒ Reengineering of internal procedures to increase efficiency

☐ Other (please specify): .....

Comments

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### 079. Who is responsible for evaluating the performance of the courts (multiple replies possible)?

- ☐ High Judicial Council
- ☒ Ministry of Justice
- ☐ Inspection authority
- ☐ Supreme Court
- ☒ External audit body
- ☒ Other (please specify): His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service

Comments

### 079-1. Who is responsible for evaluating the performance of the public prosecution services (multiple replies possible)?

- ☐ Public Prosecutorial Council
- ☒ Ministry of Justice
- ☒ Head of the organisational unit or hierarchically superior public prosecutor
- ☒ Prosecutor General /State public prosecutor
- ☒ External audit body
- ☐ Other (please specify): .....

Comments

## 3.6.3 Information regarding courts /public prosecution services activity

### 080. Is there a centralised institution that is responsible for collecting statistical data regarding the functioning of the courts?

- ☒ Yes (please indicate the name and the address of this institution): .....
- ☐ No

Comments His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service, 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ

### 080-1. Are the statistics on the functioning of each court published?

- ☒ Yes, on the internet (please provide the link) <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice/about/statistics>  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hmcts-management-information>
- ☐ No, only internally (on an intranet website)
- ☐ No

Comments

### 080-2. Is there a centralised institution that is responsible for collecting statistical data regarding the functioning of the public prosecution services?

- ☒ Yes (please indicate the name and the address of this institution): .....
- ☐ No

Comments His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service

**080-3. Are the statistics on the functioning of each public prosecution service published?**

( X ) Yes, on the internet (please provide the link)<https://www.gov.uk/>

( ) No, only internally (on an intranet website)

( ) No

Comments

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**081. Are individual courts required to prepare an activity report (that includes, for example, data on the number of resolved cases or pending cases, the number of judges and administrative staff, targets and assessment of the activity)?**

( ) Yes

( X ) No

Comments - If yes, please describe the content of the report and its audience (i.e. to whom the report is primarily intended):

**081-1. If yes, please specify in which form this report is released:**

[ ] Internet

[ ] Intranet (internal) website

[ ] Paper distribution

Comments

**081-2. If yes, please, indicate the periodicity at which the report is released:**

( ) Annual

( ) Less frequent

( ) More frequent

Comments

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**081-3. Are public prosecution services required to prepare an activity report (that includes, for example, data on the number of incoming cases, the number of decisions, the number of public prosecutors and administrative staff, targets and assessment of the activity)?**

( X ) Yes

( ) No

Comments - If yes, please describe the content of the report and its audience (i.e. for whom the report is primarily intended): All crime, pre-charge and prosecutions data, received and finalised each quarter. In addition to all crime data on Rape, Adult Rape, Domestic Abuse, Hate Crime, Casework quality, Court Caseloads, by both Magistrates' Court and Crown Court. Data is available at CPS Area and Police Force Area

**081-4. If yes, please specify in which form this report is released:**

[ X ] Internet

[ ] Intranet (internal) website

Comments

**081-5. If yes, please, indicate the periodicity at which the report is released:**

- ( ) Annual  
( ) Less frequent  
( X ) More frequent

Comments

**3.6.4 Performance and evaluation of judges and public prosecutors**

**083. Are there quantitative performance targets defined for each judge (e.g. the number of resolved cases in a month or year)?**

- ( ) Yes  
( X ) No

Comments

**083-1. Who is responsible for setting these targets for each judge?**

- [ ] Executive power (for example the Ministry of Justice)  
[ ] Legislative power  
[ ] Judicial power (for example the High Judicial Council, Supreme Court)  
[ ] President of the court  
[ ] Other (please specify): .....  
[ X ] NAP

Comments

**083-1-1. What are the consequences for a judge if these targets are not met?**

	Consequences:
Without disciplinary procedure	<p>[ ] Warning by court's president [ ] Temporary salary reduction [ ] Reflected in the individual assessment [ ] Other, please specify: [Comment]</p>
With disciplinary procedure	<p>[ ] Warning by court's president [ ] Temporary salary reduction [ ] Reflected in the individual assessment [ ] Other, please specify: [Comment]</p>
-	[ ] No consequences
-	[ X ] NAP (no targets defined)

Comments

## 114. Is there a system of individual evaluation of the judges' work?

	Existence of a system of individual evaluation of the judges' work
Quantitative	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Qualitative	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Comment: Please specify the criteria on which the assessment is based, the authority competent for carrying out the assessment, the purposes for which the results of the assessment are used:

### 114-1. Please specify the frequency of this evaluation:

- ☐ Annual  
☐ Less frequent  
☐ More frequent  
☐ Different frequencies used, please specify: .....  
☒ NAP

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## 083-2. Are there quantitative performance targets defined for each public prosecutor (e.g. the number of decisions in a month or year)?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

Comments

## 083-3. Who is responsible for setting these targets for each public prosecutor?

- ☐ Executive power (for example the Ministry of Justice)  
☐ Prosecutor General /State public prosecutor  
☐ Public Prosecutorial Council  
☐ Head of the organisational unit or hierarchically superior public prosecutor  
☐ Other (please specify): .....  
☒ NAP

Comments

## 083-3-1. What are the consequences for a prosecutor if these targets are not met?

	Consequences:
Without disciplinary procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Warning by head of prosecution <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary salary reduction <input type="checkbox"/> Reflected in the individual assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: [Comment] <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

<b>With disciplinary procedure</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Warning by head of prosecution <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary salary reduction <input type="checkbox"/> Reflected in the individual assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: [Comment] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>No consequences</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No consequences <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments

## 120. Is there a system of individual evaluation of the public prosecutors' work?

	<b>Existence of a system of individual evaluation of the public prosecutors' work</b>
<b>Quantitative</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Qualitative</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Comment: Please specify the criteria on which the assessment is based, the authority competent for carrying out the assessment, the purposes for which the results of the assessment are used: Quarterly IQA checks are undertaken that cover four stages:

1) To review the file, ensuring the file meets the standard on a range of questions providing details on how the standard is met. 2) Identify actions for the case that the prosecutor will need to address if the case is to proceed in an effective way. 3) Conversation with the prosecutor about the outcome of the review. 4) Follow up on the IQA.

### 120-1. Please specify the frequency of this evaluation:

- ☐ Annual  
☐ Less frequent  
☒ More frequent  
☐ Different frequencies used, please specify: .....  
☐ NAP

Comments

## C4. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: CPS External Website, CPS Internal Website, HMCTS External Website.

## 4. Fair trial

### 4.1. Principles

#### 4.1.1 Principles of fair trial

084. Percentage of first instance criminal in absentia judgments (cases in which the suspect is not

attending the hearing in person nor is represented by a lawyer)?

[ ]

[ X ] NA

[ ] NAP

Comments - Please add methodology for calculation used.

**085. Is there a procedure to effectively challenge a judge (recusal), if a party considers that the judge is not impartial?**

( ) Yes

( X ) No

Comments - Please could you briefly specify:

**085-1. If yes, what are:**

	-
The total number of the initiated procedures in the reference year	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
The total number of recusals pronounced in the reference year	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP

Comment - Please, could you briefly specify:

**086. Is there in your country a monitoring system for the violations related to Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights?**

[ X ] For civil procedures (non-enforcement)

[ X ] For civil procedures (timeframe)

[ X ] For criminal procedures (timeframe)

[ ] NAP

Comments - Please specify what are the terms and conditions of this monitoring system (information related to acknowledged violations by ECHR at the State/courts level; implementation of internal systems to prevent other violations (that are similar) and if possible to measure an evolution of the established violations): The Government publishes an annual report on European Court of Human Rights judgments that have found violations in UK cases and the actions the Government has taken to address them. The report is examined by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights. The Committee can hold oral evidence sessions with Ministers. The Ministry of Justice monitors the individual and general measures being taken by the lead department for each case to ensure that the UK abides by these judgments.

The annual report is published at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/human-rights-the-governments-response-to-human-rights-judgments>

**086-1. Is there in your country a possibility to review/reopen a case after a finding of a violation of the European Convention on Human Rights by the European Court of Human Rights?**

[ X ] For civil cases

[ X ] For criminal cases

[ X ] For administrative cases

**D1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part**

Sources: N/A

**4.2. Timeframe of proceedings****4.2.1 General information****087. Are there specific procedures for urgent matters regarding:**

- ☐ civil cases
- ☐ criminal cases
- ☐ administrative cases
- ☐ There is no specific procedure for urgent matters

Comments - If yes, please specify: N/A

**088. Are there simplified procedures for:**

- ☐ civil cases (small disputes)
- ☐ criminal cases (misdemeanour cases)
- ☐ administrative cases
- ☐ There is no simplified procedure

Comments - If yes, please specify: N/A

**088-1. For these simplified procedures, may judges deliver an oral judgement with a written order and without the full reasoning of the judgement ?**

- ☐ civil cases
- ☐ criminal cases
- ☐ administrative cases

Comments - If yes, please specify: N/A

**089. Do courts and lawyers have the possibility to conclude agreements on arrangements for processing cases (presentation of files, decisions on timeframes for lawyers to submit their conclusions etc.)?**

	Yes	No
Agreement on general arrangements	( )	( X )
Agreement in specific cases	( )	( X )



## 4.2.2 Case flow management – first instance

### 091. First instance courts: number of other than criminal law cases.

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases on 31 Dec. ref. year	Pending cases older than 2 years from the date the case came to the first instance court
<b>Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	2 205 302 <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	1 781 018 <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>1. Civil (and commercial) litigious cases (including litigious enforcement cases and if possible without administrative law cases, see category 3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>2. Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>2.1. General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases, e.g. uncontested payment orders, request for a change of name, non-litigious enforcement cases etc. (if possible without administrative law cases, see category 3; without registry cases and other cases, see categories 2.2 and 2.3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>2.2. Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>2.2.1. Non litigious land registry cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>2.2.2 Non-litigious business registry cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>2.2.3. Other registry cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>2.3. Other non-litigious cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>3. Administrative law cases</b>	669 646 <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	387 790 <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	335 882 <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	669 646 <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP



4. Other cases		259 194	205 088		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
	<input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments

**092. If courts deal with “civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases”, please indicate the case categories included:**

. N/A

**093. Please indicate the case categories included in the category "other cases":**

. Other incoming cases include: all petitions/applications in matrimonial matters (divorce, annulment and judicial separation), and all cases started for domestic violence remedies, public and private law children act, financial remedies, forced marriage protection, and female genital mutilation protection. Please note this figure excludes adoption cases.

Other resolved cases include: all decrees absolute/granted/final order in matrimonial matters (divorce, annulment and judicial separation), and all cases disposed for domestic violence remedies, public and private law children act, financial remedies, forced marriage protection, female genital mutilation protection and adoption. Insolvency claims at the County Court - the 2260 number given is from table 1.2 of the Civil Justice Statistics Quarterly, the figures for 2020: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/civil-justice-statistics-quarterly-april-to-june-2021>. However this is not a count of all insolvencies. A number of insolvency claims no longer go through the Courts and therefore have not been included above. These statistics on such cases can be found at the following web-page: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/insolvency-statistics-october-to-december-2020>

**094. First instance courts: number of criminal law cases.**

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases on 31 Dec. ref. year	Pending cases older than 2 years from the date the case came to the first instance court
<b>Total of criminal law cases (1+2+3)</b>	401 298 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	1 349 233 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	1 358 481 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	404 740 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>1. Severe criminal cases</b>	57 906 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	96 422 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	91 609 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	62 235 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	5 551 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>2. Misdemeanour and / or minor criminal cases</b>	343 392 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	1 252 811 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	1 266 872 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	342 505 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>3. Other criminal cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments - If you cannot make a distinction between misdemeanour criminal cases and severe criminal cases (according to the CEPEJ definitions), please specify what cases are reported in those categories. If “Other criminal cases”, please specify ‘- Severe criminal cases =

all cases in crown court (excluding appeals against mags decisions) - Misdemeanour and / or minor criminal cases = all cases in mags courts - Cases pending = cases pending at the end of the previous year. - Income cases and resolved cases = receipts and disposals throughout 2022 (calendar year). - First instance courts = magistrates' courts. - Figures from the 'Criminal Court Statistics Quarterly' January to March 2023 release.



### 4.2.3 Case flow management – second instance

#### 097. Second instance courts (appeal): Number of “other than criminal law” cases.

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases on 31 Dec. ref. year	Pending cases older than 2 years from the date the case came to the second instance court
<b>Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	608 <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	372 <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>1. Civil (and commercial) litigious cases (including litigious enforcement cases and if possible without administrative law cases, see category 3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>2. Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>2.1. General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases, e.g. uncontested payment orders, request for a change of name, non-litigious enforcement cases etc. (if possible without administrative law cases, see category 3; without registry cases and other cases, see categories 2.2 and 2.3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>2.2. Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>2.2.1. Non litigious land registry cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>2.2.2 Non-litigious business registry cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>2.2.3. Other registry cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>2.3. Other non-litigious cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP

<b>3. Administrative law cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>4. Other cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments - If “Other cases” please specify

## 098. Second instance courts (appeal): Number of criminal law cases.

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases on 31 Dec. ref. year	Pending cases older than 2 years from the date the case came to the second instance court
<b>Total of criminal law cases (1+2+3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>1. Severe criminal cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	3 142 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	911 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>2. Misdemeanour and / or minor criminal cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>3. Other criminal cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments - If you cannot make a distinction between misdemeanour criminal cases and severe criminal cases (according to the CEPEJ definitions), please specify what cases are reported in those categories. If “Other criminal cases”, please specify:

## 4.2.4 Case flow management – Supreme Court

### 099. Highest instance courts (Supreme Court): Number of “other than criminal law” cases:

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases on 31 Dec. ref. year	Pending cases older than 2 years from the date the case came to the Supreme Court
<b>Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>1. Civil (and commercial) litigious cases (including litigious enforcement cases and if possible without administrative law cases, see category 3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>2. Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

<b>2.1. General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases, e.g. uncontested payment orders, request for a change of name, non-litigious enforcement cases etc. (if possible without administrative law cases, see category 3; without registry cases and other cases, see categories 2.2 and 2.3)</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>2.2. Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>2.2.1. Non litigious land registry cases</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>2.2.2 Non-litigious business registry cases</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>2.2.3. Other registry cases</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>2.3. Other non-litigious cases</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>3. Administrative law cases</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>4. Other cases</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP

Comments - If “Other cases”, please specify

### 099-1. At the level of the Highest court (Supreme Court), is there a procedure of manifest inadmissibility?

( ) Yes, please indicate the number of cases closed by this procedure: .....

( X ) No

Comments N/A

### 100. Highest instance courts (Supreme Court): Number of criminal law cases.

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases on 31 Dec. ref. year	Pending cases older than 2 years from the date the case came to the Supreme Court
<b>Total of criminal law cases (1+2+3)</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP

<b>1. Severe criminal cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>2. Misdemeanour and / or minor criminal cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>3. Other criminal cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comment - If you cannot make a distinction between misdemeanour criminal cases and severe criminal cases (according to the CEPEJ definitions), please specify what cases are reported in those categories. If “Other criminal cases”, please specify

## 4.2.5 Case flow management and timeframes – specific cases

### 101. Number of specific litigious cases received and processed by first instance courts.

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases on 31 Dec ref. year	Pending cases older than 2 years from the date the case came to the first instance court
<b>Litigious divorce cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	121 182 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	80 443 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Employment dismissal cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	17 058 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Insolvency</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	2 237 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Robbery case</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Intentional homicide</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments Incoming cases -This is the number of petitions/applications filed for dissolution of marriage or dissolution of civil partnership (this does not include petitions/applications for nullity of marriage or judicial separation). Resolved cases - This is the number of decree absolute/final orders (divorces granted) in dissolution of marriage or dissolution of civil partnership cases (this does not include the resolution of cases for nullity of marriage or judicial separation). It excludes cases where the couple reconcile and decide not to go ahead with the divorce or cases where the divorce was refused. On the 6th April 2022, a new divorce law came into effect allowing, following the Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020. The key changes include: Ability for either a joint or sole application for divorce, civil partnership and judicial separation; Removal of the Facts (i.e. no grounds for divorce, civil partnership or separation); Some timeliness changes (i.e. the respondent in a sole application has 14 days to respond not 7 days, and also there is an inclusion of a mandatory 20 week period from issue to conditional order); Ability to change from joint to sole application at the conditional (CO) and final order (FO) stages. There are also several terminology changes: A petition is now an application; A petitioner is now an applicant; A decree nisi is now a conditional order; A decree absolute is now a final order.

Employment Dismissal Cases - tribunal cases consist of multiple jurisdictional components, and thus, the final number of cases can not be found. Therefore the number given in these cells relates to the number of 'unfair dismissal' and 'Suffer a detriment/unfair dismissal - pregnancy' jurisdictional complaints, and not based on the number of cases (definitions of these terms are given in the Tribunal publication, which a link has been given for this). Based on 2020 calendar year.

## 101-0. Number of cases relating to asylum seekers and to the right of entry and stay for aliens.

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases on 31 Dec ref. year	Pending cases for more than 2 years
Court cases relating to asylum seekers (refugee status under the 1951 Geneva Convention)	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
Court cases relating to the right of entry and stay for aliens	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP

Comments Cases relating to asylum seekers - immigration and asylum tribunals have a category "Asylum/Protection/Revocation of Protection" which includes asylum appeals, however the data is not broken down into the individual groups  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/tribunal-statistics-quarterly-april-to-june-2021>

## 101-1. Could you briefly describe the system in your country dealing with legal remedies relating to asylum seekers (refugee status under the 1951 Geneva Convention) and the right of entry and stay for aliens:

. N/A

## 101-2. Number of cases relating to child sexual abuse and child pornography received and processed by first instance courts.

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases on 31 Dec ref. year	Pending cases older than 2 years from the date the case came to the first instance court
Child sexual abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
Child pornography	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP

Comments - Please explain what are the legal definitions of these categories of offences in your system:

## 102. Percentage of decisions subject to appeal, average length of proceedings and percentage of cases pending for more than 3 years for all instances for specific litigious cases. The average length of proceedings has to be calculated from the date the application for judicial review is lodged to the date the judgment is made, without taking into account the investigation phase in criminal cases as well as enforcement procedure.

	% of decisions subject to appeal	Average length in 1st instance (in days)	Average length in 2nd instance (in days)	Average length in 3rd instance (in days)	Average length of the entire procedure (in days)	% of cases pending for more than 3 years for all instances
<b>Civil and commercial litigious cases</b>	_____ Allow decimals : 2  <input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	_____ Allow decimals : 2  <input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Litigious divorce cases</b>	_____ Allow decimals : 2  <input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	248 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	_____ Allow decimals : 2  6 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Employment dismissal cases</b>	_____ Allow decimals : 2  <input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	_____ Allow decimals : 2  <input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Insolvency cases</b>	_____ Allow decimals : 2  <input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	_____ Allow decimals : 2  <input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Robbery cases</b>	_____ Allow decimals : 2  <input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	_____ Allow decimals : 2  <input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Intentional homicide cases</b>	_____ Allow decimals : 2  <input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	_____ Allow decimals : 2  <input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments Litigious divorce case, average length - Table 12 / Family court statistics quarterly: January to March 2023 /

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/family-court-statistics-quarterly-january-to-march-2023>

Litigious divorce case, % Pending over 3 Years - MoJ Familyman ad hoc analysis

Table doesn't allow for decimals - Litigious divorce responses are 248.5 and 6.5%

## 104. How is the length of proceedings calculated for the six case categories of question 102?

Please give a description of the calculation method.

. Litigious divorce case, average length in 1st instance - median number of days from petition/applications to decree absolute/final order for dissolution of marriage or civil partnership where decree absolutes/final orders were made in 2022. Litigious divorce case, % Pending over 3 Years - This is the percentage of dissolution of marriage and dissolution of civil partnership cases, where a decree absolute/final order was made during 2022, where the time between petition/application and decree absolute/final order was over 1096 ((365 x3 )+1) days (+1 for the leap year in 2020).

### 4.2.6 Case flow management – public prosecution

## 105. Role and powers of the public prosecutor in the criminal procedure (multiple replies possible):

- ☐ to conduct or supervise investigation
- ☐ when necessary, to request investigation measures from the judge
- ☒ to charge
- ☒ to present the case in court
- ☐ to propose a sentence to the judge
- ☐ to appeal
- ☐ to supervise the enforcement procedure
- ☒ to discontinue a case without needing a decision by a judge (ensure consistency with question 36!)
- ☒ to end the case by imposing or negotiating a penalty or measure without requiring a judicial decision
- ☐ other significant powers (please specify): .....

Comments

## 106. Does the public prosecutor also have a role in:

- ☐ civil cases
- ☐ administrative cases
- ☐ insolvency cases

Comments - If yes, please specify: N/A

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## 107. Public prosecutors: Total number of 1st instance criminal cases.

	Number of cases
<b>1.Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>2.Incoming/received cases</b>	386 261 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>3.Processed cases (3.1+3.2+3.3+3.4)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>3.1.Discontinued during the reference year (3.1.1+3.1.2+3.1.3+3.1.4.)</b>	45 647 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>3.1.1 Discontinued by the public prosecutor because the offender could not be identified</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>3.1.2 Discontinued by the public prosecutor due to the lack of an established offence or a specific legal situation</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP



3.1.3 Discontinued by the public prosecutor for reasons of opportunity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
3.1.4 Discontinued for other reasons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
3.2. Concluded by a penalty or a measure imposed or negotiated by the public prosecutor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
3.3. Cases brought to court	402 052 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
4. Pending cases on 31 Dec. ref. year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments CPS is unable to break down the data as request above. Figures can, however, be replicated as provided in the 2020 survey  
Received during the reference year: 386261 (Covid-Impact-Q4-22-23 Prosecution Caseload (MC) Prosecution Receipts)  
Discontinued during the reference year: 45647 (CPS QDS Prosecution-Data-Tables-Year-Ending-March-2023 1.2 Prosecutions Dropped)  
Cases brought to court: 402052 (CPS QDS Prosecution-Data-Tables-Year-Ending-March-2023 1.1 Total Completed Prosecutions)  
All data provided is for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023  
Source – CPS Management Information System

#### 107-1. If the guilty plea procedure exists, how many cases were concluded by this procedure?

	Total	Severe criminal cases	Misdemeanour and / or minor criminal cases
Total number of guilty plea procedures	306 245 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	42 632 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	263 613 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
Before the main trial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
During the main trial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments Severe Crime = Crown Court Misdemeanour and/or minor criminal cases = Magistrates' Court

#### 109. Do the figures provided in Q107 include traffic offence cases?

( X ) Yes

( ) No

Comments

#### D2. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: CPS Management Information System (CMS)

5.Career of judges and public prosecutors

5.1.Recruitment and promotion

5.1.1Recruitment and promotion of judges



110. How are judges recruited?

- ☐ through a competitive exam (open competition)
- ☐ through a recruitment procedure for experienced legal professionals (for example experienced lawyers)
- ☒ other (please specify): .....

Comments Judges are recruited by the independent Judicial Appointments Commission which runs open selection exercises for eligible candidates with the appropriate legal qualifications (as set out in statute)

110-1. Please briefly describe the recruitment procedure(s) for judges in your country:

Judges are recruited by the independent Judicial Appointments Commission which runs open selection exercises for eligible candidates with the appropriate legal qualifications (as set out in statute)

110-2. What are the recruitment requirements for judges (multiple replies possible)?

- ☒ Age
- ☒ Nationality
- ☒ Physical/Psychological capacity
- ☒ General studies in law
- ☐ Advanced studies in law (Master, PhD)
- ☒ Number of years of relevant experience
- ☐ Traineeship/judicial functions in courts
- ☐ Validation of a general state examination in law
- ☐ Validation of a specific examination for judges
- ☐ Clean criminal record
- ☐ Foreign languages
- ☐ Personal requirements (related to integrity)
- ☐ Other
- ☐ NAP

Comments - If “other”, please specify:

110-3. In the frame of these recruitments, please indicate the number of applicants for the position of judge and the number of recruitments actually made during the reference year:

Total	Males	Females
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<b>Number of applicants</b>	5 450 [ ] NA	2 598 [ ] NA	2 758 [ ] NA
<b>Number of recruited persons</b>	[ X ] NA	[ X ] NA	[ X ] NA

Comments

#### 110-4. If the number of applicants decreased in the last years did you take any remedial measures?

( ) Yes

( X ) No

Comments Where we see a reduction in the number of candidates applying for a particular role year on year, or a sustained lack of applications compared to vacancies, the JAC works with delivery partners and legal bodies to consider ways of attracting more candidates e.g. through tailored outreach events, social media channels, online promotions and messages to key interested parties.

#### 110-5. If yes, please specify what remedies you implemented:

[ ] Increase of salary

[ ] Other financial incentives

[ ] Improving working conditions

[ ] Workload reduction at the beginning of career

[ ] Other adjustments in the frame of the induction of new judges

[ ] Other

Comments: If “other”, please, specify:

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#### 111. Authority(ies) responsible for recruitment - are judges initially/at the beginning of their career recruited and nominated by:

[ ] An authority made up of judges only

[ ] An authority made up of non-judges only

[ X ] An authority/authorities made up of judges and non-judges

[ ] Other

Comments - Please indicate the name of the authority(ies) responsible for the whole procedure of recruitment and nomination of judges. If there are several authorities, please describe their respective roles: The Judicial Appointment Commission has 15 Commissioners, the majority of whom are not legally qualified. The Chair of the Commission is not legally qualified. More information at: <https://judicialappointments.gov.uk/the-board-of-commissioners/the-commission>

#### 111-1. How many members compose this authority?

	Total	Males	Females
<b>Members</b>	15 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP

Comments – Please specify what is the status of this authority and who is proposing/appointing its members:

#### 111-2. May non-selected candidates appeal against the decision on recruitment/appointment?

( ) Yes

( X ) No

Comments – Please specify the procedure to be followed, the competent authority, the moment for exercising the right of appeal: There is no appeal process regarding the decision not to select a candidate. However, individuals can lodge a complaint about the selection process. Complaints about Judicial Appointments Commission may be referred to the Judicial Appointment Ombudsman.

### 112. Is the same authority (Q111) competent for the promotion of judges?

( X ) Yes

( ) No

Comments - No, please specify which authority is competent for promoting judges

### 113. What is the procedure for the promotion of judges? (multiple replies possible)

[ ] Competitive test / Exam

[ ] Previous individual evaluations

[ ] Other procedure(s) (interview or other)

[ X ] No special procedure

Comments - Please specify how the promotion procedure for judges is organised (especially if there is no competition or examination) and how the publicity of promotion processes is ensured: There is no unique route available to judges seeking promotion. Those wishing to obtain a more senior position within the judiciary must apply through fair and open competition.

### 113-0. In the frame of the promotion procedures, please indicate the number of applicants and the number of promotions actually made during the reference year:

	Total	Males	Females
Number of applicants	[ X ] NA	[ X ] NA	[ X ] NA
Number of promoted persons	[ X ] NA	[ X ] NA	[ X ] NA

Comments

### 113-1. Please indicate the criteria used for the promotion of a judge? (multiple replies possible)

[ X ] Years of experience

[ X ] Professional skills (and/or qualitative performance)

[ X ] Performance (quantitative)

[ X ] Subjective criteria (e.g. integrity, reputation)

[ ] Other

[ ] No criteria

Comments - Please specify any useful comment regarding the criteria (especially if you have checked the box “performance” or “other”): There is no unique route for promotion and, therefore, no unique criteria. Those wishing to obtain a more senior position within the judiciary must apply through fair and open competition. As with all selection processes run by the Judicial Appointments Commission, candidates must meet the statutory eligibility criteria and the Judicial Appointments Commission must select solely on merit.

## 5.1.2 Status, recruitment and promotion of prosecutors



## 115. What is the status of public prosecution services?

- ☐ Has an independent status as a separate entity among state institutions
- ☒ Is part of the executive power but enjoys functional independence (please briefly explain how and to what extent)
- ☐ Is part of the executive power (without functional independence)
- ☐ Is part of the judicial power but enjoys functional independence (please briefly explain how and to what extent)
- ☐ Is part of the judicial power (without functional independence)
- ☐ Is a mixed model (please explain)
- ☐ Has other status (please explain)

Comments - When appropriate, please specify the objective guarantees of this independence (such as funding) and where they are enshrined (Constitution, legislation etc.). Furthermore, if "mixed model" or "other", please specify. Is part of the executive power but enjoys functional independence. We are an independent government department supervised by the Attorney General's office.

### 115-1. Are specific instructions addressed to a public prosecutor to prosecute or not prohibited by law or other regulation?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

### 115-2. If they are prohibited by law or other regulation, are there exceptions?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ NAP

Comments - Please describe these exceptions:

### 115-3. Which authority can issue such specific instructions?

- ☐ General Prosecutor
- ☐ Higher prosecutor/Head of prosecution office
- ☐ Executive power
- ☐ Other
- ☒ NAP

Comments - If "Other", please specify:

### 115-4. What form these instructions may take?

- ☐ Oral instruction
- ☐ Oral instruction with written confirmation
- ☐ Written instruction
- ☐ Other
- ☒ NAP

Comments - If "Other", please specify:

### 115-5. In that case, are the instructions:

- ☐ Issued seeking prior advice from the competent public prosecutor
- ☐ Mandatory
- ☐ Reasoned
- ☐ Recorded in the case file
- ☐ Other
- ☒ NAP

Comments - If “Other”, please specify:

### 115-6. What is the frequency of this type of instructions:

- ☐ Exceptional
- ☐ Occasional
- ☐ Frequent
- ☐ Systematic
- ☒ NAP

Comments

### 115-7. Can the public prosecutor oppose/report an instruction to an independent body?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ NAP

Comments - If yes, please specify to which body/institution and please describe under which conditions.

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### 116. How are public prosecutors recruited?

- ☐ through a competitive exam (open competition)
- ☐ through a recruitment procedure for experienced legal professionals (for example experienced lawyers)
- ☒ other (please specify): .....

Comments Recruitment procedure using fair and open competition

### 116-1. Please briefly describe the recruitment procedure(s) for prosecutors in your country:

. Other - all evidence based - application of CV including qualifications as lawyer, Legal assessment, behaviours based interview.

### 116-2. What are the recruitment requirements for prosecutors (multiple replies possible)?

- ☐ Age
- ☐ Nationality
- ☐ Physical/Psychological capacity
- ☐ General studies in law

- ☐ Advanced studies in law (Master, PhD)
- ☐ Number of years of relevant experience
- ☐ Traineeship/judicial functions in courts
- ☐ Validation of a general state examination in law
- ☐ Validation of a specific examination for prosecutors
- ☐ Clean criminal record
- ☐ Foreign languages
- ☐ Personal requirements (related to integrity)
- ☐ Other
- ☒ NAP

Comments - If “other”, please specify:

**116-3. In the frame of these recruitments, please indicate the number of applicants for the position of prosecutor and the number of recruitments actually made during the reference year:**

	Total	Males	Females
Number of applicants	1 616 <input type="checkbox"/> NA	383 <input type="checkbox"/> NA	754 <input type="checkbox"/> NA
Number of recruited persons	469 <input type="checkbox"/> NA	82 <input type="checkbox"/> NA	269 <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comments Number of applicants: 469 gender undisclosed

Number of recruited persons: 118 gender undisclosed

**116-4. If the number of applicants decreased in the last years did you take any remedial measures?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Comments N/A

**116-5. If yes, please specify what remedies you implemented:**

- ☐ Increase of salary
- ☐ Other financial incentives
- ☐ Improving working conditions
- ☐ Workload reduction at the beginning of career
- ☐ Other adjustments in the frame of the induction of new prosecutors
- ☐ Other

Comments: If “other”, please, specify:

**117. Authority(ies) responsible for recruitment - Are public prosecutors initially/at the beginning of their career recruited by:**

- ☐ An authority composed of public prosecutors only
- ☐ An authority composed of non-public prosecutors only

☐ An authority composed of public prosecutors and non-public prosecutors

☒ Other

Comments - Please indicate the name of the authority(ies) responsible for the whole procedure of recruitment and nomination of public prosecutors. If there are several authorities, please describe their respective roles: Other - diverse panel of legal and non legal CPS employees

### 117-1. How many members compose this authority?

	Total	Male	Female
Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments – Please specify what is the status of this authority and who is proposing/appointing its members: We always aim to appoint diverse panels made up of legal and non legal CPS / Civil Service employees, panels are usually composed of a panel of 3

### 117-2. May non-selected candidates appeal against the decision on recruitment/appointment?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Comments – Please specify the procedure to be followed, the competent authority, the moment for exercising the right of appeal:

### 118. Is the same authority (Q.117) competent for the promotion of public prosecutors?

☒ Yes

☐ No, please specify which authority is competent for promoting public prosecutors .....

Comments Yes - this carried out in house as above with diverse panels through a selection process

### 119. What is the procedure for the promotion of prosecutors? (multiple replies possible)

☐ Competitive test / exam

☐ Previous individual evaluations

☒ Other procedure(s) (interview or other)

☐ No special procedure

Comments - Please specify how the promotion procedure for prosecutors is organised (especially if there is no competition or examination) and how the publicity of promotion processes is ensured: N/A

### 119-1. In the frame of the promotion procedures, please indicate the number of applicants and the number of promotions actually made during the reference year:

	Total	Males	Females
Number of applicants	1 151 <input type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
Number of promoted persons	717 <input type="checkbox"/> NA	216 <input type="checkbox"/> NA	501 <input type="checkbox"/> NA

Comments

### 119-2. Please indicate the criteria used for the promotion of a prosecutor:



- ☐ Years of experience
- ☐ Professional skills (and/or qualitative performance)
- ☐ Performance (quantitative)
- ☐ Subjective criteria (e.g. integrity, reputation)
- ☒ Other
- ☐ No criteria

Comments - Please, specify any useful comment regarding the criteria (especially if you have checked the box "performance" or "other"):  
Evidence based selection using application, legal assessment and behaviours based interview.

### **5.1.3Mandate and retirement of judges and prosecutors**

#### **121. Are judges appointed to office for an undetermined period (i.e. "for life" = until the official age of retirement)?**

- ☐ Yes, please indicate the compulsory retirement age: .....
- ☒ No

Comments - If yes, are there exceptions (e.g. dismissal as a disciplinary sanction)? Please specify:

#### **121-1. Can a judge be transferred to another court without his/her consent:**

- ☐ For disciplinary reasons
- ☐ For organisational reasons
- ☐ For other reasons (please specify modalities and safeguards): .....
- ☒ No

Comments

#### **122. Is there a probation period for judges (e.g. before being appointed "for life")? If yes, how long is this period?**

- ☐ Yes, duration of the probation period (in years): .....
- ☒ No

Comments

#### **123. Are public prosecutors appointed to office for an undetermined period (i.e. "for life" = until the official age of retirement)?**

- ☒ Yes, please indicate the compulsory retirement age: No compulsory retirement age
- ☐ No

Comments - If yes, are there exceptions (e.g. dismissal as a disciplinary sanction)? Please specify:

#### **124. Is there a probation period for public prosecutors? If yes, how long is this period?**

- ☒ Yes, duration of the probation period (in years): 0.5
- ☐ No

Comments

125. If the mandate of judges is not for an undetermined period (see question 121), what is the length of the mandate (in years)?

[            ]

[ ] NA

[ X ] NAP

Comments

125-1. Is it renewable?

( ) Yes

( ) No

[ X ] NAP

Comments

126. If the mandate of public prosecutors is not for an undetermined period (see question 123), what is the length of the mandate (in years)?

[            ]

[ ] NA

[ X ] NAP

Comments

126-1. Is it renewable?

( ) Yes

( ) No

[ X ] NAP

Comments

E1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: Regarding probation, – aligned to UK employment law and internal HR policies

## 5.2.Training

### 5.2.1 Training of judges



127. Types of different trainings offered to judges:

	Compulsory	Optional	No training proposed
Initial training (e.g. attend a judicial school, traineeship in a court)	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No
General in-service training	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No

<b>In-service training for specialised judicial functions (e.g. judge for economic or administrative issues)</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No
<b>In-service training for management functions of the court (e.g. court president)</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No
<b>In-service training for the use of computer facilities in courts</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No
<b>In-service training on ethics</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No
<b>In-service training on child-friendly justice</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No
<b>In-service training on gender equality</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No
<b>Other in- service training</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No

Comments Providing data on these questions would be misleading. To preserve the independence of the judiciary, the Lady Chief Justice, the Senior President of Tribunals and the Chief Coroner have statutory responsibility for training the courts and tribunals judiciary including magistrates and their legal advisors.

## 128. Frequency of the in-service training of judges:

	Frequency of the judges training
<b>General in-service training</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly (for example every year) <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional (as needed) <input type="checkbox"/> No training proposed
<b>In-service training for specialised judicial functions (e.g. judge for economic or administrative issues)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly (for example every year) <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional (as needed) <input type="checkbox"/> No training proposed
<b>In-service training for management functions of the court (e.g. court president)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly (for example every year) <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional (as needed) <input type="checkbox"/> No training proposed
<b>In-service training for the use of computer facilities in courts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly (for example every year) <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional (as needed) <input type="checkbox"/> No training proposed
<b>In-service training on ethics</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly (for example every year) <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional (as needed) <input type="checkbox"/> No training proposed
<b>In-service training on child-friendly justice</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly (for example every year) <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional (as needed) <input type="checkbox"/> No training proposed

<b>In-service training on gender equality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly (for example every year) <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional (as needed) <input type="checkbox"/> No training proposed
<b>Other in- service training</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly (for example every year) <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional (as needed) <input type="checkbox"/> No training proposed

Comments - Please indicate any information on the periodicity of the continuous training of judges: Providing data on these questions would be misleading. To preserve the independence of the judiciary, the Lady Chief Justice, the Senior President of Tribunals and the Chief Coroner have statutory responsibility for training the courts and tribunals judiciary including magistrates and their legal advisors.

### 128-1. Do you have a minimum number of compulsory trainings per judge:

	Per judge
<b>Initial compulsory training – minimum number of trainings</b>	<input type="text"/> Min numeric value allowed : 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Initial compulsory training – minimum number of days</b>	<input type="text"/> Min numeric value allowed : 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>In-service compulsory trainings – minimum number of trainings per year</b>	<input type="text"/> Min numeric value allowed : 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>In-service compulsory trainings – minimum number of days per year</b>	<input type="text"/> Min numeric value allowed : 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments

## 5.2.2 Training of prosecutors

### 129. Types of different trainings offered to public prosecutors:

	Compulsory	Optional	No training proposed
<b>Initial training</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>General in-service training</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>In-service training for specialised functions (e.g. public prosecutors specialised in organised crime)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

<b>In-service training for management functions (e.g. Head of prosecution office, manager)</b>	( X ) Yes ( ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No
<b>In-service training for the use of computer facilities in office</b>	( X ) Yes ( ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No
<b>In-service training on ethics</b>	( X ) Yes ( ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No
<b>In-service training on child-friendly justice</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
<b>In-service training on gender equality</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
<b>Other in- service training</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No

Comments

### 130. Frequency of the in-service training of public prosecutors :

	Frequency of the in-service training
<b>General in-service training</b>	[ X ] Regularly (for example every year) [ ] Occasional (as needed) [ ] No training proposed
<b>In-service training for specialised functions (e.g. public prosecutor specialised in organised crime)</b>	[ X ] Regularly (for example every year) [ ] Occasional (as needed) [ ] No training proposed
<b>In-service training for management functions (e.g. Head of prosecution office, manager)</b>	[ X ] Regularly (for example every year) [ ] Occasional (as needed) [ ] No training proposed
<b>In-service training for the use of computer facilities in office</b>	[ X ] Regularly (for example every year) [ ] Occasional (as needed) [ ] No training proposed
<b>In-service training on ethics</b>	[ X ] Regularly (for example every year) [ ] Occasional (as needed) [ ] No training proposed
<b>In-service training on child-friendly justice</b>	[ ] Regularly (for example every year) [ ] Occasional (as needed) [ X ] No training proposed
<b>In-service training on gender equality</b>	[ ] Regularly (for example every year) [ ] Occasional (as needed) [ X ] No training proposed

Other in- service training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regularly (for example every year) <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional (as needed) <input type="checkbox"/> No training proposed
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Comments - Please indicate any information on the periodicity of the in-service training of prosecutors: Training is planned against the Business Plan, business priorities, legislative change and identified development needs. A programme of training is in place that sees legal development delivered on a daily basis, planned 3 to 6 months in advance.

### 130-1. Do you have a minimum number of compulsory trainings per prosecutor:

	Per prosecutor
Initial compulsory training – minimum number of trainings	<input type="text"/> Min numeric value allowed : 0  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
Initial compulsory training – minimum number of days	<input type="text"/> Min numeric value allowed : 0  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
In-service compulsory trainings – minimum number of trainings per year	<input type="text"/> Min numeric value allowed : 0  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
In-service compulsory trainings – minimum number of days per year	<input type="text"/> Min numeric value allowed : 0  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments

## 5.2.3 Training institutions



### 131. Do you have public training institutions for judges and / or prosecutors?

	Initial training only	Continuous training only	Initial and continuous training
Institution(s) for judges	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Institution(s) for prosecutors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Institution(s) for both judges and prosecutors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments Ignore ticked boxes - Providing answers to questions 131 & 131-0 would be misleading.

As outlined in the 2021-2025 College Strategy, the Judicial College fulfils statutory judicial training responsibilities on behalf of the Lady or Lord Chief Justice, Senior President of Tribunals and Chief Coroner.

### 131-0. If yes, what is the implemented budget of such institution(s)?

Implemented budget of the institution for the reference year, in €

<b>Institution(s) for judges</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>Institution(s) for prosecutors</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>Institution(s) for both judges and prosecutors</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP

Comments Providing answers to questions 131 & 131-0 would be misleading.

As outlined in the 2021-2025 College Strategy, the Judicial College fulfils statutory judicial training responsibilities on behalf of the Lady or Lord Chief Justice, Senior President of Tribunals and Chief Coroner.

**131-1. If judges and/or prosecutors have no compulsory initial training in such institutions, please indicate briefly how judges and/or prosecutors are trained?**

. N/A

## 5.2.4 Number of trainings

**131-2. Number of in-service trainings available and delivered (in days) by the public institution(s) responsible for training.**

	Number of different live (in person, hybrid, videoconference) trainings available	Number of live (in person, hybrid, videoconference) trainings delivered	Number of days of delivered live (in person, hybrid, videoconference) trainings	Number of internet-based trainings available on the e-learning platform of the training institution (not live)
<b>Total</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>For judges</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>For prosecutors</b>	50 <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	1 058 <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	1 397 <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	17 <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>For non-judge staff</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>For non-prosecutor staff</b>	901 <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	2 158 <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	958 <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	101 <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP

Comments

**131-3. Number of participants in the trainings during the reference year.**

	Number of participants in live (in-person, hybrid, videoconference) trainings	Number of participants in internet-based trainings provided on the e-learning platform of the training institution (not live)
<b>Total</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>Judges</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>Prosecutors</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>Non-judge staff</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>Non-prosecutor staff</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP

Comments

## E2. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: N/A

### 5.3.Practice of the profession

#### 5.3.1Salaries and benefits of judges and prosecutors



### 132. Salaries of judges and public prosecutors on 31 December of the reference year:

	Gross annual salary, in €	Net annual salary, in €	Gross annual salary, in local currency	Net annual salary, in local currency
<b>First instance professional judge at the beginning of his/her career</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	147 579 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>Judge of the Supreme Court or the Highest Appellate Court (please indicate the highest salary of a judge at this level, excluding the salary of the Court President)</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	296 613 [ ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP
<b>Public prosecutor at the beginning of his/her career</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP



Public prosecutor of the Supreme Court or the Highest Appellate Instance (please indicate the highest salary of a public prosecutor at this level, excluding the salary of the Attorney General).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
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Comment – Please describe briefly how the salaries are determined during the career of a judge/prosecutor: All judicial office holders are paid a spot rate, meaning all judges of the same level of seniority and jurisdiction receive the same fee.

### 133. Do judges and public prosecutors have additional benefits?

	Judges	Public prosecutors
Reduced taxation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Special pension	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Housing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Other financial benefit	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Comments

### 134. If “other financial benefit”, please specify:

☒ NAP

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### 135. Can judges combine their work with any of the following functions/activities?

	With remuneration	Without remuneration
Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Research and publication	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Arbitrator	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Cultural function	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

<b>Political function</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No
<b>Mediator</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No
<b>Other function</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No

Comments - If rules exist in your country (e.g. authorisation needed to perform these activities), please specify. If “other function”, please specify. N/A

### 137. Can public prosecutors combine their work with any of the following functions/activities?

	With remuneration	Without remuneration
<b>Teaching</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
<b>Research and publication</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
<b>Arbitrator</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
<b>Consultant</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
<b>Cultural function</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
<b>Political function</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
<b>Mediator</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
<b>Other function</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No

Comments - If rules exist in your country (e.g. authorisation needed to perform these activities), please specify. If “other function”, please specify:

### 139. Productivity bonuses: do judges receive bonuses based on the fulfilment of quantitative objectives in relation to the number of resolved cases (e.g. number of cases resolved over a given period of time)?

( ) Yes

( X ) No

Comments - If yes, please specify the conditions and if possible the amounts: N/A

## 5.3.2 Body/institution of ethics

### 138. Is there in your country an institution / body giving guidelines and/or opinions on ethical questions of the conduct of judges (e.g. involvement in political life, use of social media by judges, etc.)?

( ) Yes

( X ) No

Comment - Please specify: The Lady Chief Justice and the Senior President of Tribunals are responsible to setting the standards of judicial conduct. The standards are set out in the Guide to Judicial Conduct.

**138-1. If yes, who are the members of this institution/body?**

- ( ) Only judges
- ( ) Judges and other legal professionals
- ( ) Other, please specify: .....

Comments

**138-2. Are the guidelines and/or opinions of this institution / body publicly available?**

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No

Comments - Please describe the work of this institution / body, the frequency of the guidelines and/or opinions, etc.:

**138-2-1. How many guidelines and/or opinions were given during the reference year?**

[            ]

[ ] NA

Comments – Please specify what were the topics addressed in these guidelines and/or opinions

**138-3. Is there in your country an institution / body giving guidelines and/or opinions on ethical questions of the conduct of prosecutors (e.g. involvement in political life, use of social media by prosecutors, etc.)**

- ( X ) Yes
- ( ) No

Comment: Please specify

**138-4. If yes, who are the members of this institution/body?**

- ( X ) Only prosecutors
- ( ) Prosecutors and other legal professionals
- ( ) Other, please specify: .....

Comments

**138-5. Are the guidelines and/or opinions of this institution / body publicly available?**

- ( X ) Yes
- ( ) No

Comments - Please describe the work of this institution / body, the frequency of opinions, etc. The Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) produces regulations as part of the Standards and Regulations which includes overarching Principles and separate Codes of Conduct for Solicitors and Firms. Other guidance documents are published on the SRA's website.

The Bar Standards Board produces regulations for Barristers.

**138-5-1. How many guidelines and/or opinions were given during the reference year?**

Comments – Please specify what were the topics addressed in these guidelines and/or opinions The SRA and BSB are not part of the Judicial Office. They are separate and distinct organisations. We do not have access to this information.

## 5.4.Disciplinary procedures

### 5.4.1 Authorities responsible for disciplinary procedures and sanctions

#### 140. Who is authorised to initiate disciplinary proceedings against judges (multiple replies possible)?

- ☐ Court users
- ☒ Relevant Court or hierarchical superior
- ☐ High Court / Supreme Court
- ☐ High Judicial Council
- ☐ Disciplinary court
- ☐ Disciplinary body
- ☐ Ombudsman
- ☐ Parliament
- ☐ Executive power (please specify): .....
- ☒ Other (please specify): .....
- ☐ This is not possible

Comments Members of the public and legal representatives can complain about a judge. All complaints must be considered under the relevant statutory process. Yes

#### 141. Who is authorised to initiate disciplinary proceedings against public prosecutors: (multiple replies possible):

- ☐ Citizens
- ☒ Head of the organisational unit or hierarchical superior public prosecutor
- ☐ Prosecutor General /State public prosecutor
- ☐ Public prosecutorial Council (High Judicial Council)
- ☐ Disciplinary court
- ☐ Disciplinary body
- ☐ Ombudsman
- ☒ Professional body
- ☐ Executive power (please specify): .....
- ☐ Other (please specify): .....
- ☐ This is not possible

Comments

#### 142. Which authority has disciplinary power over judges (multiple replies possible)?

- ☐ Court
- ☐ Higher Court / Supreme Court
- ☐ High Judicial Council
- ☐ Disciplinary court or body
- ☐ Ombudsman
- ☐ Parliament
- ☐ Executive power (please specify): .....
- ☒ Other (please specify): .....

Comments The power to discipline a judicial office-holder rests with the Lord Chancellor and the Lady Chief Justice and can only be exercised by joint agreement. The Lord Chief Justice can delegate his disciplinary powers to other senior judges.

### 143. Which authority has disciplinary power over public prosecutors (multiple replies possible)?

- ☐ Supreme Court
- ☒ Head of the organisational unit or hierarchical superior
- ☐ Prosecutor General /State public prosecutor
- ☐ Public prosecutorial Council (High Judicial Council)
- ☐ Disciplinary court or body
- ☐ Ombudsman
- ☒ Professional body
- ☐ Executive power (please specify): .....
- ☐ Other (please specify): .....

Comments

## 5.4.2Number of disciplinary procedures and sanctions

144. Number of disciplinary proceedings initiated during the reference year against judges and public prosecutors. (If a disciplinary proceeding is undertaken because of several reasons, please count the proceedings only once and for the main reason.)

	Judges	Prosecutors
<b>Total number (1+2+3+4)</b>	1 620 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>1. Breach of professional ethics</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>2. Professional inadequacy</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>3. Criminal offence</b>	1 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

<b>4. Other</b>	1 619 [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
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Comments - If “other”, please specify: Disciplinary proceeding has been interpreted to mean a complaint. This figure is given in the total number of complaints recieved in the reference year.

## 145. Number of sanctions pronounced during the reference year against judges and public prosecutors:

	Judges	Prosecutors
<b>Total number (total 1 to 10)</b>	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>1. Reprimand</b>	1 [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>2. Suspension</b>	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	[ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>3. Withdrawal from cases</b>	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	[ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>4. Fine</b>	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	[ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>5. Temporary reduction of salary</b>	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	[ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>6. Position downgrade</b>	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	[ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>7. Transfer to another geographical (court) location</b>	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	[ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>8. Resignation</b>	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	[ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>9. Other</b>	35 [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>10. Dismissal</b>	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP	[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP

Comments - If “other”, please specify. If a significant difference exists between the number of disciplinary proceedings and the number of sanctions, please indicate the reasons. In ascending order of severing:

Formal advice = 12

Formal warning = 18

Removal = 5

A sanction is only issues when a complaint is upheld, hence the difference between the figures in questions 144 & 145.

**E3. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part**

## 6.Lawyers

### 6.1.Profession of lawyer

#### 6.1.1Status of the profession of lawyers

#### 146. Total number of lawyers practising in your country:

	Total	Males	Females
Number of lawyers	201 690 [ ] NA	[ X ] NA	[ X ] NA

Comments Total, Oct 2023: 201,690 (this figure includes practicing solicitors, registered European lawyers, registered foreign lawyers, and exempt European lawyers)

There is no data available for males / females of this category.

Total barristers, 2022: 17,538 (male: 10,334; female: 6,680; prefer not to say: 203; no information: 321)

#### 147. Does this figure include “legal advisors” who cannot represent their clients in court (for example, some solicitors or in-house counsellors)?

Yes ( X )

No ( )

Comments Only solicitors with Higher Rights of Audience can represent clients in the higher courts. Oct 2023, there were 7,171 with higher rights in either in criminal, civil or both courts.

Barristers: No - All barristers may represent their clients in court.

#### 148. Number of legal advisors who cannot represent their clients in court:

[ ]

[ X ] NA

[ ] NAP

Comments

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#### 149. Is legal representation in courts exclusively exercised by lawyers in: (multiple replies possible)

	First instance	Second instance	Highest instance court (Supreme Court)
Civil cases	( ) Yes always ( ) Yes in some cases ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes always ( ) Yes in some cases ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes always ( ) Yes in some cases ( ) No [ X ] NAP

<b>Dismissal cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes always <input type="checkbox"/> Yes in some cases <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes always <input type="checkbox"/> Yes in some cases <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes always <input type="checkbox"/> Yes in some cases <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Criminal cases – Defendant</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes always <input type="checkbox"/> Yes in some cases <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes always <input type="checkbox"/> Yes in some cases <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes always <input type="checkbox"/> Yes in some cases <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Criminal cases – Victim</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes always <input type="checkbox"/> Yes in some cases <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes always <input type="checkbox"/> Yes in some cases <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes always <input type="checkbox"/> Yes in some cases <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Administrative cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes always <input type="checkbox"/> Yes in some cases <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes always <input type="checkbox"/> Yes in some cases <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes always <input type="checkbox"/> Yes in some cases <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments - Please indicate any useful clarifications regarding the content of lawyers' exclusive rights: There is no monopoly. Parties in criminal, civil and administrative cases are typically represented by barristers or solicitors with higher rights of audience. However, there are other persons and organisations who are able to represent clients as follows: -Persons granted rights of audience by statute, such as local authority officers. -Persons granted rights of audience at the discretion of the court. -Any person has rights of audience in small claims cases (cases where the financial amount involved does not exceed £1000) as long as that person is present at the hearing. -Parties to a case may represent themselves as 'litigants in person'. Legal Executive Advocates who have attained a civil proceedings certificate can represent clients: -In open court in the County Court in civil proceedings, -Before Justices or a District Judge in the Magistrates Court in matters originating by complaint or application, -Before any tribunal under the supervision of the Council on Tribunals where the tribunal rules provide for a non-discretionary right of audience being available to barristers and solicitors, -Before the Coroners Courts (where they can exercise rights of audience similar to those of solicitors and barristers). Legal Executive Advocates who have attained a criminal proceedings certificate can represent clients: -Before Justices or a District Judge in all adult magistrates courts and Youth Courts in matters within the jurisdiction of those courts, -In the Crown Court or High Court before a judge in chambers to conduct bail applications, -In the Crown Court on appeal from the Magistrates Court, the Youth Court on committal of an adult for a sentence to be dealt with if any solicitor who employs the Legal Executive or any other solicitor or Fellow in the same employment as the Legal Executive appeared on behalf of the defendant in the Magistrates or Youth Court, -Before Coroners' Courts. Legal Executive Advocates who have attained a family proceedings certificate can appear before Justices or District Judge in the Family Proceedings Courts and before the Coroners Courts. All patent attorneys have rights of audience and the right to conduct litigation in the Patent County Courts and on appeal from the Patent Office in the Patents Court, which is part of the High Court. Patent attorney litigators have the right to conduct litigation in the High Court, the Patents Court and in the Court of Appeal on appeal from the Patents County Court or the High Court in any matter relating to patents, designs, trade marks or technical information. Members of the Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys with litigators' rights can conduct litigation in the Chancery Division of the High Court and the County Court (including the Patents County Court) relating to trade mark, design and passing off cases.

#### 149-0. If other than lawyers may represent a client in court, please specify who:

	<b>First instance</b>	<b>Second instance</b>	<b>Highest instance court (Supreme Court)</b>
<b>Civil society organisation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Family member</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Self-representation</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



<b>Trade union</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No
<b>Other</b>	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No

Comments - If "other", please specify. In addition, for the categories selected please specify the types of cases concerned by this/these representation(s): Note, rights of audience are granted at the discretion of the judge, and rules laid out in the Legal Services Act 2007 governing exemptions, so technically, all of these entities may qualify for rights of audience. As a general rule, only litigants in person appear to have automatic rights of audience.

### 149-1. In addition to the functions of legal representation and legal advice, can a lawyer exercise other activities?

- ☒ [ X ] Notarial activity
- ☒ [ X ] Arbitration / mediation
- ☒ [ X ] Proxy / representation
- ☒ [ X ] Property manager
- ☒ [ X ] Real estate agent
- ☒ [ X ] Other (please specify): .....

Comments Solicitors: Other law activities – see SRA guidance ‘When do I need a Practising Certificate’, (<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/guidance/practising-certificate/>) and Registered Foreign Lawyers (<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/guidance/registered-foreign-lawyers/>). Real estate agent, see Paragraph 5.3 of the SRA Code of Conduct for Solicitors, RELs and RFLs (<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/code-conduct-solicitors/>). Barristers: The BSB Handbook (<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/for-barristers/bsb-handbook-and-code-guidance/the-bsb-handbook.html>) sets out what barristers and BSB entities are entitled to do. For self-employed barristers, see rS67. For Registered European Lawyers, see rS68. For BSB entities, see rS87.

### 149-2. Professional lawyers may have the status of:

- ☒ [ X ] Self-employed lawyer
- ☒ [ X ] Staff lawyer
- ☒ [ X ] In-house lawyer

Comments Other:

X “Pupil Barrister” X “Unregistered Barrister” Comments:

Solicitors can practice in any of the above ways, providing they have a current Practising Certificate (PC), and are not subject to any conditions on their PC that prevents them from doing so. Since 2019, solicitors are free to work in businesses and firms that are not regulated by the SRA or another approved legal regulator and can also operate as freelance solicitors. Barristers: Barristers can practice in any of the above ways, providing they have a current Practising Certificate (PC), and are not subject to any conditions that prevents them from doing so. Unregistered barristers are barristers who do not hold a current Practising Certificate and may not carry on reserved legal activities. Unregistered barristers are allowed to refer to themselves as “barristers”, provided it is not in connection with offering or providing any other (unreserved) legal services. Guidance on unregistered barristers (<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/uploads/assets/5b88103e-e5e8-4df3-bd78768f706fb69d/Unregistered-Barristers.pdf>) can be found on the BSB website. Pupil-Barristers entering the practising period of work-based learning/pupillage of their training are entitled to practise, providing they have been issued with a Provisional Practising Certificate (PPC) and insurance is covered by the pupil’s supervisor.

### 150. Is the lawyer profession organised through:

- ☒ [ X ] a national bar association

☐ a regional bar association

☐ a local bar association

Comments The Law Society for England and Wales is the representative body for solicitors in England and Wales. The SRA authorises solicitors (grants practicing certificate, etc) Barristers: The Bar Council (<https://www.barcouncil.org.uk/>) is the representative body for barristers in England and Wales. The Bar Standards Board (BSB) authorises barristers by issuing practicing certificates and authorising BSB entities.

### 151. Is there a specific initial training and/or exam to enter the profession of lawyer?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments - Please indicate if there are other specific requirements as regards diplomas or university degrees: For Solicitors. From September 2021, the entry route to the solicitor profession is via the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (<https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/>) (SQE), which includes two years (full time equivalent) qualifying work experience (<https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/qualifyingwork-experience/>). There is a transition period (<https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/admission/pathways-qualification/legal-practicecourse/>) in place for those who are currently part way through the previous LPC, GDL or QLTS routes (<https://www.sra.org.uk/becomesolicitor/admission/pathways-qualification/>), where the initial training routes are.

For Barristers. There are three components to training to become a barrister. These are:

•the academic component; •the vocational component, and •the pupillage or work-based learning component. Bar Qualification Manual (<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/trainingqualification/bar-qualification-manual-new.html>) sets out everything you need to know about the Bar Qualification Rules, and training and qualifying as a barrister.

### 152. Is there a mandatory general in-service professional training system for lawyers?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Comments Solicitors: No – but all solicitors are required to ensure they keep their skills up to date and ensure continuing competence (<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/cpd/tool-kit/continuing-competence-toolkit/>).

Barristers: All barristers are required to undertake Continuing Professional Development (CPD). Barristers in their first three years of practice, must follow the New Practitioner Programme (NPP) (<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/for-barristers/cpd/guide-to-npp.html>). Following completion of the NPP, barristers will move onto the Established Practitioner Programme (EPP) (<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/for-barristers/cpd/guide-to-epp.html>).

### 153. Is the specialisation in some legal fields linked to specific training, levels of qualification, specific diploma or specific authorisations?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments - If yes, please specify: For example, for solicitors, Higher Rights of Audience

(<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/cpd/accreditation/higher-rights-of-audience/>) Barristers: No change to previous comments.

### F1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: N/A

## 6.1.2 Practicing the profession of lawyer

**154. Can court users establish easily what the lawyers' fees will be (i.e. a prior information on the foreseeable amount of fees)?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments For solicitors: Paragraph 8.7 of the SRA Code for Solicitors, RELs and RFLs (<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/codeconduct-solicitors/>), and Paragraph 7.1 c of the SRA Code of Conduct for Firms (<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standardsregulations/code-conduct-firms/>).

For barristers: Barristers must publish information about the fees they charge, either online or, if they do not have a website, in hard copy format. This means that they must make it clear whether they charge for their services via fixed fee arrangements, hourly rate arrangements, conditional fee arrangement or arrangements using a different type of pricing model. Barristers also have to publish their actual hourly rates or examples of fees if they are doing certain types of work.

**155. Are lawyers' fees freely negotiated?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments

**156. Do laws or bar standards provide any rules on lawyers' fees (including those freely negotiated)?**

☒ Yes, laws provide rules

☐ Yes, standards of the bar association provide rules

☐ No, neither laws nor bar association standards provide rules

Comments For solicitors: See PPI fee cap (<https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/news/press/2018/ppi-fee-cap/>), and impending restrictions on fees for regulated claims management services (<https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/consultations/discussion-papers/restricting-fees-for-some-claims-managementservices/>) relating to financial products and services on which the SRA has recently consulted. There is also a ban relating to LASPO/referral fees (<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/guidance/prohibition-of-referral-fees-in-laspo-56-60/>) which has been in place for some time. For barristers: As above, payment and receipt of commission / referral fees is prohibited. See rC9.7 and rC10 in the BSB Handbook.

**6.1.3 Quality standards and disciplinary procedures for lawyers**

**157. Have quality standards been determined for lawyers?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments - If yes, what are the quality criteria used? Solicitors: See SRA Standards and Regulations (<https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/standards-regulations/>), and Enforcement Strategy (<https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/corporate-strategy/sraenforcement-strategy/>).

Barristers: Yes, See the BSB Handbook (<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/for-barristers/bsb-handbook-and-code-guidance/the-bsbhandbook.html>), Professional Statement for Barristers (<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/training-qualification/the-professionalstatement.html>), Youth Proceeding Competences (<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/resources/youth-proceedings-comptences.html>) and Coroners' Court Competences <https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/for-barristers/resources-for-the-bar/resources-for-practising-inthe-coroners-courts.html>)

**158. If yes, who is responsible for formulating these quality standards:**

☐ the bar association

☐ the Parliament

☒ other (please specify): For solicitors = The Solicitors Regulation Authority. For barristers = The Bar Standards Board.

Comments

### 159. Is it possible to file a complaint about:

☒ the performance of lawyers

☒ the amount of fees

Comments - Please specify: SOLICITORS: The performance of lawyers: Yes - to the Legal Ombudsman

(<https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/corporate-strategy/sra-enforcement-strategy/>) (after complaining to the lawyer or their law firm directly) or the SRA, depending on the performance issue and the detriment this has caused.

The amount of fees: Yes - in certain circumstances where overcharging amounts to misconduct the Ombudsman may refer case to the SRA for investigation, or people might report this to us directly. BARRISTERS: The performance of lawyers: Yes – to the Legal Ombudsman (<https://www.sra.org.uk/sra/corporate-strategy/sraenforcement-strategy/>)(after complaining to the barrister in the first instance). The amount of fees: Yes - In certain circumstances where there has been a breach of the BSB Handbook, the Ombudsman may refer the case to the BSB for investigation.

### 160. Which authority is responsible for disciplinary procedures?

☐ a judge

☐ Ministry of Justice

☒ a professional authority

☒ other (please specify): For solicitors = the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal. For barristers = the Bar Tribunals and Adjudication Service.

Comments On 'a professional authority': for solicitors = the Solicitors Regulation Authority. For barristers = the Bar Standards Board.

### 161. Disciplinary proceedings initiated against lawyers. (If a disciplinary proceeding is undertaken because of several reasons, please count the proceedings only once and for the main reason.)

	Number of disciplinary proceedings
Total number of disciplinary proceedings initiated (1 + 2 + 3 + 4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
1. Breach of professional ethics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
2. Professional inadequacy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
3. Criminal offence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
4. Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments - If "other", please specify:

### 162. Sanctions pronounced against lawyers.

	Number of sanctions
<b>Total number of sanctions (1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>1. Reprimand</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>2. Suspension</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>3. Withdrawal from cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>4. Fine</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP
<b>5. Other</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> X ] NA <input type="checkbox"/> ] NAP

Comments - If "other", please specify. If a significant difference between the number of disciplinary proceedings and the number of sanctions exists, please indicate the reasons. SOLICITORS:

Here is a summary of the sanctions imposed on solicitors 2021/22 (not including SDT referrals). The decision types show a count of the number of upheld cases that held one or more of that decision type. Letter of Advice = 97

Finding / Finding and Warning = 44

Rebuke or Reprimand = 40

Fine = 49

s43 order = 42

Here is a summary of SDT decisions imposed on solicitors 2021/22. The decision categories here are the actual numbers of decisions. So for example if one case has two strike offs you see two. Fine = 37

Suspension = 10

Strike-off = 36

BARRISTERS: If a disciplinary proceeding is undertaken because of several reasons, the proceedings are counted only once and for the main reason.

Sanctions pronounced against barristers: Disbarments = 9

Reprimand = 4

Suspension = 5

Fines = 3

The number of sanctions imposed might be higher than the number of cases closed as multiple sanctions can be imposed in relation to one case.

## 7. Court related mediation and other alternative Dispute Resolution

### 7.1. Court related mediation

#### 7.1.1 Details on court related mediation

**163. Does the judicial system provide for court-related mediation procedures?**

( X ) Yes

( ) No

Comments In private family law, there is a requirement for a prospective applicant to attend a Mediation Information and Assessment Meeting (MIAM) before going to court, to assess whether any form of non-court dispute resolution is appropriate and suitable in that case. While there is an expectation on the Respondent to attend, there is no requirement for them to do so. There are various exemptions from the requirement to attend a MIAM, such as domestic abuse or child protection concerns. This is not judicial mediation - MIAMs are conducted by family mediators, however, the court has the power to refer parties to a MIAM if the pre-court MIAM requirement has not been met and there is no valid exemption, or where the judge feels the case may be suitable for mediation. In family, mediation is not mandatory before court, only the requirement on the potential applicant to attend a MIAM. There are many exemptions for MIAM attendance, for example in cases of domestic violence or child protection issues. Prospective respondents are expected to attend a MIAM if invited to do so, but there is no legal requirement for them to do so – therefore the requirement for the potential respondent differs from the requirement for the potential applicant. Exemptions from MIAMs are claimed in a high proportion of cases that go to court (estimations range from 55%-70% from both publicly and privately funded MIAMs). The most commonly claimed exemption is the failure of the respondent to attend a MIAM (accounting for 39% of all formal exemptions).

### 163-1. In some fields, does the judicial system provide for mandatory mediation with a mediator?

- ☐ Before/instead of going to court
- ☐ Ordered by the court, the judge, the public prosecutor or a public authority in the course of a judicial proceeding
- ☒ No mandatory mediation

Comments - If there is mandatory mediation, please specify which fields are concerned:

### 163-2. In some fields, does the legal system provide for mandatory informative sessions with a mediator?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Comments - If there are mandatory informative sessions, please specify which fields are concerned: In private family law, there is a requirement for a prospective applicant to attend a Mediation Information and Assessment Meeting (MIAM) before going to court, to assess whether any form of non-court dispute resolution is appropriate and suitable in that case. While there is an expectation on the Respondent to attend, there is no requirement for them to do so. There are various exemptions from the requirement to attend a MIAM, such as domestic abuse or child protection concerns. This is not judicial mediation - MIAMs are conducted by family mediators, however, the court has the power to refer parties to a MIAM if the pre-court MIAM requirement has not been met and there is no valid exemption, or where the judge feels the case may be suitable for mediation. In family, mediation is not mandatory before court, only the requirement on the potential applicant to attend a MIAM. There are many exemptions for MIAM attendance, for example in cases of domestic violence or child protection issues. Prospective respondents are expected to attend a MIAM if invited to do so, but there is no legal requirement for them to do so – therefore the requirement for the potential respondent differs from the requirement for the potential applicant. Exemptions from MIAMs are claimed in a high proportion of cases that go to court (estimations range from 55%-70% from both publicly and privately funded MIAMs). The most commonly claimed exemption is the failure of the respondent to attend a MIAM (accounting for 39% of all formal exemptions).

### 164. Please specify, by type of cases, who provides court-related mediation services:

	Private mediator	Public authority (other than the court)	Judge	Public prosecutor
Civil and commercial cases	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP

<b>Family cases</b>	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP
<b>Administrative cases</b>	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP
<b>Labour cases including employment dismissals</b>	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP
<b>Criminal cases</b>	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP
<b>Consumer cases</b>	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP

Comments

### 165. Is there a possibility to receive legal aid for court-related mediation or receive these services free of charge?

( X ) Yes

( ) No

[ ] NAP

Comments - If yes, please specify: Parties can receive legal aid for family MIAMs (Mediation Information and Assessment Meeting) and mediation. The Ministry of Justice is also currently running a time-limited family mediation voucher scheme, under which a financial contribution of up to £500 towards the costs of mediation is provided to eligible parties.

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### 166. Number of accredited or registered mediators for court-related mediation:

	Total	Males	Females
<b>Number of mediators</b>	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP	[ X ] NA [ ] NAP

Comments It unclear how many qualified civil and commercial mediators there are in England & Wales. Many, however, have been accredited by a recognised accreditation provider as an adjunct to their primary career (barrister, solicitor or other professional) but are not in full-time or part-time practice as mediators. The Civil Mediation Council's Registered Mediator scheme currently has 812 Individual Registered Mediators and 33 Registered Providers (who have a minimum of 6 mediators in their service all meeting the required standards). There are 995 mediators on the Family Mediation Council register. Of these, 675 are accredited, while 320 are working towards accreditation. Total numbers of family mediators who have undergone an accredited training are estimated to be in the region of 1,700.

### 166-1. Could you please describe what are the requirements and what is the procedure to become an accredited or registered mediator in your country (educational requirements, working experiences, accrediting procedure etc.)?

. There is no statutory regulation of or registration procedures for mediators in England and Wales. However, many mediators choose to become accredited by joining a self-regulating professional body, such as the Civil Mediation Council (the CMC) or the Family

Mediation Council (FMC), who accredit their practice. These professional bodies set minimum membership requirements for their members typically including the passing an accredited mediation training course in addition to, depending on the body, mediation observations/experience or a portfolio. Professional bodies tend to also have requirements to have professional indemnity insurance in place and good standing. Many mediators are subject to regulation in other professions they work within, such as as barristers, architects, etc.

## 167. Number of court-related mediations:

	Number of cases for which the parties agreed to start mediation	Number of finished court-related mediations	Number of cases in which there is a settlement agreement
<b>Total (1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>1. Civil and commercial cases</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>2. Family cases</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>3. Administrative cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>4. Labour cases including employment dismissal cases</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>5. Criminal cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>6. Consumer cases</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>7. Other cases</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments - Please indicate the source:

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## 168. Do the following alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods exist in your country?

☒ Mediation other than court-related mediation

☒ Arbitration

☒ Conciliation (if different from mediation)

☒ Other ADR (please specify): Early Neutral Evaluation; Collaborative Law; Negotiation

Comments Use of judicial Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE) is also sometimes used for civil disputes.



## G1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Source: N/A

### 8.Enforcement of court decisions

#### 8.1.Execution of decisions in civil matters

##### 8.1.1 Number of enforcement agents, status and mandate

#### 169. Number and type of enforcement agents in your country.

	Total	Male	Female
Total (1+2+3+4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
1. Private professionals under the authority (control) of public authorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
2. Enforcement agents working in a public institution (civil servants paid by state)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
3. Judges	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
4. Other	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments - If other, please specify their status and competences: 1. We don't have access to the number of private professional enforcement agents working under the authority of public authorities (ie in local authorities).  
2. We don't have access to the number of enforcement agents working in other government departments ( ie HMRC and DWP).  
3. Not applicable as judges aren't enforcement agents

#### 170. What are the requirements to access the profession of enforcement agent (multiple replies possible)?

- ☐ diploma  
☒ professional experience  
☐ specific exam  
☒ appointment procedure by the State  
☐ initial training  
☐ other

Comments - If "other", please specify:

#### 171. Are enforcement agents appointed to office for an undetermined period (i.e. "for life" = until

the official age of retirement)?

( ) Yes, please indicate the age of retirement: .....

( X ) No, please specify the duration of the appointment: certificated enforcement agents are authorised every 2 years (Certification of Enforcement Agent Regulations 2014) High Court Enforcement Officers are under a continuing duty to comply with requirements specified in the High Court Enforcement Officers Regulations 2004, but are not appointed for a specific duration.

Comments - If yes, are there exceptions (e.g. dismissal as a disciplinary sanction)? Please specify: Following a complaint, a judge must consider whether a certificate should be cancelled or suspended under the Certification of Enforcement Agent Regulations 2014

## 8.1.2 Activities/scope of competence

171-1. Which debtor's information can the enforcement agent access at the beginning of the enforcement procedure?

	Access to information	Direct electronic access to information
Address	( X ) Yes ( ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
Date of birth	( X ) Yes ( ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
Civil status	( X ) Yes ( ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
Cohabitant	( X ) Yes ( ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
Employer	( X ) Yes ( ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
Motor vehicle	( X ) Yes ( ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
Movable property	( X ) Yes ( ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
Immovable property	( X ) Yes ( ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
Bank account	( X ) Yes ( ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
Other enforcement proceedings underway	( X ) Yes ( ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
Insolvency proceedings (bankruptcy, judicial reorganisation, collective debt settlement etc.)	( X ) Yes ( ) No	( X ) Yes ( ) No
Other	( ) Yes ( X ) No	( ) Yes ( X ) No

Comments - If "other", please specify:

171-2. Can the enforcement agent carry out the following civil enforcement proceedings:

Option

<b>Seizure of movable tangible properties</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Preventive seizure of movable tangible properties</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Seizure of immovable properties</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Preventive seizure of immovable properties</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Seizure from a third party of the debtor claims regarding a sum of money</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Seizure of remunerations</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Seizure of motorised vehicles</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Eviction measures</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

<b>Seizures of boats and ships</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Seizure of aircrafts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Seizure of electronic assets (e.g cryptocurrency)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Enforced sale by public tender of seized properties</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Sale of shares</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Other</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments

### 171-3. Apart from the enforcement of court decisions, what are the other activities that can be carried out by enforcement agents?

- ☒ Service of judicial and extrajudicial documents
- ☐ Debt recovery
- ☒ Voluntary or public auctions of moveable or immovable property
- ☒ Custody of goods
- ☐ Recording and reporting of evidence
- ☒ Court hearings service
- ☐ Provision of legal advice

- ☐ Bankruptcy procedures
- ☒ Performing tasks assigned by judges
- ☐ Representing parties in courts
- ☐ Drawing up private deeds and documents
- ☐ Building manager
- ☐ Other

Comments

### **8.1.3 Training and ICT**

**172-1. Is there a system of mandatory general continuous training for enforcement agents?**

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Comments

**172-2. Do you have an e-learning training system established for enforcement agents?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

**172-3. Does the content of the continuous training system also include ICT (related to enforcement procedures)?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

**172-4. Have an electronic service of documents or electronic notifications been introduced in your country?**

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Comments

**172-5. Does the development of new technologies have an effect on the different stages of the enforcement procedure?**

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Comments - Please explain:

### **8.1.4 Fees**

**174. Are enforcement fees easily established and transparent for parties?**

- ☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments

**175-1. Are the fees charged in case of successful enforcement proceedings freely negotiated?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

Comments

**175-2. Who has to pay these fees if the enforcement proceedings are successful?**

☒ The debtor

☐ The creditor

☐ Other – please specify .....

Comments

**176. Do laws provide any rules on enforcement fees (including those freely negotiated)?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments

**H0. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part**

Source: N/A

### 8.1.5 Organisation of profession and efficiency of enforcement services



**177. Is there a body entrusted with supervising and monitoring the enforcement agents' activity?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments

**178. Which authority is responsible for supervising and monitoring enforcement agents?**

☒ professional body

☒ judge

☐ Ministry of Justice

☐ public prosecutor

☒ other (please specify): The enforcement conduct board is a voluntary oversight body, but over 90% of private bailiffs have signed

up

Comments

**181. Is there a specific mechanism for executing court decisions rendered against public**

**authorities, including supervising such execution?**

( ) Yes

( X ) No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

**182. Is there a system for monitoring how the enforcement procedure is conducted by the enforcement agent?**

( X ) Yes

( ) No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

**183. What are the main complaints made by users concerning the enforcement procedure? Please indicate a maximum of 3.**

[ ] no execution at all

[ ] non execution of court decisions against public authorities

[ X ] lack of information

[ ] excessive length

[ X ] unlawful practices

[ X ] insufficient supervision

[ ] excessive cost

[ ] unethical behaviour of enforcement agent

[ ] other (please specify): .....

Comments

**185. Is there a system measuring the length of enforcement procedures:**

	Existence of the system
for civil cases	( X ) Yes ( ) No
for administrative cases	( X ) Yes ( ) No

Comments

**186. Regarding a decision on debt collection, please estimate the average timeframe to serve and/or notify the decision to the parties who live in the city where the court sits (one option only):**

( ) between 1 and 5 days

( ) between 6 and 10 days

( ) between 11 and 30 days

( ) more (please specify): .....

[ X ] NA

**187. Number of disciplinary proceedings initiated against enforcement agents. (If a disciplinary proceeding is undertaken because of several reasons, please count the proceedings only once and for the main reason.)**

	Number of disciplinary proceedings initiated
Total number of initiated disciplinary proceedings (1+2+3+4)	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
1. For breach of professional ethics	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
2. For professional inadequacy	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
3. For criminal offence	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
4. Other	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments - If “other”, please specify:

**188. Number of sanctions pronounced against enforcement agents:**

	Number of sanctions pronounced
Total number of sanctions (1+2+3+4+5)	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
1. Reprimand	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
2. Suspension	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
3. Withdrawal from cases	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
4. Fine	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
5. Other	<input type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments - If “other”, please specify. If a significant difference between the number of disciplinary proceedings and the number of sanctions exists, please indicate the reasons:

**H1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part**

Source: N/A



## 8.2.Execution of decisions in criminal matters

### 8.2.1Functioning of execution in criminal matters

**189. Which authority is in charge of the enforcement of judgments in criminal matters? (multiple replies possible)**

☒ Judge

☒ Public prosecutor

☒ Prison and Probation Services

☒ Enforcement agent

☒ Other authority (please specify): .....

Comments - Please specify his/her functions and duties (e.g. initiative or monitoring functions). A County Court Judge certifies all certificated enforcement agents, of which many deal with criminal matters. Magistrates' Courts (Judiciary, Magistrates, Legal Advisors and Fine Officers) are responsible for the enforcement of judgements and orders originating from the Crown Courts and Magistrates' courts.

All options selected as it will be dependant on the sentence. A sentence can be an order to spend time in prison, or to pay money (a 'fine'), or to carry out unpaid work, or to do or not do other things. Different agencies will be responsible for enforcing the order of the court, depending on the conviction and legislation that allows the court to make such orders.

**190. Are the effective recovery rates of fines decided by a criminal court evaluated by studies?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments

**191. If yes, what is the recovery rate?**

☒ 80-100%

☐ 50-79%

☐ less than 50%

Comments - Please indicate the source for answering this question:

## 9.Notaries

### 9.1.Profession of notary

#### 9.1.1Number, status and mandate of notaries

**192. Number and status of notaries in your country.**

	Total	Males	Females
<b>TOTAL (1+2+3+4)</b>	737 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>1. Private professionals (without control from public authorities)</b>	737 <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

<b>2. Holders of public offices appointed by the State</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>3. Civil servants (paid by the State)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>4. Other</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments - If "Other", please specify the status, or if "holder of a public office appointed by the State", please indicate which ministry is mainly engaged in the appointment procedure: We do not have updated numbers for male/female notaries, but previous survey had 494 males and 178 females.

### 192-1. What are the access conditions to the profession of notary (multiple replies possible):

- ☐ diploma
- ☐ professional experience
- ☒ specific exam
- ☐ appointment procedure by the State
- ☐ initial training
- ☐ other (please specify): .....

Comments

### 192-2. Are notaries appointed to office for an undetermined period (i.e. "for life" = until the official age of retirement)?

- ☒ yes, please indicate the age of retirement: N/A
- ☐ no, please specify the duration of the appointment: .....

Comments - are there exceptions (e.g. dismissal as a disciplinary sanction)? Please specify: Dismissal as a disciplinary sanction. Failure to renew annual practising certificate.

## 9.1.2 Activities/scope of competences

### 194. What kind of activities do notaries perform (multiple options possible)?

	Please select one option
<b>Authentication</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by notaries <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by notaries <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Certification of signatures</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by notaries <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by notaries <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

<b>Mediation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by notaries <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by notaries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Taking of oaths</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by notaries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by notaries <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Non-contentious judicial procedures (e.g. acting as court commissioner in a successions file, performing divorce, division of estate, please specify)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by notaries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by notaries <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Act as civil servant (for example performing marriage, please specify)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by notaries <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by notaries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Other judicial functions (for example, payment orders)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by notaries <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by notaries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Public auctions</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by notaries <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by notaries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Other (for example collect taxes, run registers etc.)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, exclusively performed by notaries <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but not exclusively performed by notaries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments - If “other”, please specify. Please indicate any useful clarifications regarding the content of the notaries’ exclusive rights or, on the opposite, other bodies that also have competences for the listed activities.

## 194-2. In which areas of law do notaries perform their activities (multiple replies possible)?

☒ Real estate transaction

☒ Family law

☒ Succession law

- ☒ Company law
- ☐ Legality control of gambling activities
- ☒ Protection of vulnerable persons
- ☒ Other

Comments

### 9.1.3 ICT, organisation of the profession and training

#### 194-3. Do notaries use specialised ICT systems in their activity?

- ☒ In their relations with the State (e.g. courts, registries, chambers of commerce, tax authorities)
- ☒ In their relations with their clients
- ☒ In their relations with other notaries (e.g. videoconferencing, system to exchange documents)

Comments

#### 194-4. Which computerised registries can notaries consult?

- ☒ Land registry
- ☒ Business registry
- ☐ Civil status / Population registry
- ☐ Succession / Family law registry
- ☐ Any other registry (please specify) .....
- ☐ None

Comments

#### 194-5. Are there registries/ registry infrastructures run by the notaries?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

#### 194-6. In which computerised registries can notaries modify data (either directly or by submitting an online request)?

	Directly modifying	Indirectly modifying by submitting an online request
Land registry	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
Business registry	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
Civil status/ Population registry	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP

<b>Succession / Family law registry</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>Any other registry (please specify)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP
<b>None</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments

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#### 194-7. What ICT tools are used by notaries in their relations with clients?

- ☒ Videoconferencing (e.g. digital advice)
- ☒ Digital act
- ☒ Digital identification
- ☒ Digital archiving
- ☐ Other, please specify .....
- ☐ None

Comments

#### 194-8. Who is responsible to run the digital archives?

- ☒ Notariat / Professional body
- ☐ Other public authority
- ☐ Another entity (please specify) .....

Comments

#### 195. Is there an authority entrusted with supervising and monitoring the notaries' work?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Comments

#### 196. If yes, which authority is responsible for supervising and monitoring notaries (multiple options possible)?

- ☐ professional body
- ☐ court
- ☐ Ministry of Justice
- ☐ public prosecutor
- ☒ other (please specify): .....

Comments The Master of Faculties

#### 196-1. Is there a system of general continuous training for all notaries?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments

## 196-2. Do notaries have training on:

	Yes	No
European law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Law of another Member State (cross-border training programmes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Comments - If yes, please indicate the types (e.g. traditional courses, e-learning, webinar) and the major topics of the training activities:

## I1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: The Faculty Office of the Master of the Faculties, which regulates notaries

## 10.Judicial experts

### 10.1.Profession of judicial expert

#### 10.1.1Status of judicial experts

## 202. In your system, what types of judicial experts can participate in judicial procedures (multiple replies possible):

☒ Experts designated by the parties in support of their arguments but bound by a duty of independence and impartiality to the court

☒ Experts appointed by the court or other authority independent of the parties

☒ Other system of judicial expertise, please specify .....

Comments - Please specify who is proposing and appointing experts in an individual case.

## 202-1. Are there lists or any other form of official registration for judicial experts?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Comments

### 202-1-1. If yes, at which level is the list established (multiple replies possible):

☐ national

☐ administrative district or federal entity

☐ judicial district

☐ other

Comments - Please, indicate any other comment regarding these lists or databases of experts, if they do exist (e.g. does the expert take an oath? How are his/her skills evaluated? By whom?):

202-1-2. Are these lists publicly available?

- ( ) Yes, available on the internet
- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No

Comments

202-2. Which authority is competent for the registration of judicial experts?

- [ ] Ministry of justice
- [ X ] Courts
- [ ] Administrative body
- [ ] Independent body (association of judicial experts)
- [ ] Other

Comments - Please also specify the registration criteria:

202-3. Is the registration of judicial experts limited in time?

- ( ) Yes, for how long .....
- ( X ) No

Comments

202-4. Can an expert who is not on the list or not registered be appointed in a case?

- ( X ) Yes
- ( ) No

Comment - If yes, please specify in which cases:

203. Is the title of judicial experts protected?

- ( ) Yes
- ( X ) No

Comments - If appropriate, please explain the meaning of this protection:

203-1. Does the judicial expert have an obligation of training?

	Obligation of training
Initial training	<div><div>( ) Yes</div><div>( X ) No</div></div>
Continuous training	<div><div>( ) Yes</div><div>( X ) No</div></div>

Comments

203-2. If yes, does this training concern:

- ☐ judicial proceedings
- ☐ the profession of expert
- ☒ other

Comments N/A

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## 204. Is the function of judicial experts regulated by legal norms?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Comments

### 204-1. On the occasion of a task entrusted to him/her, does the judicial expert have to report any potential conflicts of interest?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

## 205. Number of accredited or registered judicial experts:

	Total	Males	Females
Number of experts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments

### 206-1. Number of cases where an expert opinion was ordered by a judge or requested by the parties

	Number of cases
Total (1+2+3+4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
1.Civil and commercial litigious cases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
2.Administrative cases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
3.Criminal cases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP
4.Other cases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NAP

Comments



## 205-1. Who defines the amount of the expert remuneration?

	In civil/administrative cases	In criminal cases
Defined by law/by-law or a special regulation	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP
Defined by the court/judge	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP
Defined by the Ministry of Justice or another ministry (setting a tariff for example)	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP
Salary of public official (in case of forensic or another specialist – who is public employee)	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP
Freely agreed between expert and the parties	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP
Other	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP	( ) Yes ( ) No [ X ] NAP

Comments - If other, please specify:

## 206. Are there binding provisions for judicial experts regarding:

	Yes	No
Deadlines to provide expertise	( X )	( )
Quality of expertise	( X )	( )
Other	( X )	( )

[ ] NAP

Comments - If yes, please specify, and provide details in case there are possible sanctions:

## 207-1. Does the judge or another body control the progress of the expertise?

( ) Yes

( X ) No

If yes, please specify:

## 207-2. Are judicial experts' associations involved in:

[ ] Selection processes

[ ] Initial or continuous training

[ ] Disciplinary procedures

[ X ] NAP

Comments

## K1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: N/A

### 11.Reforms in judiciary

#### 11.1.Foreseen reforms

##### 11.1.1Reforms

**208. Can you provide information on the current debate in your country regarding the functioning of justice? Are there undergoing or foreseen reforms? If possible, please observe the following categories:**

#### **208-1. (Comprehensive) reform plans**

- ☐ Yes (planned)
- ☐ Yes (adopted)
- ☐ Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- ☐ No
- ☒ NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

#### **208-2. Budget**

- ☐ Yes (planned)
- ☐ Yes (adopted)
- ☐ Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- ☐ No
- ☒ NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

**208-3. Courts and public prosecution services (e.g. powers and organisation, structural changes - e.g. reduction of the number of courts (geographic locations), competences of the courts, management and working methods, information technologies, backlogs and efficiency, court fees, renovations and construction of new buildings)**

- ☒ Yes (planned)
- ☐ Yes (adopted)
- ☐ Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- ☐ No
- ☐ NA

Comments - If yes, please specify: Since 2016 we've been modernising our justice system to make it more straightforward, accessible and efficient.

Our ambitious programme is designed to improve courts and tribunals for both those who use them and for those working in them.

Our vision for reform and our modernised services were critical to our response during the pandemic. They enabled us to continue to provide access to justice to those who needed it.

Reformed projects are having a significant impact on those who need our justice system, as well as helping the most vulnerable in our society. There's been widespread uptake. At the end of 2023, we published data which shows a trend towards the increased use of digital services. <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/hmcts-management-information-reformed-services-september-2023>

Between April 2009 and September 2023 we received 2.4 million digitally submitted cases to our reformed services. These include:

oimmigration and asylum

odivorce

oprobate

omoney claims

olow-level criminal cases using the Single Justice Procedure

ogovernment benefit appeals

ofamily public law cases

Satisfaction scores from those using the services directly, or contacting our Service Centres about a case, remain high. Nearly all services scored between 74% and 94% for 'very good' or 'good' ratings in the first half of the 2023 financial year. Reformed services now provide the quality insights we need to support decisions around further improving services. They produce information on protected characteristics which allows us to identify barriers which may otherwise have been hidden. This can be seen in the publication in November 2023 of assessment reports that measured how effectively four of our reformed services are performing against pre-defined access to justice criteria. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/assessing-access-to-justice-in-hmcts-services/assessing-access-to-justice-in-hmcts-services-summary-report>

## 208-4. Access to justice and legal aid

☐ Yes (planned)

☐ Yes (adopted)

☐ Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)

☐ No

☒ NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

## 208-5. High Judicial Council (competent for judges and/or prosecutors)

☐ Yes (planned)

☐ Yes (adopted)

☐ Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)

☐ No

☒ NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

## 208-6. Legal professionals (judges, public prosecutors, lawyers, notaries, enforcement agents, etc.): organisation, education and training, etc.

☐ Yes (planned)

☐ Yes (adopted)

☐ Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)

☐ No

☒ NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

## 208-7. Gender equality

☐ Yes (planned)

☐ Yes (adopted)

☐ Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)

☒ No

☐ NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

## 208-8. Reforms regarding civil, criminal and administrative laws, international conventions and cooperation activities

☐ Yes (planned)

☐ Yes (adopted)

☐ Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)

☐ No

☒ NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

## 208-9. Enforcement of court decisions and in particular regarding decisions against public authorities

☐ Yes (planned)

☐ Yes (adopted)

☐ Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)

☐ No

☒ NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

## 208-10. Mediation and other Alternative Dispute Resolution

☒ Yes (planned)

☐ Yes (adopted)

☐ Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)

☐ No

☐ NA

Comments - If yes, please specify: Ministers announced in July 2023 in the Government Response to the 2022 consultation Increasing the use of mediation in the civil justice system that integrated mediate would be introduced for claims in the county courts up to the value of £10,000. This means that the parties to defended cases in the small claims track will be required to attend a free, one-hour mediation appointment with a court-employed mediator in the Small Claims Mediation Service. There would be no requirement to settle a case but a judge would be able to impose sanctions at their discretion on parties who refuse to attend mediation. This requirement will start in 2024 with money claims. A recent Court of Appeal judgment in the case of Churchill v Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council found that courts did have the power to order proceedings to be stayed to enable dispute resolution to take place against the will of one or both parties

(overturning previous case law) and we are exploring how this can be reflected in court rules and processes. Following a review of the Arbitration Act 1996 by the Law Commission of England and Wales and their report of September 2023, the Government has introduced the Arbitration Bill into Parliament to give effect to the Law Commission's recommendations for amendments to update the arbitral framework in England and Wales.

## 208-11. Fight against crime

- ☐ Yes (planned)
- ☐ Yes (adopted)
- ☐ Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- ☐ No
- ☒ NA

Comments - If yes, please specify: This policy area is outside of Ministry of Justice remit.

## 208-12. Prison system

- ☐ Yes (planned)
- ☐ Yes (adopted)
- ☐ Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- ☐ No
- ☒ NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

## 208-13. Child friendly justice

- ☐ Yes (planned)
- ☐ Yes (adopted)
- ☐ Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- ☐ No
- ☒ NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

## 208-14. Domestic violence

- ☐ Yes (planned)
- ☐ Yes (adopted)
- ☐ Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- ☐ No
- ☒ NA

Comments - If yes, please specify: This policy area is outside of Ministry of Justice remit.

## 208-15. New information and communication technologies

- ☐ Yes (planned)
- ☐ Yes (adopted)
- ☐ Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- ☐ No

☒ NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

## 208-16. Other

☐ Yes (planned)

☐ Yes (adopted)

☐ Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)

☐ No

☒ NA

Comments - If yes, please specify: