



Sir Andrew Dilnot CBE
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Dear Sir Dilnot,

DATA ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROSECUTIONS

Thank you for your letter of 12 January 2015 regarding statistics relating to violence against women and girls (VAWG). I apologise for the delay in replying.

Officials from the Crown Prosecution Service have recently met with the Head of Profession for Statistics at the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and agreed that:

- MoJ statisticians would link to, and draw upon, relevant information in the CPS VAWG Annual Report in order to provide contextual information to official statistics from Summer 2015 onward;
- CPS officials would continue to link to, and draw upon, official statistics to provide contextual information to the CPS VAWG Annual Report;
- CPS and MoJ to continue to include the appropriate caveats to information and data referred to in publications including information about the 'flagging' system which is used by the CPS to extract information on rape and domestic violence from the CPS Case Management System and relies on CPS staff to identify appropriate cases;
- MoJ Head of Profession for Statistics would provide the CPS with support and advice on the processing, production and release of information in accordance with the Code;
- The information included in the CPS VAWG Annual Report to explain the data used would be reviewed by the CPS and MoJ statisticians ahead of the next publication in order to further support accurate interpretation by the public including continued consideration of prevalence of violence against males.



I hope you find this update from a CPS perspective helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison Saunders". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ALISON SAUNDERS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

cc: Heads of Profession for Statistics at the Ministry of Justice and Home Office