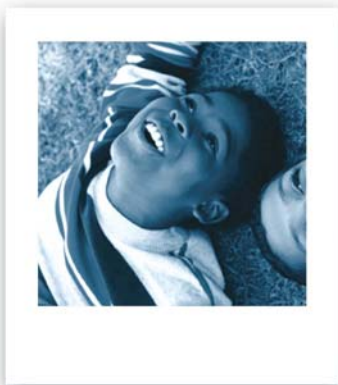


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# 1. Executive Summary

## 1.1 Aims of report

This report provides an update on youth justice performance covering the year 2006/07 compared to the previous three years, and measures the progress of local youth justice areas against a number of indicators.

## 1.2 Key findings

The following are the key messages from the 2006/07 data:

- In 2006/07 the number of offence referrals received by the Reporter decreased to 36,148 from 37,916 in 2005/06. This followed a three year increase. The numbers of offence referrals fell in 21 of the 32 local youth justice areas.
- The number of children referred to the Reporter on offence grounds decreased from 17,624 in 2005/06 to 16,490 in 2006/07.
- The number of persistent young offender offence referrals decreased to 11,742 in 2006/07 from 12,305 in 2005/06. This followed a three-year increase, in line with all offence referrals, of which they are a subset.
- Nationally, the number of persistent young offenders rose to 1,429 in 2006/07. This is an increase of 3 per cent from 2005/06 and an overall increase of 19 per cent since 2003/04.
- In eleven of the 32 local youth justice areas the numbers of persistent young offenders fell between 2003/04 and 2006/07.
- The average number of offence referrals per persistent young offender fell from 9.3 in 2003/04 to 8.2 in 2006/07, a decrease of 11 per cent.
- Fourteen per cent of children who met the persistent young offender definition in 2004/05 were also persistent offenders in both 2005/06 and 2006/07. Fifty-seven per cent of children who met the persistent young offender definition in 2004/05 did not meet it again in either 2005/06 or 2006/07.
- In 2006/07, six of the eight police forces reported achieving the national standard for delivering offence referral reports to the Reporter, compared to three forces in 2003/04.
- In 2006/07, 48 per cent of social work reports submitted for offence referrals were received by the Reporter within 20 days of their request.
- The proportion of decisions made by the Reporter within 50 days of receipt of referral increased to 72 per cent in 2006/07 from 65 per cent in 2003/04.
- The average number of days from receipt of an offence referral by the Reporter to a decision being reached by a Children's Hearing increased to 71 in 2006/07, after reaching a minimum of 70 in 2005/06. This is an improvement of 3 days from 2003/04.

## 2. Introduction

### 2.1 Background

In its 2002 report, the *Improving the Effectiveness of the Youth Justice System Working Group* established a set of national standards for Scotland's youth justice services. The standards should have been met by the 2005/06 year but many of them were not. This report monitors the delivery of youth justice services using the same indicators. These indicators are:

- The total number of children and young people referred to the Children's Reporter on offence grounds.
- The total number of offence referrals received by the Reporter.
- The number of children and young people meeting the national definition of a "persistent young offender".
- The number of offence referrals received by the Reporter for persistent young offenders.
- Speed of submission of police reports to the Reporter.
- Timely submission of social work reports to the Reporter.
- Speed of Reporter decision making.
- Average overall time taken between the receipt of an offence referral by the Reporter and a decision being reached by a Children's Hearing.

### 2.2 Contents and order of report

The contents of this report are essentially the same as in the *Scottish Youth Justice Performance Update Report 2005-06*, although the order has been altered to enhance readability. All data were generated from the SCRA's Referrals Administration Database (RAD), with the exception of the information relating to the submission of police reports, which has been self-reported by each of the eight Scottish Police Forces. The 2003/04 data were extracted from RAD on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2004. The 2004/05 data were extracted on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2005. The 2005/06 data were extracted on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2006 and the 2006/07 data were extracted on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2007.

The definitions and reporting methodology is consistent with that used every year since 2003/04.

### **3. All Offence Referrals and Children Referred on Offence Grounds**

#### **3.1 Purpose and definitions**

Referrals are counted only if they were offence-based and were received by the Reporter within the financial year. Joint referrals to the Procurator Fiscal and Reporter are included. The grounds for referral to the Reporter are defined in the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 and the conditions for offence referrals are described within section 52(2)(i).

“All children referred” (Table 2) counts each child or young person for whom an offence referral was received by the Reporter. Each child or young person is only counted once for a local youth justice area, irrespective of the number of occasions on which they are referred to the Reporter. A “young person” is any child aged between 8 to 15 years of age at the time of an offence referral, or any young person aged 16 or 17 years who is already the subject of a Supervision Requirement.

Children are allocated to the local youth justice area covered by the SCRA team that is responsible for the referral.

#### **3.2 Trends**

In 2006/07 the number of offence referrals received by the Reporter decreased to 36,148 from 37,916 in 2005/06. This followed a three year increase. The numbers of offence referrals fell in 21 of the 32 local youth justice areas (Table 1).

The number of children referred to the Reporter on offence grounds decreased from 17,624 in 2005/06 to 16,490 in 2006/07 (Table 2).

The average number of offence referrals per child was 2.2 in 2005/06 and 2006/07, compared to 2.1 in 2003/04 and 2004/05 (Table 2).

Table 1: Number of offence referrals received, and offence referrals in each local youth justice area as a percentage of the national total, 2003/04 to 2006/07

	All children referred on offence grounds							
	All offence referrals received				Offence Referrals as a % of national total			
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>34,266</b>	<b>36,338</b>	<b>37,916</b>	<b>36,148</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Aberdeen City	902	909	1,245	1,311	2.6%	2.5%	3.3%	3.6%
Aberdeenshire	403	521	527	651	1.2%	1.4%	1.4%	1.8%
Angus	831	562	910	666	2.4%	1.5%	2.4%	1.8%
Argyll & Bute	540	563	549	459	1.6%	1.5%	1.4%	1.3%
Clackmannanshire	635	682	687	509	1.9%	1.9%	1.8%	1.4%
Dumfries & Galloway	1,298	1,397	1,195	1,061	3.8%	3.8%	3.2%	2.9%
Dundee	2,178	1,980	1,968	1,467	6.4%	5.4%	5.2%	4.1%
East Ayrshire	1,033	1,454	1,177	1,124	3.0%	4.0%	3.1%	3.1%
East Dunbartonshire	422	314	298	293	1.2%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%
East Lothian	162	279	246	440	0.5%	0.8%	0.6%	1.2%
East Renfrewshire	268	329	290	237	0.8%	0.9%	0.8%	0.7%
Edinburgh, City of	2,018	2,040	2,318	2,224	5.9%	5.6%	6.1%	6.2%
Eilean Siar	242	235	345	154	0.7%	0.6%	0.9%	0.4%
Falkirk	1,323	1,773	1,511	1,232	3.9%	4.9%	4.0%	3.4%
Fife	1,971	2,369	2,319	2,966	5.8%	6.5%	6.1%	8.2%
Glasgow City	6,586	5,873	6,425	6,501	19.2%	16.2%	16.9%	18.0%
Highland	1,452	1,814	1,467	1,390	4.2%	5.0%	3.9%	3.8%
Inverclyde	590	552	527	500	1.7%	1.5%	1.4%	1.4%
Midlothian	368	475	624	708	1.1%	1.3%	1.6%	2.0%
Moray	482	613	779	866	1.4%	1.7%	2.1%	2.4%
North Ayrshire	1,355	1,487	1,509	1,390	4.0%	4.1%	4.0%	3.8%
North Lanarkshire	2,254	2,681	3,127	2,814	6.6%	7.4%	8.2%	7.8%
Orkney Islands	68	84	82	48	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
Perth & Kinross	734	807	793	650	2.1%	2.2%	2.1%	1.8%
Renfrewshire	859	787	816	768	2.5%	2.2%	2.2%	2.1%
Scottish Borders	522	450	501	519	1.5%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%
Shetland Islands	82	99	129	165	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%
South Ayrshire	752	874	779	870	2.2%	2.4%	2.1%	2.4%
South Lanarkshire	1,606	1,950	2,207	1,866	4.7%	5.4%	5.8%	5.2%
Stirling	850	858	800	551	2.5%	2.4%	2.1%	1.5%
West Dunbartonshire	819	849	952	990	2.4%	2.3%	2.5%	2.7%
West Lothian	661	678	814	758	1.9%	1.9%	2.1%	2.1%

Source: SCRA RAD; Scottish Youth Justice Performance Report 2003/04 to 2005/06

Table 2: Number of children referred on offence grounds, children referred on offence grounds as a percentage of the child population<sup>(1)</sup>, and average number of offence referrals per child, 2003/04 to 2006/07

	All children referred on offence grounds				Children referred on offence grounds as % of child population <sup>(1)</sup>				Average number of offence referrals per child			
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>16,470</b>	<b>17,494</b>	<b>17,624</b>	<b>16,490</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Aberdeen City	360	397	478	511	1.8%	2.0%	2.5%	2.7%	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.6
Aberdeenshire	281	359	336	360	1.0%	1.3%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.8
Angus	341	258	349	268	2.8%	2.1%	2.9%	2.2%	2.4	2.2	2.6	2.5
Argyll & Bute	293	316	297	239	2.8%	3.0%	2.9%	2.4%	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9
Clackmannanshire	288	308	280	235	4.9%	5.2%	4.8%	4.0%	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.2
Dumfries & Galloway	594	646	546	456	3.5%	3.9%	3.3%	2.8%	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3
Dundee	772	739	778	592	5.2%	5.1%	5.4%	4.2%	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.5
East Ayrshire	507	659	583	528	3.5%	4.6%	4.2%	3.9%	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.1
East Dunbartonshire	236	182	177	186	1.8%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6
East Lothian	107	142	140	194	1.0%	1.3%	1.3%	1.7%	1.5	2.0	1.8	2.3
East Renfrewshire	163	212	182	145	1.4%	1.9%	1.6%	1.3%	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Edinburgh, City of	734	858	918	792	1.8%	2.1%	2.2%	1.9%	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.8
Eilean Siar	86	65	110	65	2.8%	2.1%	3.6%	2.2%	2.8	3.6	3.1	2.4
Falkirk	662	788	684	589	4.0%	4.7%	4.1%	3.5%	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.1
Fife	1,150	1,254	1,229	1,414	2.8%	3.1%	3.1%	3.6%	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.1
Glasgow City	3,122	2,715	2,913	2,918	5.2%	4.6%	5.1%	5.2%	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2
Highland	717	858	818	782	2.9%	3.5%	3.4%	3.2%	2.0	2.1	1.8	1.8
Inverclyde	304	301	290	245	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%	2.7%	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.0
Midlothian	191	225	258	274	2.0%	2.3%	2.7%	2.9%	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.6
Moray	269	259	288	304	2.6%	2.5%	2.8%	2.9%	1.8	2.4	2.7	2.8
North Ayrshire	636	706	644	631	3.8%	4.3%	4.0%	4.0%	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.2
North Lanarkshire	1,123	1,363	1,518	1,364	3.0%	3.6%	4.0%	3.7%	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1
Orkney Islands	47	46	48	32	1.9%	1.9%	2.0%	1.3%	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.5
Perth & Kinross	392	426	387	259	2.5%	2.8%	2.5%	1.7%	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.5
Renfrewshire	459	478	475	434	2.4%	2.5%	2.5%	2.3%	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.8
Scottish Borders	246	221	211	213	2.0%	1.8%	1.7%	1.7%	2.1	2.0	2.4	2.4
Shetland Islands	62	54	63	71	2.1%	1.9%	2.2%	2.6%	1.3	1.8	2.0	2.3
South Ayrshire	397	443	385	394	3.2%	3.7%	3.2%	3.3%	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.2
South Lanarkshire	845	1,063	1,103	967	2.4%	3.0%	3.2%	2.8%	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.9
Stirling	343	368	322	256	3.5%	3.7%	3.2%	2.5%	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.2
West Dunbartonshire	420	442	466	424	3.9%	4.1%	4.5%	4.2%	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.3
West Lothian	348	383	392	387	1.7%	1.9%	2.0%	1.9%	1.9	1.8	2.1	2.0

Source: SCRA RAD; Scottish Youth Justice Performance Report 2003/04 to 2005/06; GRO (Scotland) mid-year population estimates, 2003 to 2006.

<sup>(1)</sup> Child population figures include all children between the ages of eight and 16 inclusive.

## **4. Offence Referrals of Persistent Young Offenders**

### **4.1 Purpose and definitions**

Referrals are counted if they were offence-based and were received by the Reporter within the financial year. Joint referrals to the Procurator Fiscal and Reporter are included. The grounds for referral to the Reporter are defined in the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 and the conditions for offence referrals are described within section 52(2)(i). Referrals for persistent young offenders are a subset of the overall count of offence referrals and are therefore included in that total.

A “persistent young offender” is defined as a young person with five offending episodes within a six month period, where an offending episode is equal to an offence referral to the Reporter. The six month period is measured retrospectively from the date of receipt of an offence referral by the Reporter, with the previous six months examined to see if there have been four previous referrals. All five referrals must fall within the same financial year to be counted.

A “young person” is any child aged between 8 to 15 years of age at the time of an offence referral, or any child aged 16 or 17 who is already the subject of a Supervision Requirement.

This chapter looks only at the offence referrals of persistent young offenders. The numbers and characteristics of offending by of persistent young offenders are considered in chapter 5.

### **4.2 Trends**

The number of persistent young offender offence referrals decreased to 11,742 in 2006/07 from 12,305 in 2005/06. This followed a three-year increase, in line with all offence referrals, of which they are a subset (Table 3).

The percentage of offence referrals attributed to persistent young offenders was the same in 2003/04, 2005/06 and 2006/07, at 32.5 per cent of all offence referrals (Table 3).

Table 3: Number of persistent young offenders offence referrals received, and percentage of offence referrals attributed to persistent young offenders, 2003/04 to 2006/07

	Number of persistent young offenders offence referrals				% of offence referrals attributed to persistent young offenders			
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Scotland	11,128	11,156	12,305	11,742	32.5%	30.7%	32.5%	32.5%
Aberdeen City	394	355	500	571	43.7%	39.1%	40.2%	43.6%
Aberdeenshire	22	51	56	108	5.5%	9.8%	10.6%	16.6%
Angus	290	164	352	237	34.9%	29.2%	38.7%	35.6%
Argyll & Bute	134	144	154	105	24.8%	25.6%	28.1%	22.9%
Clackmannanshire	169	225	278	136	26.6%	33.0%	40.5%	26.7%
Dumfries & Galloway	444	423	384	424	34.2%	30.3%	32.1%	40.0%
Dundee	1,052	894	807	596	48.3%	45.2%	41.0%	40.6%
East Ayrshire	337	468	381	371	32.6%	32.2%	32.4%	33.0%
East Dunbartonshire	93	48	70	15	22.0%	15.3%	23.5%	5.1%
East Lothian	30	66	35	114	18.5%	23.7%	14.2%	25.9%
East Renfrewshire	57	51	28	30	21.3%	15.5%	9.7%	12.7%
Edinburgh, City of	914	771	928	1,043	45.3%	37.8%	40.0%	46.9%
Eilean Siar	128	142	213	75	52.9%	60.4%	61.7%	48.7%
Falkirk	368	638	452	327	27.8%	36.0%	29.9%	26.5%
Fife	335	489	555	822	17.0%	20.6%	23.9%	27.7%
Glasgow City	2,153	1,805	2,159	2,219	32.7%	30.7%	33.6%	34.1%
Highland	488	614	342	301	33.6%	33.8%	23.3%	21.7%
Inverclyde	164	157	115	125	27.8%	28.4%	21.8%	25.0%
Midlothian	91	129	233	276	24.7%	27.2%	37.3%	39.0%
Moray	112	199	351	379	23.2%	32.5%	45.1%	43.8%
North Ayrshire	522	558	601	489	38.5%	37.5%	39.8%	35.2%
North Lanarkshire	722	855	982	840	32.0%	31.9%	31.4%	29.9%
Orkney Islands	7	25	22	0	10.3%	29.8%	26.8%	0.0%
Perth & Kinross	214	184	215	217	29.2%	22.8%	27.1%	33.4%
Renfrewshire	238	128	178	149	27.7%	16.3%	21.8%	19.4%
Scottish Borders	190	116	173	195	36.4%	25.8%	34.5%	37.6%
Shetland Islands	9	17	45	55	11.0%	17.2%	34.9%	33.3%
South Ayrshire	207	279	192	283	27.5%	31.9%	24.6%	32.5%
South Lanarkshire	444	449	637	458	27.6%	23.0%	28.9%	24.5%
Stirling	365	346	337	206	42.9%	40.3%	42.1%	37.4%
West Dunbartonshire	262	239	308	362	32.0%	28.2%	32.4%	36.6%
West Lothian	173	127	222	214	26.2%	18.7%	27.3%	28.2%

Source: SCRA RAD; Scottish Youth Justice Performance Report 2003/04 to 2005/06

## **5. Persistent Young Offenders**

### **5.1 Purpose and definitions**

The number of persistent offenders is the number of young people who trigger the persistent offender definition during the financial year. Each young person is only counted once for a local authority, irrespective of the number of occasions on which they are referred to the SCRA. Children are allocated to the local youth justice area covered by the SCRA team that is responsible for the referral.

A “persistent young offender” is defined as a young person with five offending episodes within a six month period, where an offending episode is equal to an offence referral to the Reporter. The six month period is measured retrospectively from the date of receipt of an offence referral by the Reporter, with the previous six months examined to see if there have been four previous referrals. All five referrals must fall within the same financial year to be counted.

A “young person” is any child aged between 8 to 15 years of age at the time of an offence referral, or any child aged 16 or 17 who is already the subject of a Supervision Requirement.

### **5.2 Trends**

Nationally, the number of persistent young offenders rose to 1,429 in 2006/07. This is an increase of 3 per cent from 2005/06 and an overall increase of 19 per cent since 2003/04.

8.7 per cent of children and young people referred to the Reporter on offence grounds met the persistent young offender definition. This compares to 7.9 per cent in 2005/06.

Eleven of the 32 local youth justice areas had a reduction in the number of children and young people identified as persistent young offenders between 2003/04 and 2006/07. All of these areas achieved a reduction of ten per cent or more. These areas were: Argyll and Bute, Dundee, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Eilean Siar, Highland, Inverclyde, Orkney, Perth & Kinross, Renfrewshire and Stirling.

In 21 local youth justice areas the number of persistent young offenders increased between 2003/04 and 2006/07.

Over 60 per cent of persistent young offenders are located within nine local youth justice areas. These are: Glasgow City, Fife, City of Edinburgh, North Lanarkshire, Dundee, South Lanarkshire, Aberdeen City, North Ayrshire, and Dumfries & Galloway; some of the largest areas in terms of population in Scotland.

On average, the number of offence referrals per persistent young offender fell from 9.3 in 2003/04 to 8.2 in 2006/07 a decrease of 11 per cent.

Table 4: Number of persistent young offenders, 2003/04 to 2006/07

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>1,429</b>
Aberdeen City	41	35	54	61
Aberdeenshire	3	10	12	15
Angus	29	20	44	35
Argyll & Bute	18	19	21	15
Clackmannanshire	17	26	24	19
Dumfries & Galloway	45	47	44	56
Dundee	109	93	80	67
East Ayrshire	26	52	48	45
East Dunbartonshire	14	7	11	3
East Lothian	3	8	5	13
East Renfrewshire	9	8	4	5
Edinburgh, City of	89	90	92	103
Eilean Siar	14	12	16	11
Falkirk	37	64	52	43
Fife	50	61	78	112
Glasgow City	219	210	252	282
Highland	57	68	37	38
Inverclyde	21	21	14	18
Midlothian	15	17	28	30
Moray	16	19	33	43
North Ayrshire	46	64	60	58
North Lanarkshire	73	89	105	96
Orkney Islands	1	3	5	0
Perth & Kinross	31	23	28	25
Renfrewshire	24	18	26	18
Scottish Borders	20	17	21	29
Shetland Islands	4	2	4	6
South Ayrshire	31	34	24	37
South Lanarkshire	54	49	72	63
Stirling	34	35	35	25
West Dunbartonshire	34	32	37	42
West Lothian	23	17	29	27

Source: SCRA RAD; Scottish Youth Justice Performance Report 2003/04 to 2005/06

### 5.3 Characteristics of persistent young offenders

In 2006/07, 83.6 per cent of persistent young offenders were male.

The age profile of persistent young offenders has remained relatively constant from 2003/04, with the majority of persistent young offenders (65.1 per cent) aged 14 or 15 (Figure 1). However, in 2006/07 there was a slight shift to older age groups, with an increase of almost 3 percent in the proportion of persistent young offenders aged 16 years accompanied by a fall in the proportion aged 14 years or less.

Although the number of persistent young offenders has increased, the number of offence referrals per persistent young offender has decreased by 11 per cent between 2003/04 and 2006/07 and the number of offence grounds per persistent young offender has decreased by 6 per cent between 2003/04 and 2006/07 (Table 5).

Table 6 shows that the nature of the offences for which the persistent young offender group was referred has remained similar since the baseline year, with the most frequently referred offences being:

- Breach of the Peace (4,222 referrals)
- Assault (2,759 referrals)
- Vandalism and Malicious Mischief (2,620 referrals)
- Other (1,548 referrals)<sup>1</sup>
- Theft – other (776 referrals)

This profile was similar in 2003/04, although in 2005/06 Vandalism/Malicious Mischief overtook Assault as the second most frequent offence.

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<sup>1</sup> 'Other' is a RAD classification for offences that do not fall into any of the other categories, not a sum of all other offences.

Figure 1: Age profile of persistent young offenders, 2003/04 to 2006/07

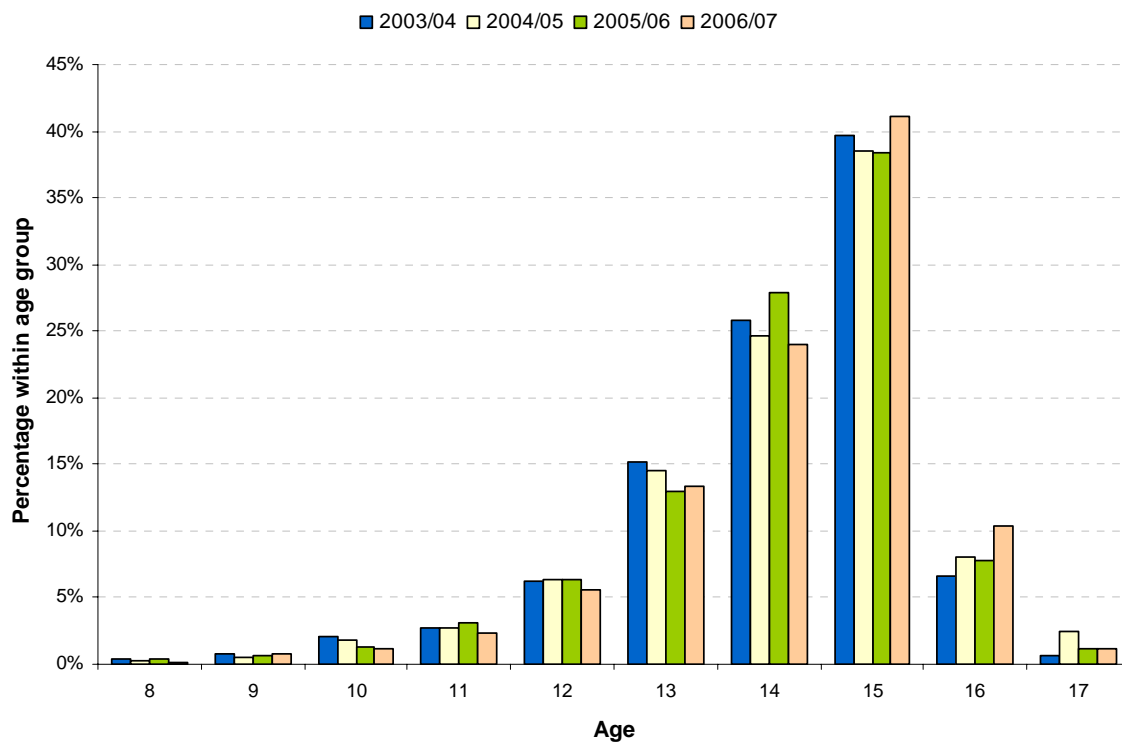


Table 5: Average number of offence referrals and offences per persistent young offender: 2003/04 to 2006/07

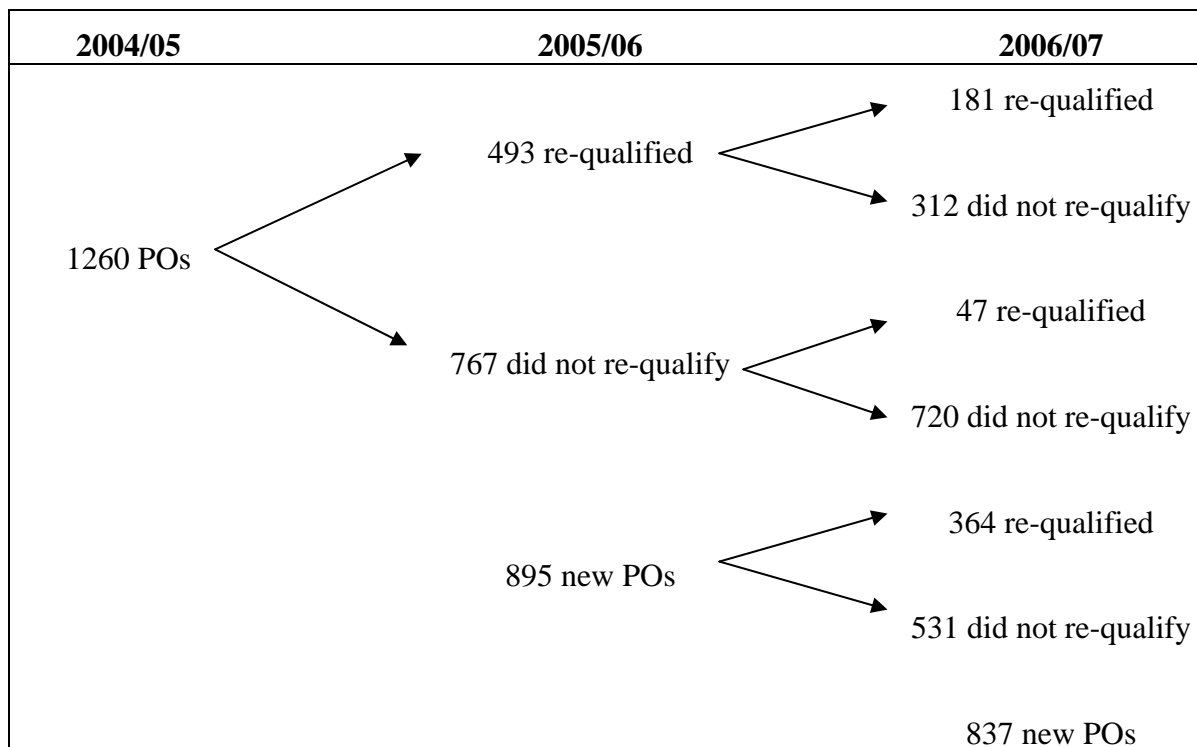
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	percentage change 2003/04 to 2006/07
Number of offence referrals per persistent offender (national average)	9.3	8.9	8.9	8.2	-11%
Number of offence grounds per persistent offender (national average)	16.0	16.0	15.5	15.1	-6%

Source: SCRA RAD; Scottish Youth Justice Performance Report 2003/04 to 2005/06

#### 5.4 Re-qualifying persistent young offenders

In 2004/05, 1,260 children and young people were identified as persistent young offenders. This group of children and young people have been tracked through to 2006/07, as have the 895 young people who qualified as persistent offenders in 2005/06 who had not qualified as persistent young offenders in 2004/05. This breakdown is shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2: New and re-qualifying persistent offenders: 2004/05, 2005/06 and 2006/07



## **6. Time Intervals**

### **6.1 Purpose and definitions**

An important test of the Children's Hearings System is the extent to which it can make decisions which tackle the underlying causes of a why a child or young person would be referred to the Reporter. The time interval standards were developed to improve the timeliness of performance of all Hearings agencies from referral through to implementation of a final decision for offence and for care and protection cases.

In 2003, Ministers decided to focus on improving performance against certain key standards in order to drive overall timescales down. This report deals only with the timeliness of the Hearings process for children and young people referred on offence grounds. There are four time intervals that are included here:

1. The number of days it takes police to deliver an offence referral report to the Reporter. The target is 14 calendar days from the date of caution/charge for 80 per cent of reports.
2. The number of days it takes for a social work report to be submitted to the Reporter. The target is 20 working days from the date of request for 75 per cent of reports.
3. The number of days it takes the Reporter to make a decision about a referral. The target is 50 working days for 60 per cent of referrals.
4. The number of days from the offence referral receipt by the Reporter to the Hearing decision.

### **6.2 Police Report Submission**

Time interval standard 1 concerns the number of days it takes police to deliver offence referral reports to the Reporter. The target is 14 calendar days from the date of caution/charge.

The reporting period starts on the date of caution/charge and ends on the date of receipt of the offence referral by the Reporter.

For all children referred on offence grounds, the total number of reports sent rose from 29,860 in 2003/04 to 32,695 in 2006/07 (Table 6) and the percentage sent within 20 days rose from 71.8 per cent to 85.4 per cent over the same period (Table 7).

In 2006/07, six of the eight police forces reported achieving the national standard for delivering offence referral reports to the Reporter, compared to three forces in 2003/04.

Table 6: Number of police reports sent to the Reporter by each Scottish police force, 2003/04 to 2006/07

	Total police reports sent				Proportion of national total			
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>29,860</b>	<b>32,199</b>	<b>34,152</b>	<b>32,695</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Central	2,227	2,572	2,483	2,093	7.5%	8.0%	7.3%	7.3%
Dumfries & Galloway	838	842	671	631	2.8%	2.6%	2.0%	2.0%
Fife	1,352	1,746	1,779	2,142	4.5%	5.4%	5.2%	5.2%
Grampian	1,190	1,222	1,943	1,827	4.0%	3.8%	5.7%	5.7%
Lothian & Borders	3,388	3,681	4,181	4,813	11.3%	11.4%	12.2%	12.2%
Northern	888	1,103	1,009	964	3.0%	3.4%	3.0%	3.0%
Strathclyde	16,873	18,223	18,962	17,646	56.5%	56.6%	55.5%	55.5%
Tayside	3,104	2,810	3,124	2,579	10.4%	8.7%	9.1%	9.1%

Source: Self reported by the Police, Scottish Youth Justice Performance Report 2003-04 to 2005-06

Table 7: Number of police reports sent to the Reporter within time standard 1 by each Scottish police force, 2003/04 to 2005/06

	Reports submitted within standard				Percentage within time standard			
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>21,430</b>	<b>24,298</b>	<b>27,544</b>	<b>27,909</b>	<b>71.8%</b>	<b>75.5%</b>	<b>80.7%</b>	<b>85.4%</b>
Central	700	1,335	1,715	1,722	31.4%	51.9%	69.1%	82.3%
Dumfries & Galloway	650	679	543	546	77.6%	80.6%	80.9%	86.5%
Fife	1,110	1,499	1,515	1,826	82.1%	85.9%	85.2%	85.2%
Grampian	711	796	1,436	1,430	59.7%	65.1%	73.9%	78.3%
Lothian & Borders	1,614	2,222	3,587	4,446	47.6%	60.4%	85.8%	92.4%
Northern	308	665	657	739	34.7%	60.3%	65.1%	76.7%
Strathclyde	13,606	14,735	15,456	15,113	80.6%	80.9%	81.5%	85.6%
Tayside	2,731	2,367	2,635	2,087	88.0%	84.2%	84.3%	80.9%

Source: Self reported by the police; Scottish Youth Justice Performance Report 2003/04 to 2005/06

Table 8: Number of police reports sent outside of time standard 1 in each Scottish police force, 2003/04 to 2006/07

	Reports submitted outside standard			
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>8,430</b>	<b>7,901</b>	<b>6,608</b>	<b>4,786</b>
Central	1,527	1,237	768	371
Dumfries & Galloway	188	163	128	85
Fife	242	247	264	316
Grampian	479	426	507	397
Lothian & Borders	1,774	1,459	594	367
Northern	580	438	352	225
Strathclyde	3,267	3,488	3,506	2,533
Tayside	373	443	489	492

Source: Self reported by the police; Scottish Youth Justice Performance Report 2003/04 to 2005/06

### 6.3 Social Work Report Submission

Time interval standard 3 concerns the number of days it takes for social work reports to be submitted to the Reporter. This is measured from the date that the Reporter generates a request for a social work report until the date that the completed social work report is received by the Reporter.

The data on social work reports includes IAR (Initial Assessment Reports) and SBR (Social Background Reports). It does not include IER (Initial Enquiry Reports), supplementary SBRs, progress reports or review reports. The count of social work reports is the number received in the financial year by the SCRA where the report can be linked to an offence referral. That link is made when the social work report is requested and received between the date the Reporter receives an offence referral and the date they make a decision on that referral.

Qualifying IAR and SBR reports for a child or young person subject to a Supervision Requirement are included in the data. Requests for social work reports that are subsequently cancelled have not been included in the data if they have been cancelled prior to their due date. Reports cancelled after their due date are included.

It should be noted that due to improvements made by the SCRA to better identify SW reports as either offence or non-offence-based the overall numbers of reports appears to have fallen. This does not reflect an actual fall in the number of reports requested. Data on the number of reports is therefore not comparable between 2006/07 and earlier years, although percentages may be considered comparable.

Sixteen per cent of offence based social work reports submitted in 2006/07 were for persistent young offenders, compared to 18 per cent in 2003/04.

In 2006/07, 48 per cent of social work reports submitted were received within 20 days of their request.

The average length of time to submission for offence based social work reports varied across youth justice areas from 21 days to 56 days (Table 9).

A slightly lower proportion of offence based social work reports were submitted on time for all offence children than for persistent young offenders (Tables 9 and 10).

Table 9: Number of offence social work reports received by the Reporter, average number of days to submission, and percentage completed within 20 days, 2003/04 to 2006/07

	All children referred on offence grounds											
	Number of offence social work reports requested <sup>(1)</sup>				Average number of days to submission				% completed within 20 days			
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>5,635</b>	<b>5,715</b>	<b>6,703</b>	<b>4,435</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>48%</b>
Aberdeen City	181	228	304	174	63	57	53	52	31%	32%	33%	38%
Aberdeenshire	146	163	203	196	41	38	30	34	32%	31%	46%	48%
Angus	240	199	234	166	25	34	24	35	43%	25%	40%	43%
Argyll & Bute	138	98	161	98	46	66	44	45	20%	16%	29%	30%
Clackmannanshire	47	70	76	22	88	54	36	38	11%	44%	51%	64%
Dumfries & Galloway	163	198	167	153	49	48	26	28	31%	28%	52%	65%
Dundee	394	302	224	106	36	34	47	56	35%	33%	28%	39%
East Ayrshire	197	220	244	146	52	52	38	41	22%	31%	34%	60%
East Dunbartonshire	35	44	76	58	28	27	27	21	60%	41%	50%	83%
East Lothian	43	55	73	56	22	29	22	28	63%	42%	60%	54%
East Renfrewshire	57	73	52	49	20	20	22	24	81%	63%	52%	92%
Edinburgh, City of	243	268	365	157	31	36	36	48	49%	47%	41%	54%
Eilean Sear	38	27	30	24	34	52	35	37	34%	19%	33%	54%
Falkirk	154	129	152	106	53	53	41	29	27%	24%	28%	41%
Fife	284	200	216	195	46	57	41	41	33%	27%	34%	27%
Glasgow City	546	673	1114	643	72	78	32	51	13%	14%	39%	47%
Highland	200	215	183	269	38	35	33	32	41%	43%	48%	70%
Inverclyde	228	192	229	163	40	29	25	27	23%	35%	54%	64%
Midlothian	48	55	88	63	28	34	29	39	42%	42%	44%	44%
Moray	118	94	102	115	33	28	20	30	51%	55%	73%	57%
North Ayrshire	446	542	437	278	26	26	27	28	51%	48%	38%	54%
North Lanarkshire	329	283	362	311	47	58	59	33	20%	16%	16%	36%
Orkney Islands	22	17	19	11	24	23	37	32	77%	76%	16%	55%
Perth & Kinross	163	150	211	129	49	44	41	26	21%	25%	32%	40%
Renfrewshire	154	192	167	102	48	53	42	39	21%	26%	19%	40%
Scottish Borders	100	100	155	45	23	25	28	41	63%	57%	64%	58%
Shetland Islands	16	40	39	33	30	25	23	38	56%	70%	62%	61%
South Ayrshire	222	166	131	104	26	42	36	48	42%	27%	21%	27%
South Lanarkshire	390	379	462	252	46	48	41	32	14%	18%	21%	35%
Stirling	66	83	123	43	71	91	32	31	18%	25%	54%	77%
West Dunbartonshire	135	168	181	131	55	53	39	41	24%	29%	32%	24%
West Lothian	92	92	123	37	27	24	27	26	48%	55%	45%	70%

Source: SCRA RAD; Scottish Youth Justice Performance Report 2003/04 to 2005/06

<sup>(1)</sup> Data is discontinuous between 2005/06 and 2006/07 due to improvements in the identification of reports as either offence or non-offence-based.

Table 10: Number of offence social work reports received by the Reporter, average number of days to submission, and percentage completed within 20 days: persistent young offenders only, 2003/04 to 2006/07

	Persistent Young Offenders											
	Number of offence social work reports requested <sup>(1)</sup>				Average number of days to submission				% completed within 20 days			
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>53%</b>
Aberdeen City	64	55	97	44	34	41	38	27	44%	49%	43%	52%
Aberdeenshire	2	10	15	12	33	43	31	24	0%	20%	27%	33%
Angus	42	33	59	35	24	23	22	24	38%	45%	42%	49%
Argyll & Bute	16	18	24	3	52	56	32	22	31%	33%	33%	33%
Clackmannanshire	6	18	15	8	79	32	20	23	33%	50%	60%	63%
Dumfries & Galloway	48	45	39	42	37	56	24	19	38%	40%	56%	71%
Dundee	138	117	47	18	27	24	32	32	49%	47%	32%	28%
East Ayrshire	32	44	39	17	22	27	25	22	84%	55%	23%	82%
East Dunbartonshire	3	3	13	1	66	59	30	19	0%	0%	15%	100%
East Lothian	5	5	4	5	10	21	22	14	100%	60%	50%	60%
East Renfrewshire	1	3	4	0	4	13	22	N/A	100%	67%	25%	N/A
Edinburgh, City of	59	88	105	34	28	28	29	21	59%	56%	53%	59%
Eileen Sear	9	5	12	4	28	69	43	18	44%	0%	33%	75%
Falkirk	20	33	17	27	45	57	39	22	45%	18%	29%	41%
Fife	33	29	40	53	31	35	36	29	48%	41%	40%	32%
Glasgow City	99	96	175	105	50	64	33	26	24%	20%	40%	55%
Highland	36	50	21	32	28	32	27	19	53%	40%	48%	63%
Inverclyde	31	23	20	8	30	27	22	19	32%	39%	45%	63%
Midlothian	2	11	16	10	19	30	29	25	50%	45%	56%	70%
Moray	9	5	21	18	32	25	21	27	67%	40%	76%	39%
North Ayrshire	104	133	95	57	18	21	21	21	74%	65%	46%	65%
North Lanarkshire	32	31	40	33	41	41	74	25	31%	39%	13%	55%
Orkney Islands	4	3	2	0	18	24	27	N/A	50%	67%	0%	N/A
Perth & Kinross	29	23	43	22	32	39	38	31	34%	35%	44%	41%
Renfrewshire	15	22	25	8	42	61	40	23	20%	23%	16%	25%
Scottish Borders	40	39	26	13	12	17	20	16	80%	74%	65%	54%
Shetland Islands	0	3	7	8		22	22	28	N/A	33%	43%	75%
South Ayrshire	50	39	21	20	19	23	22	26	64%	59%	29%	55%
South Lanarkshire	48	59	71	29	47	49	39	22	23%	12%	18%	41%
Stirling	12	18	43	8	62	48	26	21	17%	39%	67%	88%
West Dunbartonshire	12	26	30	22	36	41	24	26	25%	42%	40%	36%
West Lothian	4	5	10	10	25	20	24	20	25%	60%	50%	70%

Source: SCRA RAD; Scottish Youth Justice Performance Report 2003/04 to 2005/06

<sup>(1)</sup> Data is discontinuous between 2005/06 and 2006/07 due to improvements in the identification of reports as either offence or non-offence-based.

Note: No persistent offender reports were requested in Orkney or East Renfrewshire in 2006/07.

## 6.4 Reporter Decision Making

Time interval standard 4 concerns the number of days it takes the Reporter to make a decision about a referral. The target is 50 working days from receipt of the offence referral by the Reporter until the date that the Reporter makes a decision regarding an individual referral.

The proportion of decisions made by the Reporter within 50 days of receipt of referral increased to 72 per cent in 2006/07 from 65 per cent in 2003/04 (Table 11).

Table 11: Number of offence referrals with Reporter decisions, average number of days to decision and percentage of decisions made within 50 working days, 2003/04 to 2006/07

	All children referred on offence grounds											
	Number of offence referrals with decisions				Average number of days to decision				% completed within 50 working days			
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>31,279</b>	<b>33,803</b>	<b>35,234</b>	<b>35,275</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>72%</b>
Aberdeen City	849	891	1,106	1,331	63	67	52	58	60%	56%	62%	63%
Aberdeenshire	444	488	494	666	57	53	39	51	60%	66%	73%	61%
Angus	766	542	855	656	58	56	36	37	54%	62%	75%	75%
Argyll & Bute	486	572	489	483	52	69	53	47	60%	58%	63%	72%
Clackmannanshire	519	624	571	534	84	101	60	56	55%	42%	52%	59%
Dumfries & Galloway	1,270	1,376	1,095	965	33	38	23	29	80%	79%	92%	86%
Dundee	1,839	1,792	1,745	1,615	51	57	57	58	61%	61%	60%	59%
East Ayrshire	806	1,161	1,265	1,111	36	52	54	34	75%	63%	62%	78%
East Dunbartonshire	413	334	281	259	33	35	33	36	77%	76%	79%	78%
East Lothian	167	261	208	425	30	31	25	24	78%	78%	85%	86%
East Renfrewshire	234	313	297	237	50	52	29	23	57%	58%	80%	90%
Edinburgh, City of	1,827	1,669	2,124	1,896	56	66	57	43	67%	57%	63%	72%
Eilean Siar	196	211	336	180	30	48	42	37	79%	63%	73%	79%
Falkirk	1,079	1,479	1,344	1,368	38	40	46	40	75%	72%	68%	71%
Fife	1,703	2,277	2,516	2,659	63	77	71	60	57%	47%	50%	59%
Glasgow City	6,199	6,110	5,452	5,852	66	56	28	38	60%	68%	84%	75%
Highland	1,385	1,605	1,693	1,373	44	50	40	30	70%	62%	73%	80%
Inverclyde	569	525	551	501	53	69	54	30	59%	57%	63%	85%
Midlothian	333	449	584	579	29	30	22	24	79%	79%	87%	84%
Moray	447	556	694	920	41	48	44	35	69%	63%	71%	75%
North Ayrshire	1,248	1,431	1,485	1,340	39	36	32	27	73%	76%	78%	82%
North Lanarkshire	2,098	2,314	2,749	3,093	47	58	60	46	68%	63%	54%	70%
Orkney Islands	69	77	86	50	29	33	39	41	84%	79%	70%	76%
Perth & Kinross	647	667	803	606	45	45	37	32	65%	64%	72%	78%
Renfrewshire	804	811	824	784	61	58	44	34	59%	66%	67%	78%
Scottish Borders	488	443	476	490	32	31	25	21	79%	76%	86%	91%
Shetland Islands	65	109	122	154	34	51	32	33	77%	70%	81%	75%
South Ayrshire	731	784	775	789	27	34	48	29	85%	78%	66%	79%
South Lanarkshire	1,511	1,803	2,035	1,927	70	65	57	58	51%	56%	60%	55%
Stirling	744	772	701	576	72	66	33	31	56%	61%	87%	88%
West Dunbartonshire	717	791	792	1,070	60	64	52	51	59%	58%	64%	64%
West Lothian	626	566	686	786	30	32	45	61	81%	79%	65%	56%

Source: SCRA RAD; Scottish Youth Justice Performance Report 2003/04 to 2005/06

Table 12: Number of offence referrals with Reporter decisions and average number of days to decision: persistent young offenders\* only

	Persistent young offenders*											
	Number of referrals with decisions				Average number of days to decision				% completed within 50 working days			
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>9,811</b>	<b>10,050</b>	<b>10,891</b>	<b>10,967</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>78%</b>
Aberdeen City	366	370	474	548	28	36	33	32	79%	74%	79%	78%
Aberdeenshire	23	46	57	112	24	18	12	28	83%	96%	98%	82%
Angus	243	171	335	229	41	34	32	29	69%	76%	78%	83%
Argyll & Bute	123	124	124	117	51	56	35	29	64%	69%	76%	84%
Clackmannanshire	173	191	195	168	68	69	48	49	58%	54%	63%	65%
Dumfries & Galloway	445	396	341	349	30	32	22	23	82%	80%	93%	90%
Dundee	942	808	708	592	34	27	33	41	77%	83%	78%	73%
East Ayrshire	248	380	371	341	22	30	27	22	90%	82%	84%	89%
East Dunbartonshire	80	39	61	11	32	32	25	24	78%	82%	82%	91%
East Lothian	33	63	34	108	20	13	25	19	88%	97%	82%	91%
East Renfrewshire	40	45	27	33	33	29	21	29	78%	82%	89%	73%
Edinburgh, City of	784	647	786	848	35	47	42	33	79%	65%	70%	79%
Eilean Siar	101	129	225	81	26	45	34	36	84%	68%	79%	75%
Falkirk	306	541	400	354	21	36	35	33	88%	74%	81%	78%
Fife	307	445	574	707	39	57	55	57	72%	59%	60%	60%
Glasgow City	1,761	1,725	1,733	1,836	61	46	28	33	58%	70%	84%	79%
Highland	490	550	378	311	33	41	30	24	77%	66%	80%	86%
Inverclyde	169	148	105	112	35	34	20	14	78%	75%	90%	94%
Midlothian	77	131	217	208	13	22	15	16	95%	86%	95%	92%
Moray	84	189	275	408	32	44	35	37	76%	66%	79%	73%
North Ayrshire	468	520	551	481	20	22	18	20	95%	89%	93%	91%
North Lanarkshire	632	667	812	936	36	41	50	37	74%	70%	60%	77%
Orkney Islands	4	24	28	0	16	19	28	N/A	100%	100%	75%	N/A
Perth & Kinross	199	142	216	162	38	34	34	25	74%	74%	76%	84%
Renfrewshire	199	150	165	153	50	36	31	29	66%	81%	80%	83%
Scottish Borders	176	126	157	193	25	20	15	17	86%	86%	95%	95%
Shetland Islands	14	17	40	53	38	43	29	29	71%	65%	83%	75%
South Ayrshire	229	247	163	255	22	20	26	25	91%	92%	85%	85%
South Lanarkshire	423	396	535	461	43	51	38	40	66%	63%	74%	69%
Stirling	292	289	317	199	52	66	33	25	68%	58%	87%	94%
West Dunbartonshire	218	232	286	355	42	45	40	38	67%	67%	74%	73%
West Lothian	162	102	201	246	17	25	36	67	91%	87%	74%	59%

Source: SCRA RAD; Scottish Youth Justice Performance Report 2003/04 to 2005/06

\* Persistent offender relates to all decisions made in the period for children and young people meeting the definition of a persistent offender i.e. any newly flagged persistent offenders plus any previously flagged that a decision had been made for in the period

## 6.5 Offence Referral to Hearing Decision

The final measure concerns the number of days from the offence referral receipt to the Hearing decision. This is a measure of the decision making process within the Scottish Children's Hearings System for offence cases. This measure begins when an offence referral is received by the SCRA and ends when the Children's Hearing makes a decision. It includes all SCRA activities and any interaction with social work, as well as arranging and convening a Hearing. Only those offence referrals which are referred to Children's Hearings, and which result in a Hearing decision being made, are included in this measure.

This measure gives an indication of performance in relation to the overall time interval measure of 'the time taken from police caution and charge to the implementation of Hearing decision'. This overall measure is not currently reported.

The average number of days from receipt of an offence referral by the Reporter to a decision being reached by a Children's Hearing increased to 71 in 2006/07, after reaching a minimum of 70 in 2005/06. This is an improvement of three days from 2003/04 (Table 13).

Table 13: Number of offence referrals to the Reporter with Hearing decisions and average number of days to Hearing decision, 2003/04 to 2006/07

	All children referred on offence grounds							
	Number of offence referrals with Hearing decisions				Average number of days to Hearing decision			
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>7,425</b>	<b>6,937</b>	<b>7,146</b>	<b>6,393</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>
Aberdeen City	272	264	306	283	67	67	64	57
Aberdeenshire	65	44	79	124	52	53	47	66
Angus	185	147	100	127	73	86	61	68
Argyll & Bute	131	156	135	156	91	92	77	74
Clackmannanshire	47	51	40	25	73	110	73	81
Dumfries & Galloway	239	225	180	172	68	72	58	51
Dundee	566	544	498	316	61	58	67	64
East Ayrshire	237	318	306	222	49	56	69	64
East Dunbartonshire	43	10	20	25	63	41	73	51
East Lothian	62	94	59	111	42	48	47	44
East Renfrewshire	21	41	40	56	78	76	59	67
Edinburgh, City of	406	395	514	346	79	79	84	78
Eilean Siar	72	141	144	25	50	76	49	71
Falkirk	149	160	142	101	56	59	69	70
Fife	284	249	228	232	74	80	90	80
Glasgow City	1378	992	1080	1156	102	93	73	78
Highland	203	233	221	134	56	70	72	48
Inverclyde	206	214	178	210	65	81	62	75
Midlothian	56	69	174	163	37	45	41	54
Moray	98	147	195	183	64	72	49	59
North Ayrshire	603	479	484	307	57	63	57	75
North Lanarkshire	525	531	535	511	74	86	98	88
Orkney Islands	10	23	22	1	52	58	39	85
Perth & Kinross	151	74	114	86	66	73	64	63
Renfrewshire	173	186	186	172	88	75	68	71
Scottish Borders	130	152	117	163	49	56	40	44
Shetland Islands	6	11	18	26	34	70	42	53
South Ayrshire	227	245	157	173	57	52	58	50
South Lanarkshire	399	319	447	376	90	92	71	86
Stirling	91	60	58	32	103	87	64	54
West Dunbartonshire	261	292	269	311	88	101	88	79
West Lothian	129	71	100	68	52	53	63	66

Source: SCRA RAD; Scottish Youth Justice Performance Report 2003/04 to 2005/06

Table 14: Number of offence referrals to the Reporter with Hearing decisions and average number of days to Hearing decision: persistent young offenders only, 2003/04 to 2006/07

	Persistent offenders							
	Number of offence referrals with Hearing decisions				Average number of days to Hearing decision			
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>4734</b>	<b>4361</b>	<b>4537</b>	<b>3812</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>65</b>
Aberdeen City	172	188	215	200	48	58	58	45
Aberdeenshire	8	9	33	30	45	46	41	53
Angus	128	82	59	81	64	86	57	63
Argyll & Bute	67	69	77	80	93	95	71	68
Clackmannanshire	27	39	35	18	78	100	68	84
Dumfries & Galloway	180	142	128	108	60	61	49	48
Dundee	461	439	388	208	58	51	62	60
East Ayrshire	148	236	172	133	39	53	55	60
East Dunbartonshire	25	2	12	1	69	38	60	48
East Lothian	24	53	14	52	27	48	47	38
East Renfrewshire	13	24	14	17	63	80	53	78
Edinburgh, City of	261	271	344	265	63	79	79	72
Eilean Sear	56	121	131	16	46	73	44	84
Falkirk	95	97	75	62	49	62	59	66
Fife	140	145	139	163	61	79	89	78
Glasgow City	883	543	663	662	95	90	68	73
Highland	149	166	128	75	52	68	61	43
Inverclyde	108	117	88	80	57	68	53	75
Midlothian	31	32	115	109	31	50	35	51
Moray	59	107	133	138	61	74	39	57
North Ayrshire	423	321	344	211	52	57	51	73
North Lanarkshire	315	313	313	323	63	77	87	82
Orkney Islands	2	17	15	0	77	51	36	0
Perth & Kinross	95	46	94	33	57	65	67	57
Renfrewshire	96	89	86	69	89	65	62	71
Scottish Borders	98	106	79	117	44	52	33	42
Shetland Islands	5	3	16	21	27	31	41	43
South Ayrshire	135	168	72	125	49	47	60	43
South Lanarkshire	234	157	280	172	80	88	57	76
Stirling	61	48	50	21	89	95	63	40
West Dunbartonshire	165	180	159	175	84	110	75	70
West Lothian	70	31	66	47	40	39	60	67

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