

Table 1: Number of adult offenders sentenced for specified intimidatory offences, 2006-2016¹

Offence	Court type	Number of adult offenders sentenced										
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Harassment (putting people in fear of violence), Protection from Harassment Act 1997, S4	MC	385	333	353	387	411	341	278	322	384	413	365
	CC	348	375	365	304	300	364	239	279	368	393	308
	Total	733	708	718	691	711	705	517	601	752	806	673
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment (putting people in fear of violence), Crime and Disorder Act 1998, S32	MC	12	12	4	9	13	29	19	15	24	26	27
	CC	33	24	29	28	25	17	11	14	10	8	14
	Total	45	36	33	37	38	46	30	29	34	34	41
Harassment (without violence), Protection from Harassment Act 1997, S2	MC	3,241	3,239	3,382	3,821	4,228	3,939	3,893	4,250	4,853	5,218	5,072
	CC	179	169	212	236	258	187	119	137	196	210	177
	Total	3,420	3,408	3,594	4,057	4,486	4,126	4,012	4,387	5,049	5,428	5,249
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment (non violent), Crime and Disorder Act 1998, S32	MC	46	41	52	38	76	61	80	81	107	130	93
	CC	40	35	35	38	39	31	22	15	19	13	5
	Total	86	76	87	76	115	92	102	96	126	143	98
Threats to kill, Offences Against the Person Act 1861, S16	MC	148	138	121	122	138	109	103	112	144	170	159
	CC	301	250	254	230	283	306	298	294	344	339	319
	Total	449	388	375	352	421	415	401	406	488	509	478
Stalking (harassment which involves a course of conduct that amounts to stalking), Protection from Harassment Act 1997, S2A	MC							2	191	336	316	223
	CC								1	13	19	18
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	192	349	241
Stalking (involving fear of violence or serious alarm or distress), Protection from Harassment Act 1997, S4A	MC								27	70	86	76
	CC								14	69	105	97
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	139	173
Disclosing private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress, Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015, S33	MC										57	190
	CC										5	36
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	226
Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship, Serious Crime Act 2015, S76	MC											25
	CC											33
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Note

1) Excludes data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July and August 2008

Table 2: Sentence outcomes for adult offenders sentenced for specified intimidatory offences, 2016

Offence	Absolute Discharge	Conditional Discharge	Fine	Community Order	Suspended Sentence	Immediate Custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
Harassment (putting people in fear of violence), Protection from Harassment Act 1997, S4	0	16	5	129	228	276	19	673
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment (putting people in fear of violence), Crime and Disorder Act 1998, S32	0	2	3	6	16	14	0	41
Harassment (without violence), Protection from Harassment Act 1997, S2	7	613	935	2,143	857	556	138	5,249
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment (non violent), Crime and Disorder Act 1998, S32	1	7	9	37	26	15	3	98
Threats to kill, Offences Against the Person Act 1861, S16		5	4	53	135	255	26	478
Stalking (harassment which involves a course of conduct that amounts to stalking), Protection from Harassment Act 1997, S2A	0	11	22	88	79	39	2	241
Stalking (involving fear of violence or serious alarm or distress), Protection from Harassment Act 1997, S4A	0	1	2	30	64	71	5	173
Disclosing private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress, Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015, S33	0	10	16	59	85	52	4	226
Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship, Serious Crime Act 2015, S76	0	2	0	9	19	28	0	58

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Offence	Absolute Discharge	Conditional Discharge	Fine	Community Order	Suspended Sentence	Immediate Custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
Harassment (putting people in fear of violence), Protection from Harassment Act 1997, S4	0%	2%	1%	19%	34%	41%	3%	100%
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment (putting people in fear of violence), Crime and Disorder Act 1998, S32 ²	0%	5%	7%	15%	39%	34%	0%	100%
Harassment (without violence), Protection from Harassment Act 1997, S2	<0.5%	12%	18%	41%	16%	11%	3%	100%
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment (non violent), Crime and Disorder Act 1998, S32	1%	7%	9%	38%	27%	15%	3%	100%
Threats to kill, Offences Against the Person Act 1861, S16	0%	1%	1%	11%	28%	53%	5%	100%
Stalking (harassment which involves a course of conduct that amounts to stalking), Protection from Harassment Act 1997, S2A	0%	5%	9%	37%	33%	16%	1%	100%
Stalking (involving fear of violence or serious alarm or distress), Protection from Harassment Act 1997, S4A	0%	1%	1%	17%	37%	41%	3%	100%
Disclosing private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress, Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015, S33	0%	4%	7%	26%	38%	23%	2%	100%
Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship, Serious Crime Act 2015, S76	0%	3%	0%	16%	33%	48%	0%	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Note

1) Includes a number of orders, for example hospital orders, confiscation orders and compensation orders

Table 3: Average and maximum custodial sentence lengths for adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for specified intimidatory offences, 2016 ¹

Offence	Post guilty plea			Pre guilty plea (estimated)		
	Mean sentence length (in months) ^{2,4}	Median sentence length (in months) ^{3,4}	Maximum sentence length (in months)	Mean sentence length (in months) ^{2,4}	Median sentence length (in months) ^{3,5}	Maximum sentence length (in months)
Harassment (putting people in fear of violence), Protection from Harassment Act 1997, S4	10 months	6 months	5 years	1 year 2 months	9 months	5 years
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment (putting people in fear of violence), Crime and Disorder Act 1998, S32 ⁴	1 year	8 months	4 years	1 year 5 months	9 months	5 years 4 months
Harassment (without violence), Protection from Harassment Act 1997, S2	3 months	2 months	6 months	3 months	4 months	6 months
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment (non violent), Crime and Disorder Act 1998, S32 ^{4,5}	5 months	4 months	12 months	6 months	5 months	1 year 4 months
Threats to kill, Offences Against the Person Act 1861, S16	1 year 5 months	1 year 2 months	9 years	1 year 11 months	1 year 6 months	10 years
Stalking (harassment which involves a course of conduct that amounts to stalking), Protection from Harassment Act 1997, S2A	3 months	3 months	6 months	4 months	4 months	6 months
Stalking (involving fear of violence or serious alarm or distress), Protection from Harassment Act 1997, S4A	1 year 1 month	1 year	3 years	1 year 7 months	1 year 4 months	3 years 6 months
Disclosing private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress, Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015, S33 ⁶	5 months	4 months	2 years	8 months	6 months	2 years
Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship, Serious Crime Act 2015, S76 ⁴	1 year 5 months	1 year 4 months	3 years	1 year 11 months	1 year 8 months	4 years 6 months

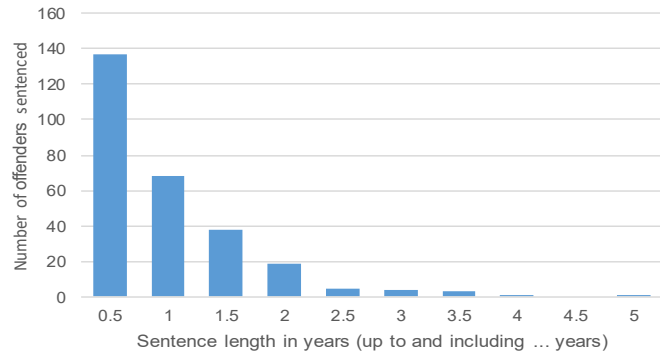
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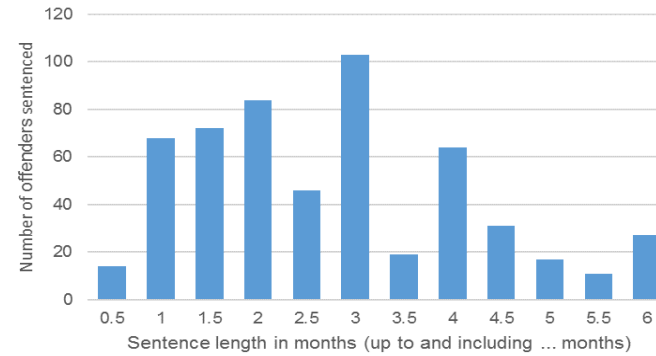
- 1) To estimate the pre guilty plea sentence lengths for most offences in this table, it has been assumed that around 90% of offenders sentenced pleaded guilty, and that those who pleaded guilty received a reduction in line with the reductions observed in the CCSS data (for example, 65% of offenders who pleaded guilty received a 33% reduction, 13% received a 25% reduction etc.). For offenders sentenced to immediate custody in magistrates' courts, the offenders who received an uplift were selected at random. There were two offences where analysis suggested that the proportion of offenders pleading guilty was different to 90%. Where this was the case a footnote has been added to indicate what proportion was used instead.
- 2) The mean is calculated by taking the sum of all values and then dividing by the number of values
- 3) The median is the value which lies in the middle of a set of numbers when those numbers are placed in ascending or descending order
- 4) Mean and median should be treated with caution, due to the low number of offenders sentenced to immediate custody for this offence
- 5) For this offence it was assumed that 80% of offenders sentenced pleaded guilty
- 5) For this offence it was assumed that 100% of offenders sentenced pleaded guilty

Figure 1: Distribution of custodial sentence lengths for adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for specified intimidatory offences, after any reduction for guilty plea, 2016

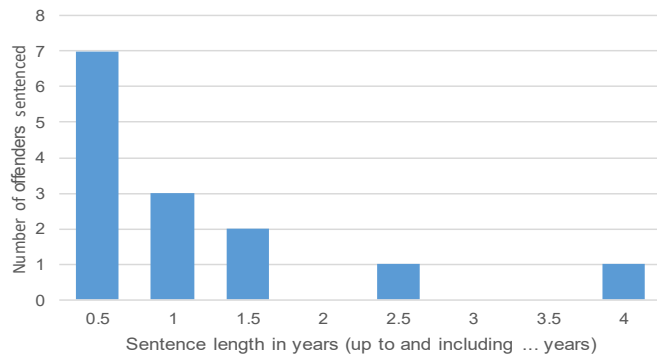
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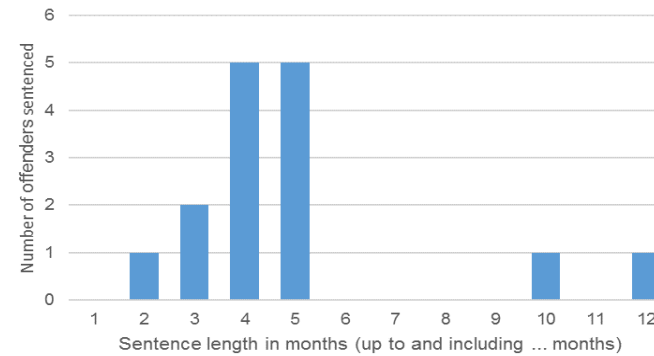
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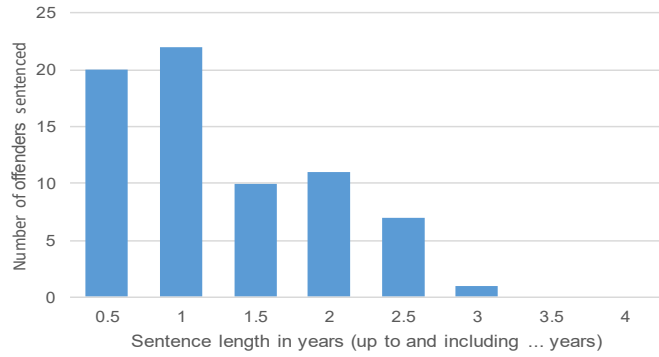
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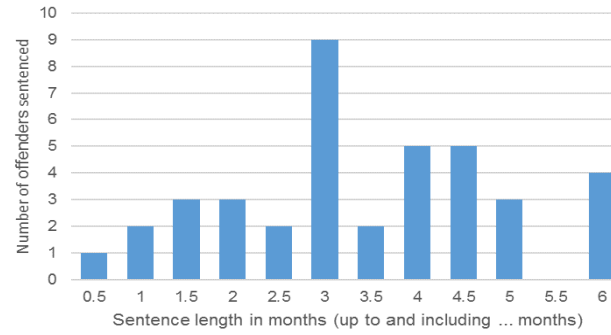
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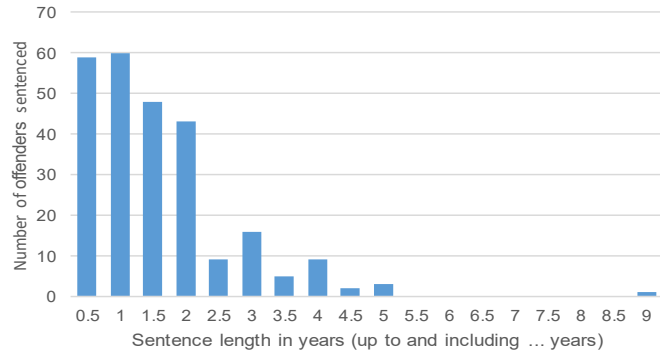
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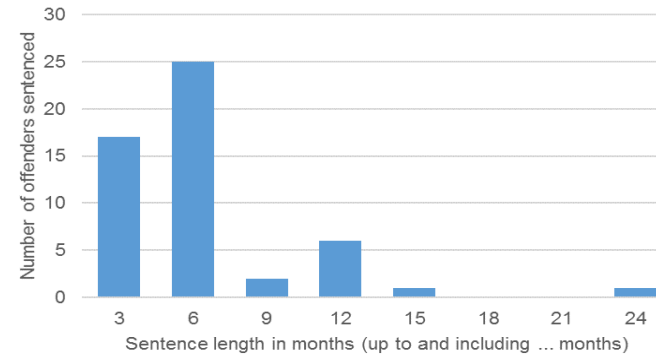
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Threats to kill, Offences Against the Person Act 1861, S16



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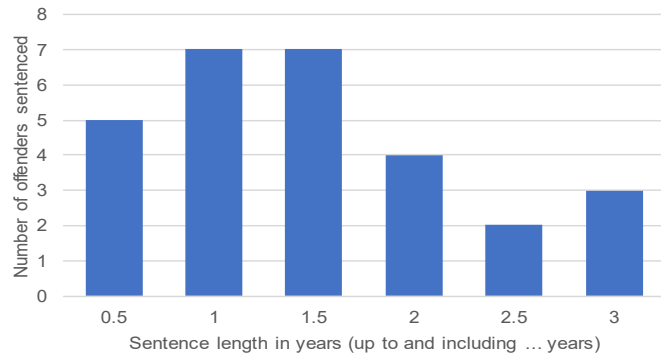
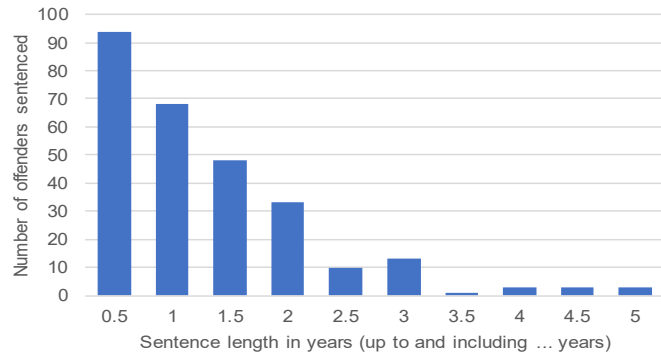
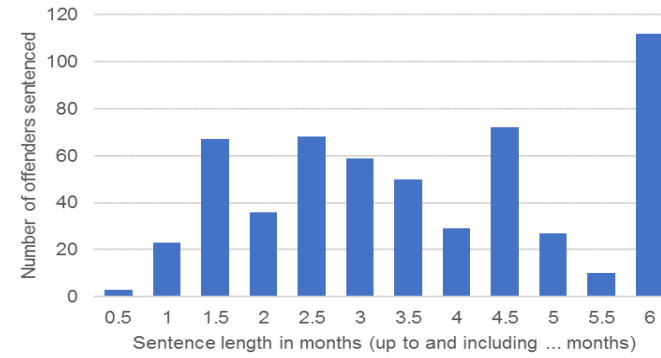


Figure 2: Distribution of estimated custodial sentence lengths for adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for specified intimidatory offences, before any reduction for guilty plea, 2016

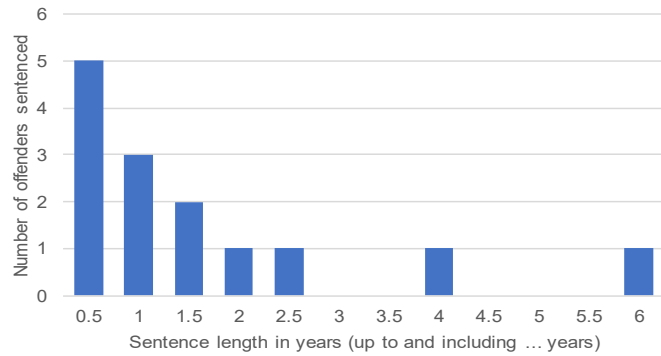
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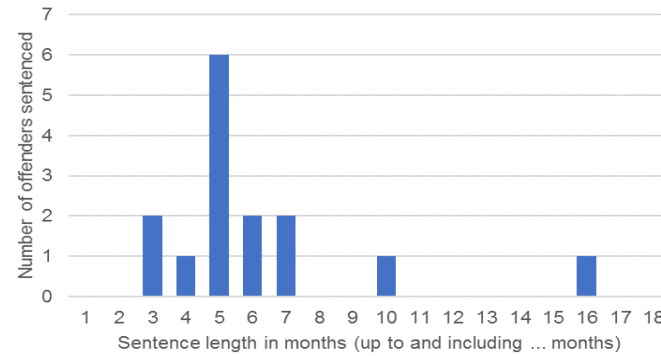
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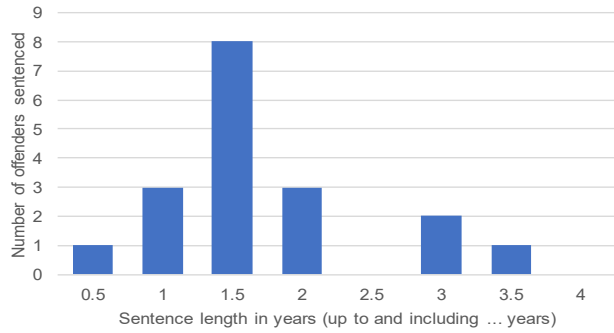
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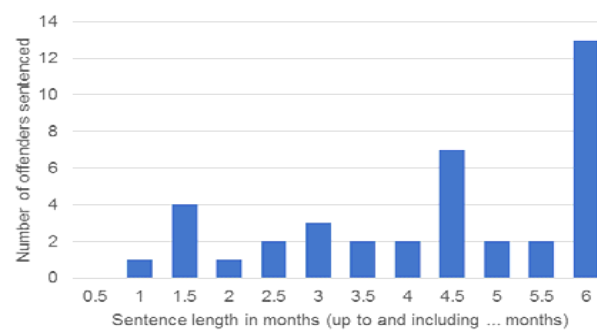
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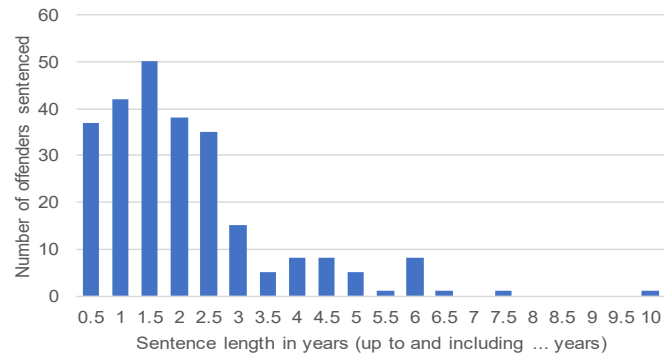
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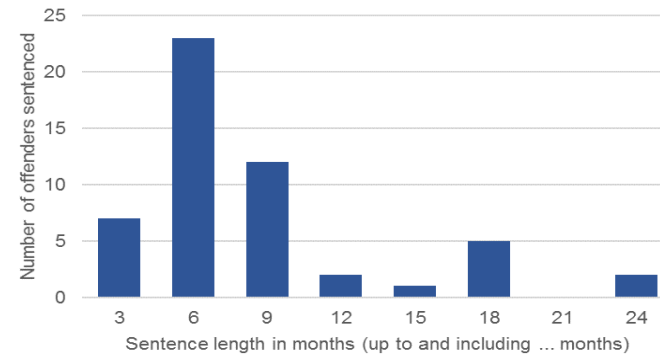
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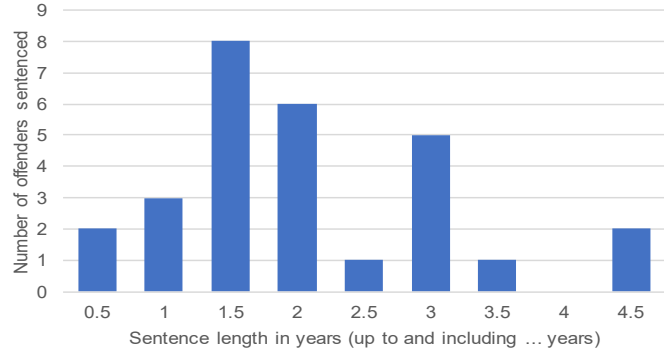
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