



Service Prosecuting Authority

Quarterly Performance Report

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Introduction

1. The Quarterly Performance Report is an attempt to provide key information to the Director of the Service Prosecuting Authority and his Principal Legal Advisor, in order to assist in managing the Authority's core business.

Manning and Establishment

2. As at the first quarter of 2016, the SPA's official establishment stands at 67, of which 37 are military (33 prosecutors) and 30 civilian staff. A further 5 personnel are assigned to IHAPT.

3. Points to note:

- a) There were a number of prosecutor appointments temporarily gapped due to a large number of post rotations during the period.
- b) Two civilian administration posts remain vacant – one in the UK and one in Germany.

Better Case Management in the Court Martial

4. The Judge Advocate General (JAG) launched an initiative to improve efficiency and reduce delay in the Service Justice System. A similar approach was introduced in the civilian criminal justice system (CJS) on 5th Jan 16. It will require a new approach to case management at all stages of the process, particularly by the Service Police and the SPA.

5. The SPA have responded to JAG's Draft Practice Direction on the BCM and continue to work towards compliance with the new initiative due to be introduced in Sep 16..

EGPS

6. The Early Guilty Plea Scheme (EGPS) was introduced into SPA Germany as from Mon 11 Jun 12. The scheme was intended to run as a trial in Germany.

7. The EGPS scheme was not utilised during the period.

PQs and FOIs

8. During the first quarter of 2016, SPA received 6 x Freedom of Information (FOI) requests with answers provided. 1 x Subject Access Request (SAR) was also received and answered along with 1 x Parliamentary Question (PQ).

CMAC Statistics.

9. Cases received/dealt with during first quarter of 2016 are as follows,

CMAC 2016		
	Waiting to be heard by Single Judge	4
CMAC Cases Carried over from 2015		
	Abandoned	1
	Abandoned appeal against sentence but going forward To Full Court against conviction	1
	Waiting to be heard by Single Judge	1
	Refused by Single Judge	1
	Refused by Single Judge but going forward to Full Court	1
	Refused by Full Court	2
	TOTAL	11

Media Enquiries

10. The SPA Media team received a number of media enquiries during the period particularly related to high profile cases. Several enquiries required the co-operation from other departments within the MOD.

11. In addition to the initial press enquiries the Media Team received several follow-up enquiries from the previous quarter.

Graphical Statistics

12. The following graphical statistics illustrate the referral and pre-charge advice case load for the first quarter of 2016. All the following are compared with the same period for the previous 4 years (ie 2012 to 2015).

- a). Comparison of referrals
- b). Comparison of PCA requests
- c). Comparison of complex and more serious cases – referrals

- d). Comparison of complex and more serious cases – PCA requests
- e). Comparison of complex and more serious cases with referrals
- f). Comparison of complex and more serious cases with PCA requests
- g). Comparison of AWOLs
- h). Comparison of AWOLs with referrals
- i). Case handling times for
 - i). Serious Case List (SCL)
 - ii). AWOLS
 - iii). All other offences

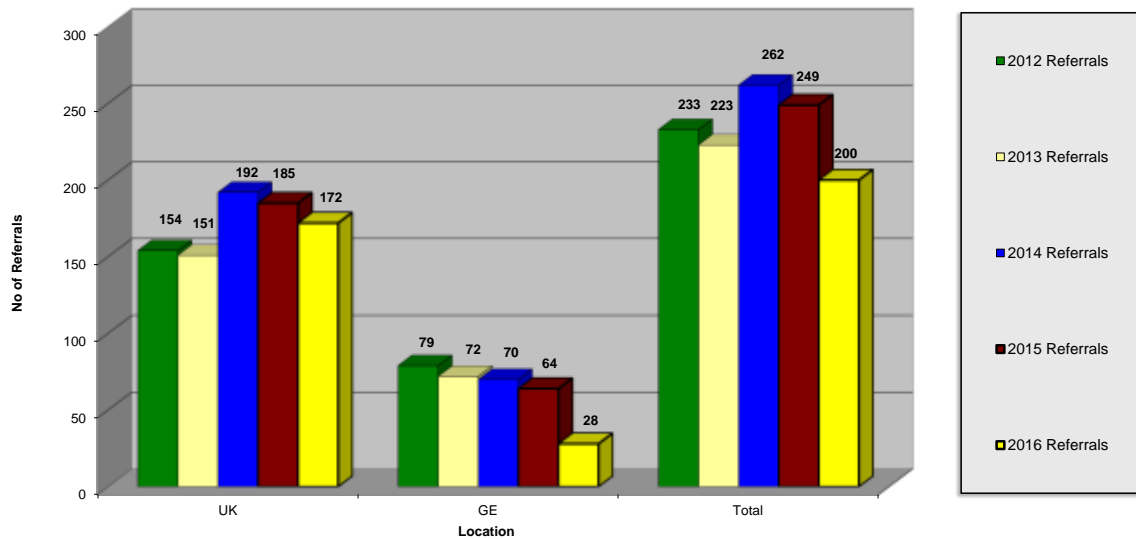
Court Martial, Outcomes and other Court Hearings

13. Court Martial statistics and Court Martial outcomes have also been provided as an additional means to review the Authority's overall workload throughout the period. As indicated with referral and pre-charge advice graphical displays, the Court Martial statistics are also compared with, in this case, the previous 4 years (ie 2012, 2013 2014 and 2015).

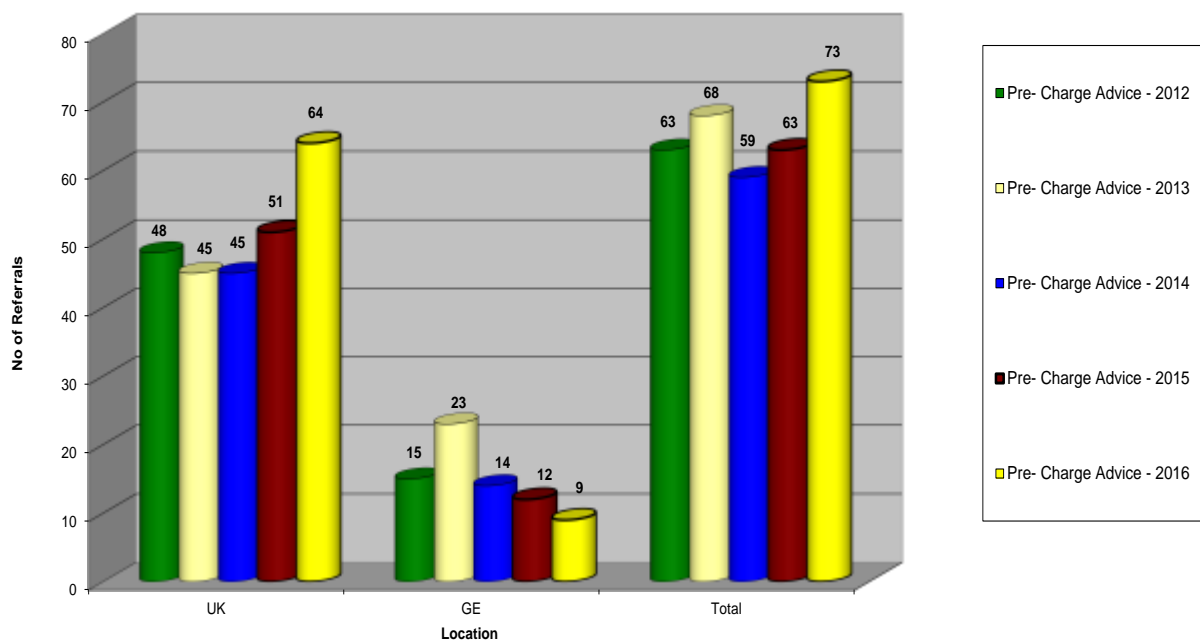
14. This report also includes statistics relating to the number of Preliminary Case Management Hearings (PCMHS), Preliminary Hearings (PHs), Listed for Mention (LFMs) and Custody Hearings (CHs) carried out during first quarter of 2016.

DATA SETS – WORKLOAD – First Quarter 2016

Referrals - First Quarter 2016 – compared to 2012, 13, 14 and 15.

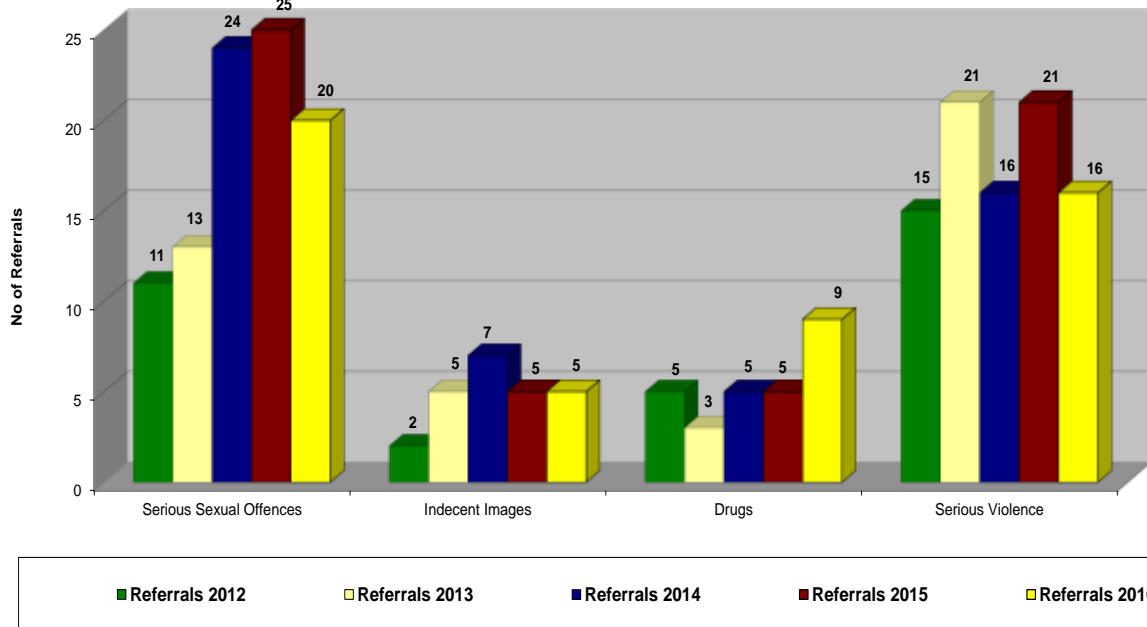


PCA – First Quarter 2016 – compared to 2012, 13, 14 and 15.



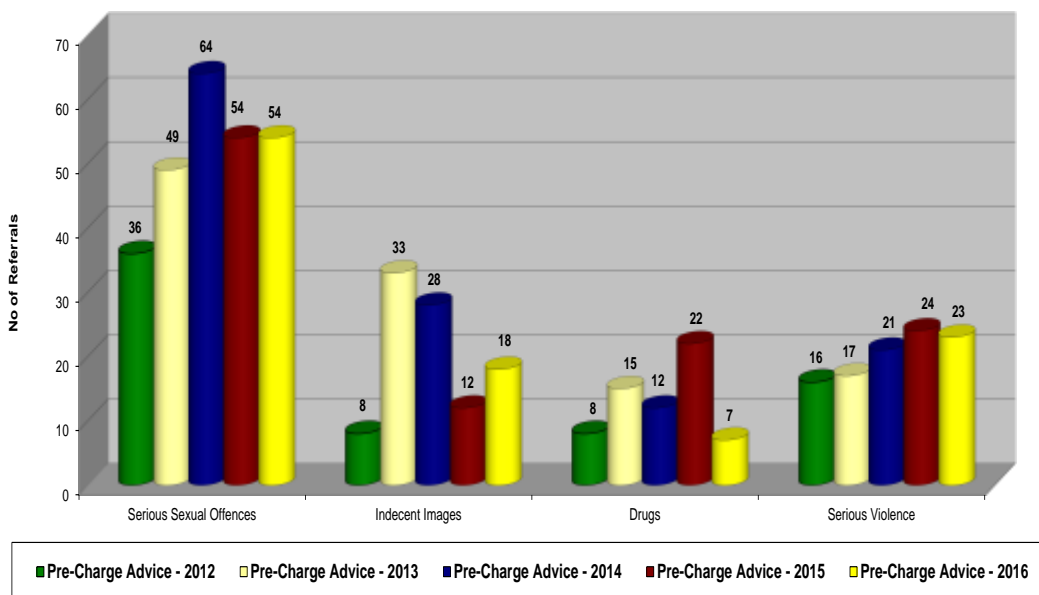
Comparison of complex and more serious referrals – First Quarter of 2016, compared to 2012, 13, 14 and 15

Serious Sexual offences, Indecent Images, Drugs and Serious Violence

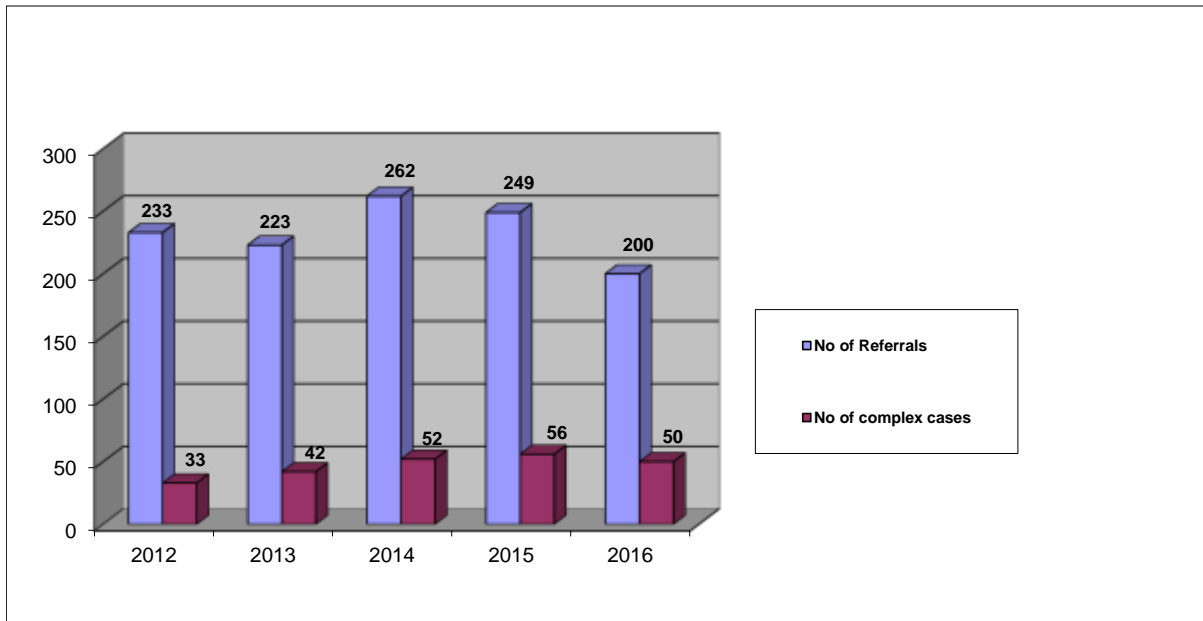


Comparison of complex and more serious PCA – First Quarter of 2016 – compared to 2012, 13, 14 and 15

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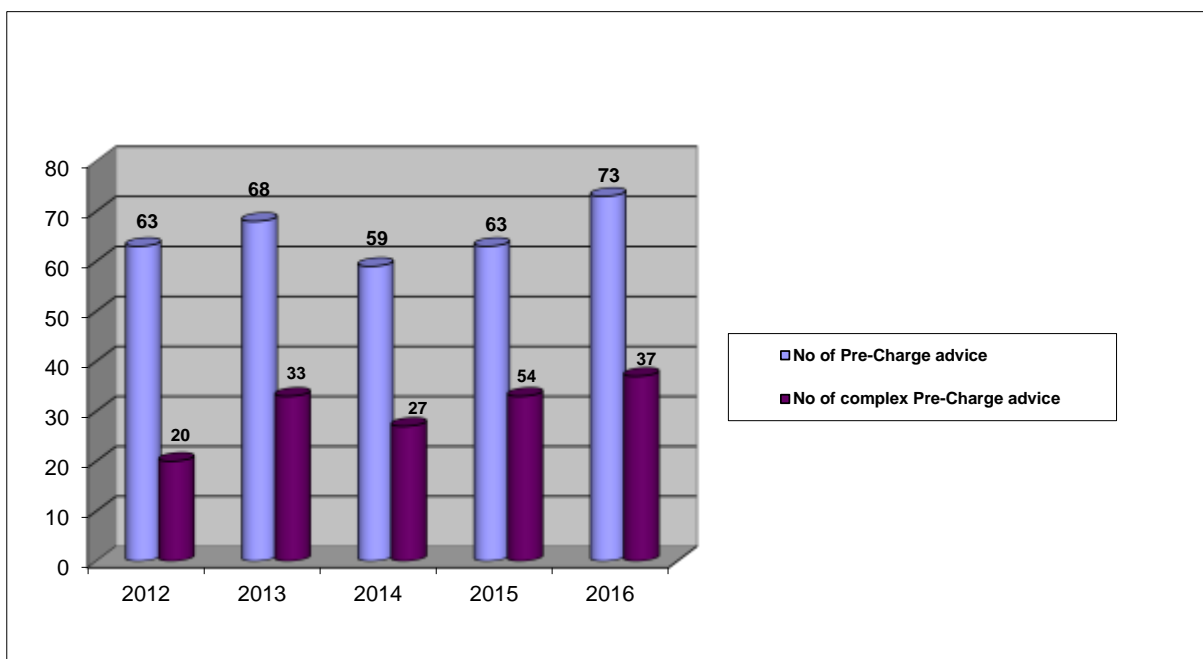


Comparison of Number of Referrals & Complex Cases – First Quarter of 2016 compared to 2012, 13, 14, and 15.

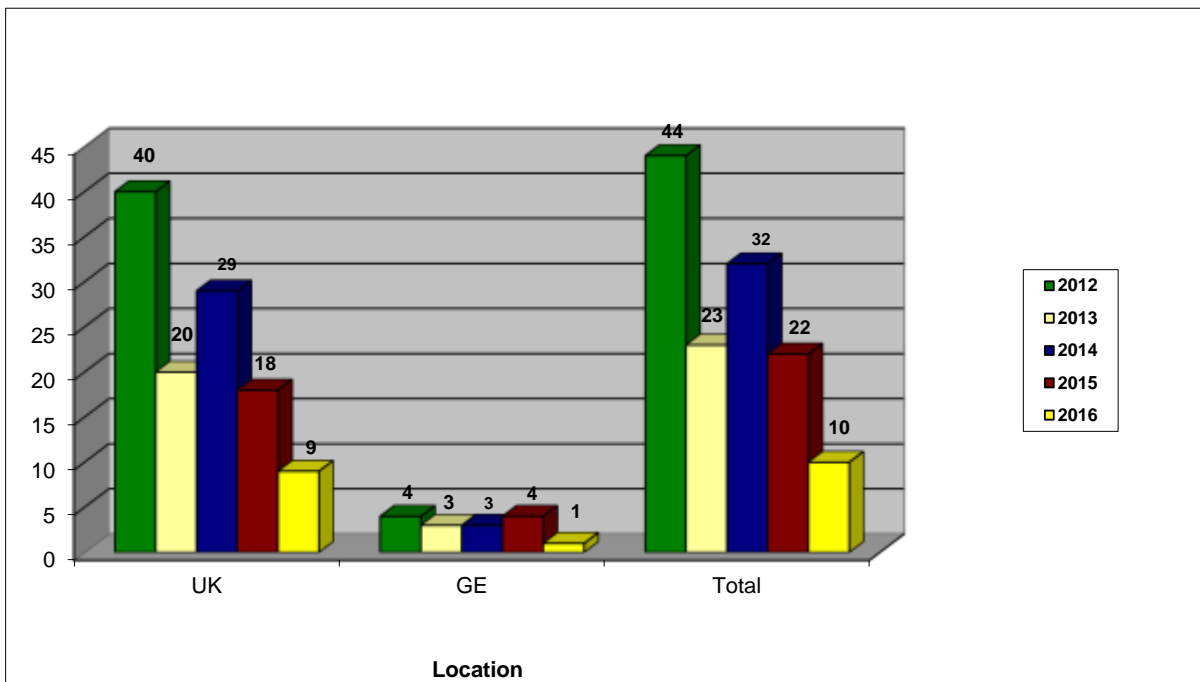


Year	No of Referrals	No of complex cases	Complex cases as a % of referrals
2012	233	33	14.16%
2013	223	42	18.83%
2014	262	52	19.85%
2015	249	56	22.49%
2016	200	50	15.00%

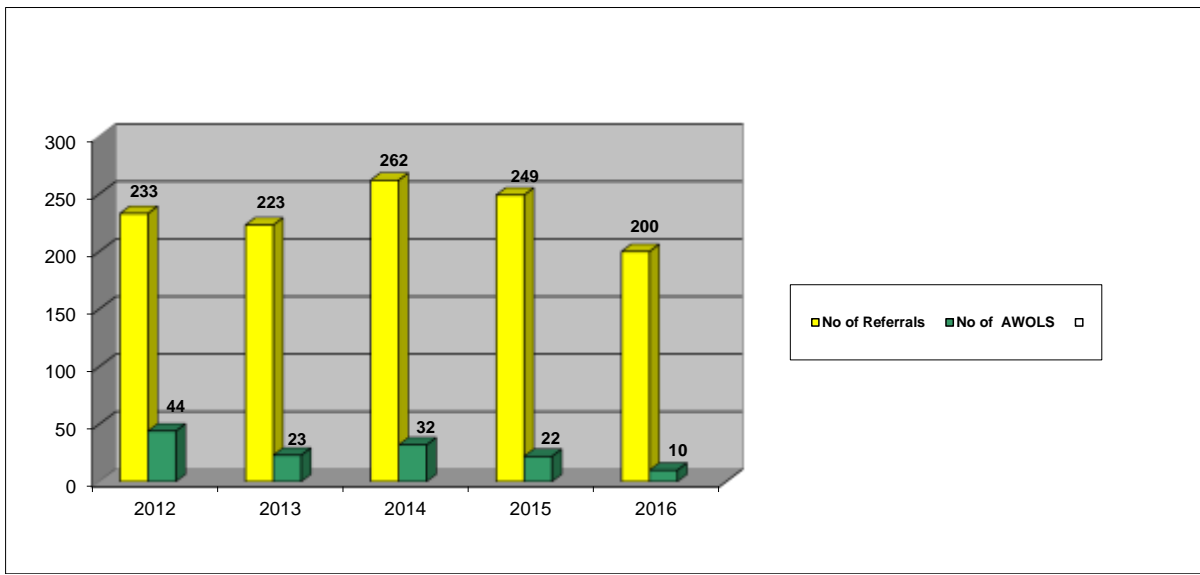
Comparison of Number of PCA requests & Complex Cases – First Quarter of 2016 compared to 2012, 13, 14, and 15.



AWOLS – First Quarter of 2016 – compared to 2012, 13, 14 and 15.



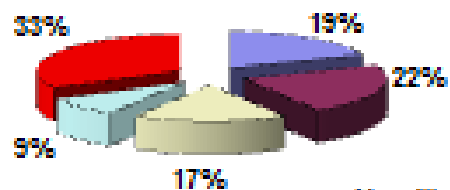
Number of Referrals compared to AWOLS – First Quarter of 2016 compared to 2012, 13, 14, and 15.



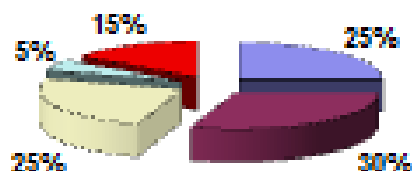
Year	No of Referrals	No of AWOLS	AWOLS as a % of Referrals
2012	233	44	18.88%
2013	223	23	10.31%
2014	262	32	12.21%
2015	249	22	8.84%
2016	200	10	5.00%

Handling Times – Serious Cases – 1st Q 16 compared to 12, 13, 14 and 15.

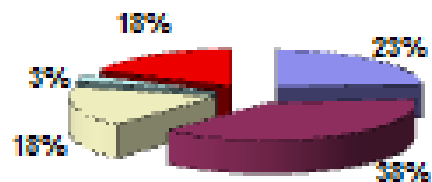
Handling times - Serious Cases - 1 Q 15



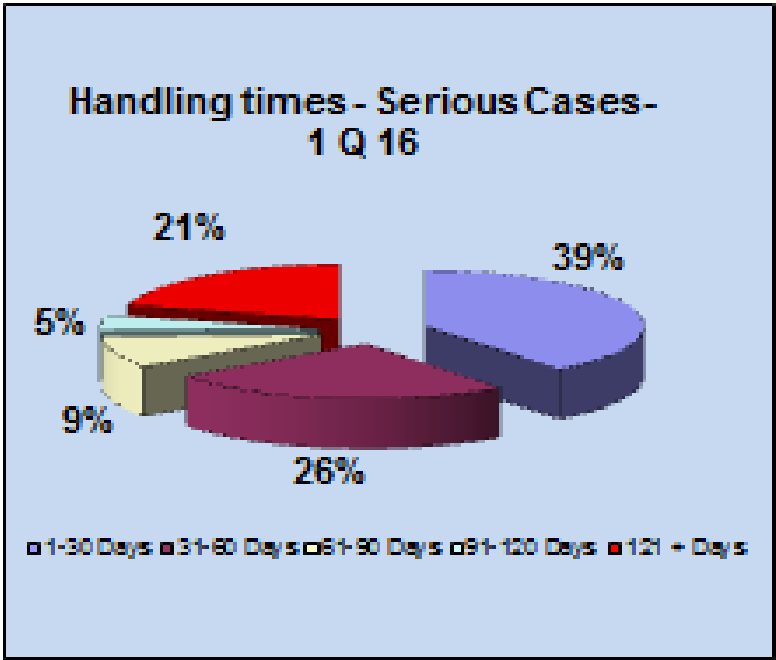
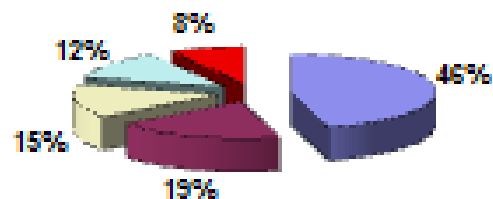
Handling times - Serious Cases - 1 Q 14



Handling times - Serious Cases - 1 Q 13

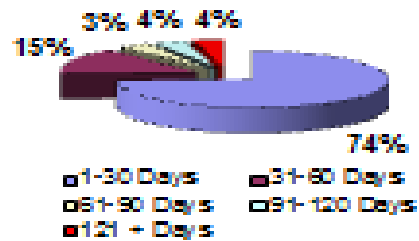


Handling times - Serious Cases - 1 Q 12

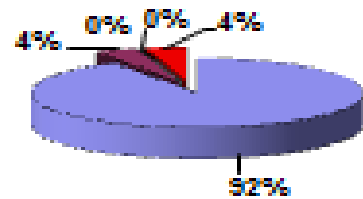


Handling Times – AWOL Cases – 1st Q 16 compared to 12, 13, 14 and 15.

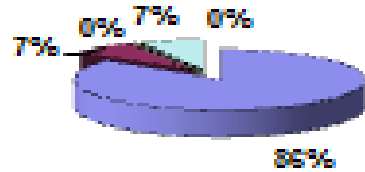
Handling times - AWOL S - 1 Q 15



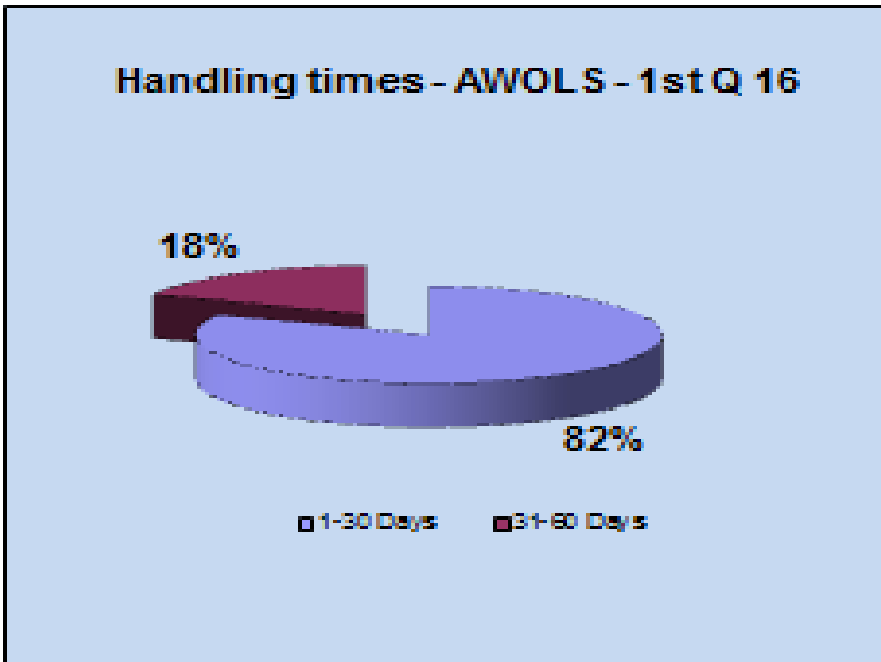
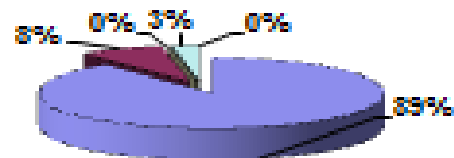
Handling times - AWOL S - 1 Q 14



Handling times - AWOL S - 1 Q 13

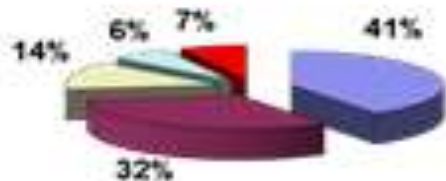


Handling times - AWOL S - 1 Q 12



Handling Times – Other Cases – 1st Q 16 compared to 12,13 14 and 15.

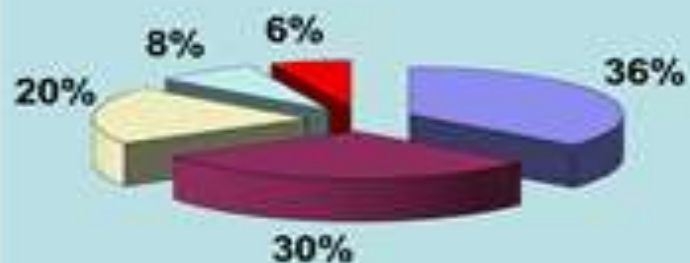
Handling times - Other Cases - 1st Q 15



Handling times - Other Cases - 1st Q 14



Handling times - Other Cases - 1st Q 16

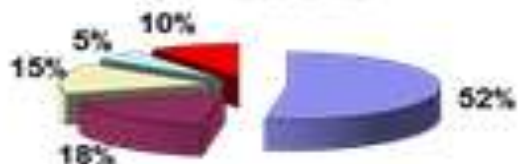


1-30 Days 31-60 Days 61-90 Days 91-120 Days 121+ Days

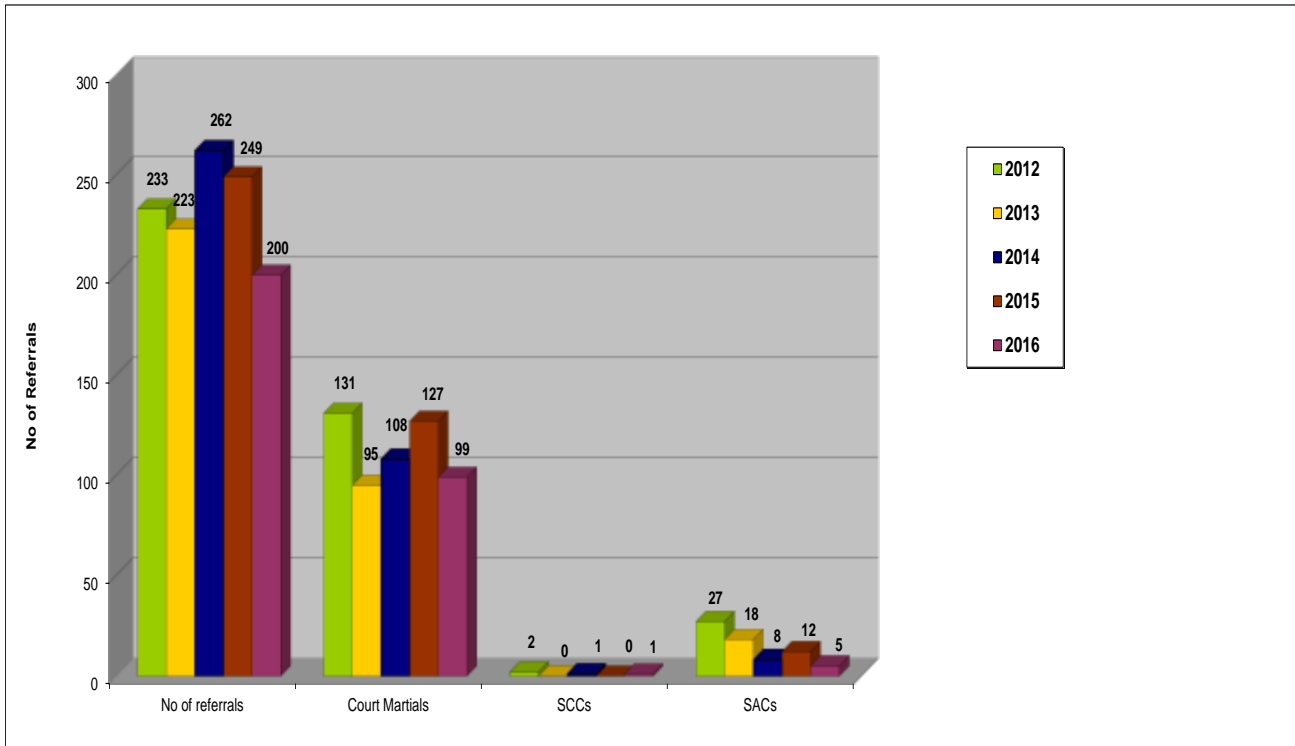
Handling times - Other Cases - 1st Q 13



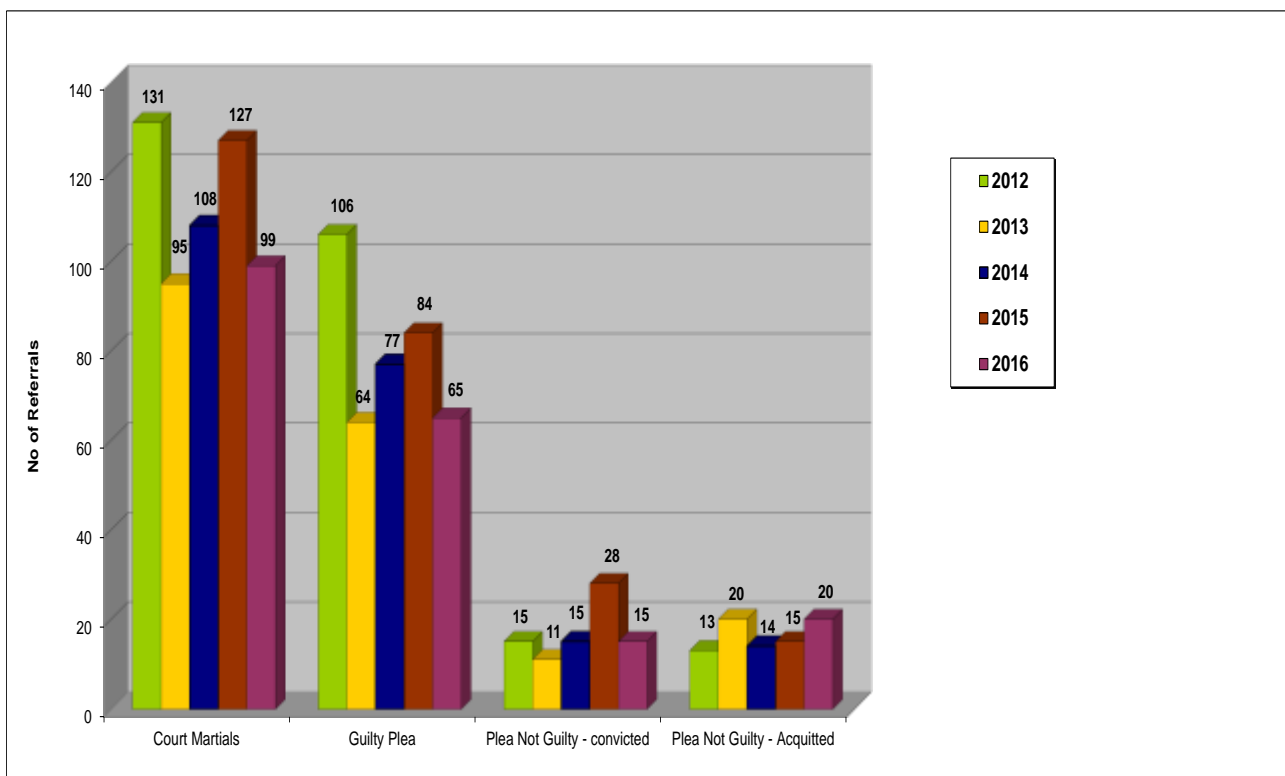
Handling times - Other Cases - 1st Q 12



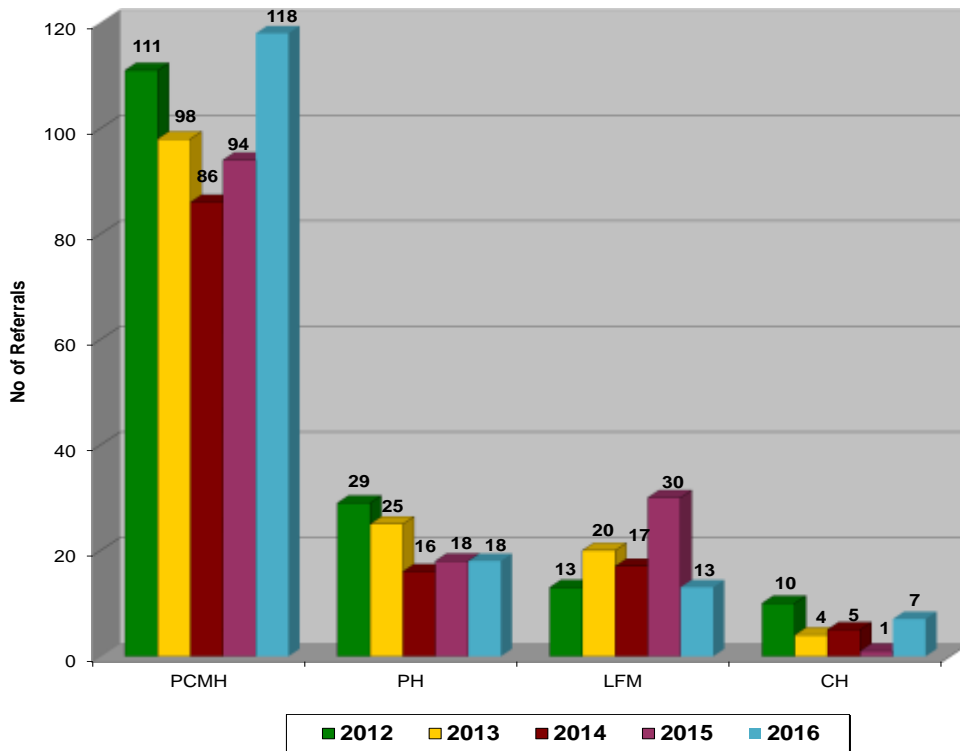
Summary of Trials First Quarter of 2016 – compared to 2012, 13, 14 & 15.



Summary of Court Martial outcomes for First Quarter 2016 – compared to 2012, 13, 14 & 15.



Summary of other Court Hearings First Quarter of 2016 – compared to 2012, 13, 14 and 15.



The above graph displays, Preliminary Case Management Hearings (PCMHs), Preliminary Hearings (PHs), Listed for mention (LFMs) and Custody Hearings (CH)

Additional points

15. There are no further additional points.

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