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POLICE

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2024/1140 - Statutory Time Limits

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

The total number of Offences across all affected cases, which couldn't be Prosecuted/Considered for Prosecution, as the Statute of Limitations (for affected Offences) had lapsed. Please may I clarify here, if there have been cases in which multiple Offences couldn't be Prosecuted/Considered for Prosecution (due to Statutory Time Limits lapsing), please might it be possible to get the total number of Offences which couldn't be proceeded with.

I understand Statutory Time Limits may lapse during initial investigations, or, whilst cases are being reconsidered under (Police and CPS) Victim's Right to Review schemes - Please may I request figures for the total number of cases (by year, if possible) which couldn't be Prosecuted/Considered for Prosecution, due to Statutory Time Limits lapsing (regardless of the stage at which STLs may have lapsed).

Please might it be possible to request this information for the last 20 years?

We have searched back for all occurrences with Outcome 17 (prosecution time limit expired) – current outcome framework was introduced in 2013.*

Outcome Date Calendar Year *	Occurrences finalised as OC17
2005	8
2006	10
2007	7
2014	50
2015	98
2016	105
2017	173
2018	284
2019	193
2020	223
2021	146
2022	196
2023	214
2024	197

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