

Quarter 4 (January - March)

- Deadline for data submission from forces End April
- Queries out to forces for QA Mid May
- Queries returned from QA End May
- Publication of Annual Bulletin *End July ??? (see note below)*

- Note that this timetable means publication of the annual bulletin could theoretically be earlier than normal. As the QA of data will be done throughout the year instead of all at once, this should result in less time spent carrying out checks on the data. However, extra time has been factored in to allow the publication since this is a more lengthy bulletin. However, this is dependant on parliamentary recess since we don't generally publish statistical bulletins during recess, and recorded crime is something the minister is likely to want to comment on.
- The schedule above makes use of the current deadlines for data submission from police forces. It will be necessary to ensure that the data providers will be able to meet the deadlines for the QA stage of the publications. Again, regular checks on the data may mean less time spent at the end of the financial year.

Additional information

- Consultation with policy will help clarify the need for the specific tables which may be included in the short quarterly bulletins. This will help ensure that the publication produced meets policy needs.
- Three quarterly bulletins would be produced with an annual bulletin containing full financial year data being produced once a year.
- Quarterly bulletins will contain aggregated quarters (Q1, Q1+Q2, Q1+Q2+Q3 and the full financial year).
- Any time series analysis for the quarterly bulletins will have to be carefully managed to ensure the data cannot be easily misinterpreted. Like for like quarters may be compared
- Police force commentary will only appear in the annual bulletin (subject to suggestions made by UK statistics authority)