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COPFS statistics on case processing in the last 5 years (2017-2022)

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Reports Received ⁽¹⁾

Statistics on Case Processing: Last 5 Years	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Criminal Reports	177,801	170,575	169,894	159,184	148,925
Death Reports	10,865	10,397	10,921	15,739	15,377
Total Reports Received	188,666	180,972	180,815	174,923	164,302

Non-Court Disposals ⁽²⁾

Statistics on Case Processing: Last 5 Years	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
No Action	20,526	17,705	15,999	15,897	13,982
Warning Letters	8,764	5,816	5,261	6,583	5,203
Conditional Offers of Fixed Penalties Paid	6,408	6,896	7,837	10,384	12,180
Fiscal Fines Paid/Accepted	21,642	17,830	17,705	12,399	11,510
Compensation Orders Accepted	1,181	756	595	925	594
Combined Fiscal Fines/Compensation Orders Accepted	1,956	3,178	3,840	2,051	3,189
Other Non-Court disposals	10,458	11,144	11,747	13,960	14,066
Total Non-Court Disposals ⁽³⁾	70,935	63,325	62,984	62,199	60,724

No Further Action

Statistics on Case Processing: Last 5 Years	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Total No Further Action ⁽⁴⁾	22,209	18,861	17,734	16,437	23,581

Information Notes

- (1) COPFS receives reports about crimes from the police and other reporting agencies and then decides what action to take, including whether to prosecute someone. We also look into deaths that need further explanation.
- (2) Information on court disposals is available from the Management Information Analysis Team at the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS).
- (3) There is a time lag between receipt of a case and final disposal so that, for example, some cases received in 2019-2020 will not result in a disposal until 2020-2021.
- (4) No Further Action = Cases which were closed after action had been commenced or attempted (e.g. cases which were closed because the accused died, the accused could not be traced, a key witness was not available, etc.)