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When undertaking additional analyses, following the publication on Friday 7th August 2020 of the April to June 2020 Magistrates' Court Bulletin, we noticed a transcription error in paragraph 5 of the executive summary and in paragraph 1 and figure 2 in section 3.2. The figure for the number of adult criminal defendants received had been incorrectly reported to be 4,839 when in fact the correct figure was 4,389. The representative decrease from the comparative figure during the previous year reported in paragraph 5 of the executive summary and paragraph 1 in section 3.2 (53%) therefore was also incorrect and should have been 58%.

These errors have been found within three weeks of publication. The discrepancy between actual and published figures resulted in 450 more defendants reported as being received than actually were. The reported representative decrease from the comparative figure during the previous year was five percentage points lower than it should have been. In line with our revisions policy we removed the original report from the DoJ website on 28th August 2020 and notified all key users about these changes. The corrected version of the report was then published on Friday 28th August 2020.

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