

Reclosure figures for 2017

105 cases went before the Reclosure Panel in 2017.

Of those 105 cases:

- 56 cases resulted in full file reclosure. See Annex A for breakdown of figures
- 42 cases resulted in partial reclosure i.e. redactions to sensitive information were made with the rest of the file remaining open. See Annex B for breakdown of figures
- 2 cases resulted in release in full
- 5 cases are still under review

Breakdown of Freedom of Information Act 2000 exemptions cited as the reason for reclosure:

FOIA exemption	Total no of cases*
Section 27(1)	1
Section 27(2)	1
Section 31	1
Section 37(1)a	1
Section 38	40
Section 40	75
Section 41	1

* This figure represents the number of cases that have been closed under each exemption. Some cases have been closed, or partially closed, under multiple exemptions and will have been counted in the total number for each applicable exemption.

- Section 27(1): international relations. Information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice international relations between the United Kingdom and any other State, international organisation or international court, the interests of the UK abroad or the promotion or protection by the UK of its interests abroad
- Section 27(2): international relations. Information is exempt if it is confidential information obtained from a State other than the UK or from an international organisation or international court
- Section 31: law enforcement. Information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice law enforcement

- Section 37(1)(a): communications with Her Majesty. Information is exempt if it relates to communications with or on behalf of the Sovereign
- Section 38: health and safety. Information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, endanger the physical or mental health of any individual or endanger the safety of any individual
- Section 40: personal information. Information is exempt if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject
- Section 41: information provided in confidence. Information is exempt if it was obtained by a public authority from any other person and the disclosure of the information to the public authority holding it would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person

ANNEX A – reclosure by Series

Series Reference	Series Title	Number of Reclosures
ASSI 6	Assizes: Oxford Circuit: Criminal Depositions and Case Papers	2
ASSI 11	Assizes: Midland Circuit: Crown Minute Books	1
ASSI 13	Assizes: Midland Circuit: Criminal Depositions and Case Papers	2
ASSI 26	Assizes: Western Circuit: Criminal Depositions and Case Papers	1
ASSI 45	Assizes: Northern and North-Eastern Circuits: Criminal Depositions and Case Papers	4
ASSI 52	Assizes: Northern Circuit: Criminal Depositions and Case Papers	7
ASSI 84	Assizes: Wales and Chester Circuit: Criminal Depositions and Case Papers	1
ASSI 86	Assizes: Northern Circuit: Medical and Probation Reports	1
CRIM 1	Central Criminal Court: Depositions	1
DPP 2	Director of Public Prosecutions: Case Papers, New Series	18
J 77	Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, later Supreme Court of Judicature: Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Files	5
J 128	Supreme Court of Judicature: Official Solicitor: Bail Applications	1
J 267	Supreme Court of Judicature: Central Criminal Court Case Files	1
J 291	Supreme Court of Judicature: The Crown Court at Leeds: Case Files	1

MEPO 2	Metropolitan Police: Office of the Commissioner: Correspondence and Papers	2
MEPO 3	Metropolitan Police: Office of the Commissioner: Correspondence and Papers, Special Series	1
PCOM 9	Prison Commission and Home Office, Prison Department: Registered Papers: Series 2	2
WO 305	War Office and Ministry of Defence: Army Unit Historical Records and Reports	5
Total		56

ANNEX B - partial reclosure by series

Series Reference	Series Title	Number of Reclosures
ASSI 13	Assizes: Midland Circuit: Criminal Depositions and Case Papers	1
ASSI 26	Assizes: Western Circuit: Criminal Depositions and Case Papers	1
ASSI 36	Assizes: Home, Norfolk and South-Eastern Circuit: Depositions	1
BN 29	Home Office and Department of Health and Social Security: Children (CHN Symbol Series) Files	1
BN 62	Home Office and Department of Health and Social Security: Approved Schools and Remand and Voluntary Homes: Files (CHR Symbol Series)	5
BN 107	Department of Health and Social Security: Social Security Policy Group Division L: Child Benefit: Registered Files (CA Series)	1
BN 149	Department of Health and Social Security: Social Security Policy Group, Division B, Family Support Policy (File Office 247)	1
CJ 4	Home Office and Northern Ireland Office: Registered Files (NI Series)	1
CRIM 1	Central Criminal Court: Depositions	1
DEFE 13	Ministry of Defence: Private Office: Registered Files (all Ministers')	1
DEFE 24	Ministry of Defence: Defence Secretariat Branches and their Predecessors: Registered Files	4
DO 35	Dominions Office and Commonwealth Relations Office: Original Correspondence	2
DPP 2	Director of Public Prosecutions: Case Papers, New Series	4
FCO 15	Foreign Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office: South East Asian Department: Registered Files (D and FA Series)	1
HO 291	Home Office: Criminal (CRI and CCS Symbol Series) Files	1
HO 343	Home Office: Mental Patients (MNP Symbol Series) Files	1
J 149	Employment Appeal Tribunal: Selected Case Files	1

J 311	Supreme Court of Judicature: The Crown Court at Exeter: Case Files	1
LCO 68	Lord Chancellor's Department: Financial Administration and Policy: Registered Files (FL series)	1
MEPO 2	Metropolitan Police: Office of the Commissioner: Correspondence and Papers	1
MEPO 3	Metropolitan Police: Office of the Commissioner: Correspondence and Papers, Special Series	1
MEPO 26	Metropolitan Police: Registered Files, Crime (CR Series)	1
MH 102	Home Office: Children's Department: Registered Files (Six Figure Series)	1
MH 150	Ministry of Health and Department of Health and Social Security: Hospital Medical, Psychiatric and Ancillary Services, Registered Files (File Office F Series)	1
PIN 59	Ministry of Pensions and successors: War Pensions Policy, Registered Files (WPP Series)	2
PIN 67	Ministry of Pensions and successors: War Pensions Payments, Policy Files (CS and CSW Series)	2
T 219	Treasury: Government and Allied Services Division: Registered Files (GS and 2GS Series)	1
WO 305	War Office and Ministry of Defence: Army Unit Historical Records and Reports	1
WO 339	War Office: Officers' Services, First World War, Long Number Papers (numerical)	1
Total		42