

Reclosure figures for 2020

106 cases were presented to the Reclosure Panel in 2020.

Of those 106 cases:

- 74 cases resulted in full closure. See Annex A for breakdown of figures
- 32 cases resulted in partial closure (i.e. redaction of sensitive information with the remainder of the file remaining open). See Annex B for breakdown of figures

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

FOI Act exemption	Total no of records*
Section 23	1
Section 27	1
Section 31	4
Section 37	1
Section 38	74
Section 40	99
Section 41	4

* This figure represents the number of records that have been closed under each exemption. Some records have been closed, or partially closed, under multiple exemptions.

- Section 23: information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters
- Section 27: 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 31: law enforcement. Information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice law enforcement
- Section 37: communications with Her Majesty etc and honours. 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 - full reclosure by Series

Series Reference	Series title	Number of Reclosures
ASSI 6	Assizes: Oxford Circuit: Criminal Depositions and Case Papers	1
ASSI 13	Assizes: Midland Circuit: Criminal Depositions and Case Papers	3
ASSI 26	Assizes: Western Circuit: Criminal Depositions and Case Papers	1
ASSI 36	Assizes: Home, Norfolk and South-Eastern Circuit: Deposition	2
ASSI 45	Assizes: Midland Circuit: Criminal Depositions and Case Papers	6
ASSI 52	Assizes: Northern Circuit: Criminal Depositions and Case Papers	2
AVIA 101	Ministry of Civil Aviation and Successors: Accidents Investigation Branch Case Files (EW/A-F Series)	1
BN 62	Home Office and Department of Health and Social Security: Approved Schools and Remand and Voluntary Homes: Files (CHR Symbol Series)	1
CRIM 1	Central Criminal Court: Depositions	8
DPP 2	Director of Public Prosecutions: Case Papers, New Series	10
HO 144	Home Office: Registered Papers, Supplementary	2
HS 9	Special Operations Executive: Personnel Files (PF Series)	1
J 176	Supreme Court of Judicature: The Crown Court at Warwick: Case Files	1
J 188	Supreme Court of Judicature: The Crown Court at Nottingham: Case Files	2
J 190	Supreme Court of Judicature: The Crown Court at Birmingham: Case Files	1
J 196	Supreme Court of Judicature: The Crown Court at Leicester: Case Files	1

J 206	Supreme Court of Judicature: The Crown Court at Maidstone: Case Files	1
J 214	Supreme Court of Judicature: The Crown Court at Sheffield: Case Files	1
J 267	Supreme Court of Judicature: Central Criminal Court Case Files	7
J 283	Supreme Court of Judicature: The Crown Court at Teesside: Case Files	1
J 285	Supreme Court of Judicature: The Crown Court at Preston: Case Files	1
J 309	Supreme Court of Judicature: The Crown Court at Bristol: Case Files	1
J 311	Supreme Court of Judicature: The Crown Court at Exeter: Case Files	1
J 82	Court of Criminal Appeal and Supreme Court of Judicature, Court of Appeal, Criminal Division: Case Papers	4
MEPO 11	Metropolitan Police: Office of the Commissioner: Representative Records from various Police Units	7
MEPO 2	Metropolitan Police: Office of the Commissioner: Correspondence and Papers	5
MEPO 26	Metropolitan Police: Registered Files, Crime (CR 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	1
Total		76

Annex B - part reclosure (redaction) by Series

Series Reference	Series title	Number of Reclosures
ASSI 13	Assizes: Midland Circuit: Criminal Depositions and Case Papers	1
ASSI 45	Assizes: Northern and North-Eastern Circuits: Criminal Depositions and Case Papers	1
BN 62	Home Office and Department of Health and Social Security: Approved Schools and Remand and Voluntary Homes: Files (CHR Symbol Series)	1
CAB 128	Cabinet: Minutes (CM and CC Series)	1
CJ 4	Home Office and Northern Ireland Office: Registered Files (NI Series)	1
COAL 76	National Coal Board: Minute Series, Area	1

DEFE 24	Ministry of Defence: Defence Secretariat Branches and their Predecessors: Registered Files	1
DPP 2	Director of Public Prosecutions: Case Papers, New Series	3
ED 224	Ministry of Education and Department of Education and Science: Welsh Department and successors: Special Schools, Registered Files (M and WM Series)	1
FCO 141	Foreign and Commonwealth Office and predecessors: Records of Former Colonial Administrations: Migrated Archives	1
FCO 8	Foreign Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Arabian Department and Middle East Department: Registered Files (B and NB Series)	1
FCO 99	Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Mexico and Caribbean Department: Registered Files (AC file series)	1
FO 950	Foreign Office: Claims Department: Correspondence and Claims Files	2
HO 45	Home Office: Registered Papers	1
HO 144	Home Office: Registered Papers, Supplementary	1
HO 265	Committee on Obscenity and Film Censorship: Evidence and Papers	1
J 82	Court of Criminal Appeal and Supreme Court of Judicature, Court of Appeal, Criminal Division: Case Papers	1
KV 2	The Security Service: Personal (PF Series) Files	1
LAB 8	Ministry of Labour and successors: Employment Policy, Registered Files (EM series and other series)	1
LO 2	Law Officers' Department: Registered Files	1
MEPO 2	Metropolitan Police: Office of the Commissioner: Correspondence and Papers	1
MH 168	Ministry of Health and Department of Health and Social Security: Supply Division: Registered Files (File Office R Series)	1
T 545	HM Treasury: Public Services, Social Services and Territorial Departments Group, Social Security Division: Records (SSP Prefix)	1
T 628	HM Treasury: Housing, Environment and Property Services and successors: Environment and Heritage and successors (ENH and ECW prefix): Registered Files	1
WO 71	Judge Advocate General's Office: Courts Martial Proceedings and Board of General Officers' Minutes	1

WO 305	War Office and Ministry of Defence: Army Unit Historical Records and Reports	2
Total		30