

Individuals arrested at Football Matches: FOI 284/13

Q1 How many people have been arrested and convicted, cautioned, or acquitted, under the Football (Offences) Act 1991 in the last three football seasons for the following offences:

- 1) Football (Offences) Act 1991 - Section 2 - Throwing of missiles.
- 2) Football (Offences) Act 1991 - Section 3 - Indecent or racist chanting.
- 3) Football (Offences) Act 1991 - Section 4 - Going onto the playing area.

Please list the number of arrests, convictions, cautions and acquittals separately.

I would like the statistics for the 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13 football seasons. For the current 2012-13 Season, please provide the figures up to the latest available date.

Please find the information requested in the tables below:

2010/11 Season

Offence under Football (Offences) Act 1991	Disposal	No. of Cases
Go onto playing area at a football match	Convicted	4
Go onto playing area at a football match	Fixed Penalty Notice Issue	1
Go onto playing area at a football match	Simple Caution	3
Go onto playing area at a football match	No Further Action	1
Throw missile at spectators area	No Further Action	1
Throw missile at spectators area	Simple Caution	1
Throw missile at spectators area	Convicted	1

2011/12 Season

Offence under Football (Offences) Act 1991	Disposal	No. of Cases
Throw missile at spectators area	No Further Action	1
Throw missile at spectators area	Simple Caution	1
Go onto playing area at a football match	Simple Caution	2

2012/13 Season

Offence under Football (Offences) Act 1991	Disposal	No. of Cases
Throw missile at area adjacent to pitch	Convicted	1
Throw a missile onto a football playing area	Convicted	1

Please note:

- The term 'missile' is used to describe any object which is thrown. This can range from a piece of chewing gum to a match programme to large and more dangerous items. The severity of the incident will have an impact on the punishment taken.