

Appendix 3 – Proposed new Timeliness Standards under Codes of Practice for the Use of PNC

Appendix Two – Timeliness Criteria

Title	Current Code	New Code	Comment
Arrest and Charge	1. Initial details satisfying operational need 90% within 24 hours.	Commencement of Process 90% of Arrest/Summons references will be generated within 24 hrs of the event. ¹	The Arrest and Charge title erroneously suggests the requirement does not include offenders reported for process. The reference to ‘operational police need’ has been deleted as it is interpreted inconsistently. Currently (October 2003) nine forces consistently achieve this goal; it can be achievable by all. The generation of an Arrest/Summons reference requires basic nominal information the capture and communication of which must be prioritised. NSPIS Case and Custody will create an AS record one hour after an offender is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charged and bailed to court. • Cautioned. • Charged and detained for court. • Reprimanded. • Given a final warning. i.e. NSPIS Custody will not update PNC within 24 hours if an offender is detained for longer. ² Persons reported for recordable offences will not be updated by NSPIS Custody.
	2. Full entry - 90% within 5 days.	Deleted	This is a quality issue for ACPO. ³
	3. Once compliance with 1 and 2 above is obtained then a staged improvement to 90% within 24 hours for full entry.	Deleted	This is a quality issue for ACPO.

¹ An event is when a person is, arrested, charged, reported, summonsed, cautioned, given a fixed penalty notice for a recordable offence or no further action is taken.

² In November 2003 this element of the functionality of NSPIS Custody is under review.

³ The quality criteria should be captured in a revised ACPO Compliance Strategy.

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Bail Conditions	1. Police bail 100% within 24 hours. ⁴	Police Bail 100% within 24 hours of the event.	Underpinning as it does any subsequent bail decision-making decisions.
	Not in current code.	2. Court bail 100% within 24 hours.	
Court Case Results- Police Entered	1. 100% entered within 72 hours of coming into police possession.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% entered within 9 days of case finalisation. • 75% entered within 9 days of case finalisation with effect from 6 months from commencement of codes. 	It has been recommended that the courts enter court results. The caveat on the original performance target anticipated a computerised link between the courts and the police. Only very exceptionally (in, for example the Channel Islands) has this target been achieved. Unachievable targets are counter-productive and, this target like its predecessor should be regarded as interim in anticipation of direct computer supported updating by the courts. Currently 10 mainland forces have achieved an average of 50% or above over the previous twelve month. The standard is achievable and challenging.
Court Case Results - Court Entered	1. 100% within 24 hours.	Deleted	This is an issue for the court service.

⁴ Currently only applies to conditional 47(3) bail.