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Can the output of collective services be measured ? The case of Public Order and Safety

Current guidance: Eurostat's *Handbook on Prices and Volumes* states that the "output of law courts could be measured by the number of court cases completed, preferably broken down by type of case"; also that the output of prisons "could be measured by the number of prisoner days". But in examining the activities of the police, it says that "the output definitions are not easy to find".

This paper explores the possibility of viewing the Criminal Justice System as a single entity, where the Police, Criminal Courts, Prison and Probation services have shared responsibilities and jointly produce outputs based on contributions made by each of them.