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Criminal justice

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There were 1.59 million people formally dealt with by the criminal justice system in England and Wales between April 2018 and March 2019, the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) said, a drop of 2 per cent on the previous year.

Richard Atkins QC, chair of Bar Council, said: "Criminals up and down the country will be rubbing their hands with glee knowing that even if their crimes are detected and they are caught by the police, the chances of them being prosecuted or jailed are slim."

[The Daily Mail](#) also re-runs the Chair's comments in a separate story, writing:

PC Harper's death triggered a fresh debate over the level of serious crime on Britain's streets. Only yesterday, Richard Atkins QC, the chairman of the Bar Council, warned that criminals were 'going about their business unchallenged'.

Amanda Pinto QC, Chair-Elect of the Bar also appears on LBC on Friday evening, speaking to Andrew Pierce about the lack of funding in the criminal justice system and lack of deterrents for criminals.

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