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Activity: Research

Changes to the rules for bail

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- describe changes to the rules for bail
- consider the impact of these changes.

A. Using the article answer questions 1 to 14 that follow.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-37488494>

1. What is the proposed time limit for police bail?
2. According to the College of Policing, what is the problem with this?
3. Why is pre-charge bail used by the police?
4. What does a suspect have to do when released on bail?
5. What is the problem of there being no time limit on bail?
6. Why is bail often extended?
7. Which crimes is the lack of bail a problem for?
8. What can happen if information is not kept on a suspect? Give an example.
9. What was the average length of time for pre-charge bail?
10. What is a major reason for bail of more than 90 days?
11. What types of evidence took a long time to process?
12. What concerns were raised by the PCC about the time limit for bail?
13. Who will become responsible for bail decisions?
14. What time limit has the PCC proposed?

B. Your answers to questions 1 to 14 considered proposed changes to bail conditions.

Now use the following article on the impact of these changes to complete questions 1 to 7 that follow.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-43589395>

1. What has been the impact of the new rules on bail?
2. How many suspects were released in a three-month period?
3. Why were the changes brought in?
4. What happens if suspects are released 'under investigation' rather than bailed?
5. What were the key findings from the BBC research?
6. Who is at risk from the drop in the use of bail?
7. According to Women's aid, what has been the impact on victims of domestic violence?