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[White supremacist group, Atomwaffen Division, banned in the UK](#)

News story

Government proscribes terrorist group Atomwaffen Division and lists National Socialist Order as its alias.



The white supremacist group, Atomwaffen Division, has today become a proscribed terrorist organisation in the UK, with National Socialist Order listed as its alias, following an Order, which was laid in Parliament on Monday (19 April), coming into force.

This means that members of Atomwaffen Division or those who invite support for the group could be jailed for up to 10 years.

The group and its alias have now been added to the [list of proscribed organisations](#).

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Reappointment to the Tribunal Procedure Committee

News story

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The Lord Chancellor, after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, has approved the re-appointment of Gabriella Bettiga as a member of the Tribunal Procedure Committee (TPC) for 3 years from 2 May 2021.

Gabriella Bettiga is a practising immigration and asylum consultant solicitor and accredited at Level 3 Advanced Caseworker since 2010. She specialises in EEA applications and appeals, nationality law and applications for entry clearance and in country, both within the immigration rules and based on human rights.

Since 2008, Gabriella has been involved with the Women's Advisory Committee of Asylum Aid, specifically providing advice on gender issues within the context of immigration. In 2012, she became a trustee of the charity.

Gabriella has declared no political activity.

TPC was established on 19 May 2008, under the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act (TCEA) 2007, to make rules governing practice and procedure in the First-tier and Upper Tribunals. The TPC is responsible for nine sets of Tribunal Rules, covering 11 Chambers in the Unified Tribunals System. The subject matter of the appeals heard in those Chambers includes immigration, tax, mental health and transport.

This reappointment to TPC is made under Paragraph 21 of Schedule 5) of the TCEA and is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments

[Newcastle teen rapist jailed for longer](#)

Press release

A teenager who raped and sexually assaulted two children has sentence increased



A teenager who carried out a series of sexual assaults on two young children will spend more time behind bars, after the then Solicitor General, the Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP, referred his sentence to the Court of Appeal as unduly lenient.

Ronnie Ferguson, 19, was aged between 14 and 17 years when he raped and sexually assaulted his young victims. The offences escalated in their gravity overtime. In December 2019 one of the victims revealed the offending behaviour to their mother, who then reported it to the police.

After being convicted of seventeen sexual offences including rape and sexual assault of a child under 13, Ferguson was sentenced to 2 years and 4 months' detention in a young offender's institution on 27 January at Newcastle Crown Court. He was also made the subject of a sexual harm prevention order for a period of 10 years.

The case was heard at the Court of Appeal on 26 March. On 23 April the Court found his original sentence to be unduly lenient and increased his sentence to 4 years and 4 months' detention in a young offender's institution.

Speaking after the hearing, the now Attorney General, the Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP said:

Ferguson committed a series of unforgivable crimes against his

young victims, robbing them of their innocence. The original sentence failed to take proper account of the seriousness and multiplicity of these offences committed over a number of years. I am pleased the Court has now seen fit to increase his sentence.

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March 2021 Transaction Data

News story

This data provides information about the number and types of applications that HM Land Registry completed in March 2021.



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Please note this data shows what HM Land Registry has been able to process during the time period covered and is not necessarily a reflection of market activity.

In March:

- HM Land Registry completed more than 2,081,280 applications to change or query the Land Register
- the South East topped the table of regional applications with 496,222

HM Land Registry completed 2,081,283 applications in March compared with 1,710,808 in February and 1,584,270 last March 2020, of which:

- 357,085 were applications for register updates compared with 284,618 in February
- 1,109,881 were applications for an official copy of a register compared

with 929,292 in February

- 295,943 were search and hold queries (official searches) compared with 226,733 in February
- 19,655 were postal applications from non-account holders compared with 14,368 in February

Applications by region and country

Region/country	January applications	February applications	March applications
South East	387,517	404,287	496,222
Greater London	298,896	313,058	383,607
North West	184,916	200,504	234,354
South West	165,451	168,478	204,703
West Midlands	137,979	143,091	173,871
Yorkshire and the Humber	125,734	133,257	161,569
East Midlands	117,215	123,236	151,624
North	77,101	79,172	96,479
East Anglia	69,220	70,958	87,092
Isles of Scilly	60	31	86
Wales	71,420	74,644	91,590
England and Wales (not assigned)	82	92	86
Total	1,635,591	1,710,808	2,081,283

Top 5 local authority areas

March 2021 applications

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Birmingham	29,453
City of Westminster	25,810
Leeds	24,856
Buckinghamshire	24,845
Cornwall	23,256

February 2021 applications

Top 5 local authority areas February applications

Birmingham	24,850
City of Westminster	20,999
Cornwall	19,744
Leeds	19,643
Buckinghamshire	18,846

Top 5 customers

March 2021 applications

Top 5 Customers	March applications
Infotrack Limited	109,145
Enact	47,241
TM Group (UK) Ltd (Search Choice)	34,906
Optima Legal Services	28,034
O'Neill Patient	25,344

February 2021 applications

Top 5 customers	February applications
Infotrack Limited	98,827
Enact	38,985
TM Group (UK) Ltd (Search Choice)	25,649
Optima Legal Services	23,364
O'Neill Patient	21,037

Next publication

Transaction Data is published on the 15th working day of each month. The March data will be published at 11am on Monday 24 May 2021.

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