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Table 1: Number of jury and judge alone trial event adjournments in the District Court, from 1 November 2023 to 30 September 2024, broken down by reason for the adjournment.

Court Type	Type of Hearing	Adjournment Reason Grouping	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24
District Court	Judge-alone Trial Hearing	Court	77	80	62	116	88	62	101	59	71	72	77
		Defence	126	71	108	102	129	66	109	49	92	70	71
		Prosecution	53	26	45	47	61	52	42	44	50	53	43
		Probation/Other	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
		Part Heard	19	13	14	26	22	3	12	9	12	12	7
	Jury Trial Hearing	Court	62	24	17	31	61	32	69	62	48	33	49
		Defence	22	16	11	23	21	11	19	9	21	6	17
		Prosecution	11	11	4	10	11	7	7	2	18	8	11
		Part Heard	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Youth Court	Judge-alone Trial Hearing	Court	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
		Defence	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
		Prosecution	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
		Part Heard	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total			372	243	263	361	395	236	364	236	314	255	277

Notes for Table 1:

- Statistics are based on the Case Management System (CMS) used by the courts as at 5 October 2024. Since this is an operational system, data for earlier months may have been updated since any previous publications.
- This count is of case events. A case may be heard across multiple events in the court, meaning the data in the table does not reflect the number of cases adjourned.
- This data includes court events in the jury and judge alone trial stage in the District Court and the Youth Court.
- The adjournment reason grouping 'Court' is most often used to capture cases that are not reached in time as other cases have had higher priority.

- A case may be rescheduled prior to the hearing. Reasons for rescheduling have not been included in the dataset as not all instances are recorded in CMS. Those that are recorded are not grouped in similar ways to adjournment data.
- The High Court does not record adjournment reasons in the jury trial or judge-alone trial events in CMS.