



## Welcome to the Commissioner's weekly horizon scanning brief:

1. **Legislation** (Legislation, Home Office, APCC, press comments, reports and campaigns relating to strategy, policy and programmes)
2. **Strategic policing and crime news** (relevant crime and criminal justice information and partners' policy/reports/campaigns)
3. **Developments and reports** (covering research across political, economic, social, technological, environmental and organisations)
4. **Consultations** (police and crime bulletins, research, consultations and press releases)
5. **Reviews and Inspections** (covering various reviews, inspections and audits across policing)

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## 1. Legislation

### [The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2014](#)

This Order makes additional provision for the publication of details of candidates, and their election addresses, for election to the office of police and crime commissioner.

### [The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 \(External Investigations\) Order 2014](#)

### [Missing persons law comes into force](#)

Following the implementation of remaining provisions of the Presumption of Death Act 2013, from 1 October 2014 a legal framework will exist for the creation of a presumption of death certificate scheme in England and Wales – bringing it in line with Scotland and Northern Ireland.

### [Home Office commitment to review legislation](#)

The Home Office has committed to review certain parts of primary and secondary legislation. It includes a commitment to review s103 – 123 Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 by 30 January 2017.

### [Police pension scheme 1987](#)

Guidance on commutation on retirement was published on 11 July. It refers to Regulation B7 of The Police Pensions Regulations 1987 (SI 1987/257).

### [Data Retention & Investigatory Powers Bill receives Royal Assent](#)

Legislation to ensure UK law enforcement and intelligence agencies continue to have access to the vital evidence and information they need to investigate criminal activity, prevent terrorism and protect the public has received Royal Assent.

### [Queen's Speech 2014](#)

- Armed Forces (Service Complaints and Financial Assistance) Bill
- Childcare Payments Bill
- Infrastructure Bill
- [Modern Slavery Bill](#)
- National Insurance Contributions Bill
- Private Pensions Bill
- Pensions Tax Bill
- Recall of MPs Bill
- [Serious Crime Bill](#)
- Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill
- Social Action, Responsibility and Heroism Bill
- Protection of Charities Bill
- Riot (Damages) Bill
- National Park Authorities (Elections) Bill

## [Immigration Act 2014 has received Royal Assent.](#)

The Immigration Bill has received Royal Assent making way for a series of reforms which will ensure our immigration system is fairer to British citizens and legitimate migrants and tougher on those with no right to be here. The Immigration Act 2014 contains 77 clauses and makes fundamental changes to how our immigration system functions.

## [Care Act 2014 has received Royal Assent.](#)

## [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 overarching documents](#)

These documents contain some updates from when they were last published. They include a schedule of when the various sections of the Act are being implemented.

## [Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014](#)

It provides many of the measures which underpin the Transforming Rehabilitation programme.

## [The Criminal Justice Act 1988 \(Reviews of Sentencing\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014](#)

## 2. Strategic policing and crime news

### [Candidates' line up for PCC by election](#)

Four party political candidates have put themselves forward as candidates in the West Midlands police and crime commissioner (PCC) by-election. The three mainstream political parties - Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat - have all put forward candidates to be the next PCC, along with UKIP. The by-election will be held on August 21 - 35 days following the death of Bob Jones.

### [Home Office rewards police innovation with £50 million](#)

Every police force in England and Wales will receive a share of a £50 million Home Office fund for projects aimed at transforming policing through innovation and collaboration.

### [Landmark campaign launched to stamp out slavery](#)

A hard-hitting television advert focusing on the human cost of slavery has been premiered as part of a major new Home Office campaign to raise awareness of modern slavery in the UK. The national campaign, which will run in the UK until October, is the first of its kind in this country and aims to encourage the public to identify the signs of modern slavery and report it by calling a new national helpline.

## **ACPO Response to Home Office modern slavery campaign**

Speaking as the Home Office launched their new modern slavery campaign and the dedicated [www.modernslavery.co.uk](http://www.modernslavery.co.uk) website, the President of the Association of Chief Police Officers, Sir Hugh Orde, said: "I am very pleased to support the Home Office's campaign against modern slavery. "The police service, under our national policing lead on modern slavery, Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer, has been hard at work not only tackling those cases which get reported to us but also sourcing and acting on intelligence, and investigating the most effective means of policing this horrendous crime."

## **Home Secretary Theresa May opens Girl Summit**

New measures to tackle female genital mutilation and forced marriage announced at Girl Summit.

## **Crime and policing news update: July 2014**

Home Office regular update on the latest news and information on police and crime issues.

## **East Midlands University and Policing Consortium**

The five PCCs and OPCC CEX have agreed to work together in the development of a new East Midlands university and policing consortium.

## **SPA Publishes Annual Review of Policing 2013/14**

The Scottish Police Authority (SPA) has published its first [Annual Review of Policing 2013/14](#) which summarises the SPA's assessment of the first full year of the new policing arrangements which came into operation on 1 April 2013.

## **3. Developments and reports**

### **ACPO UK Police Directory**

ACPO's UK Police Directory has established itself as the number one source for contact data within the police service and those many hundreds of other organisations which work closely with the police at all levels.

### **Murder charge: Firearms officers 'shell shocked'**

Firearms officers around the country are considering their position amid the fear of what could happen to them in the wake of a fatal incident, it has been claimed.

Mark Williams, CEO of the Police Firearms Officers Association, said "shell shocked" officers may now quit because they felt it "wasn't worth" continuing in the voluntary role.

Mr Williams was speaking in the wake of a Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) decision to charge a former Met colleague - known only as E7 - with the murder of Azelle Rodney.

### **Detective casebook: Untangling the web of child prostitution**

In one of the most complicated investigations of its kind, Jasmin McDermott reports on how the meticulous and innovative approach of officers brought to an end years of disturbing child prostitution at the hands of two offenders.

## **PCC: 'Give money for officers not tech'**

Government money given to a force for new technology would be better spent on extra officers, according to a police and crime commissioner (PCC) and a Federation official. Nottinghamshire Police were given a share of £1.7 million from the Home Office's Police Innovation Fund as the lead force in a collaborative body worn video bid. It was also given part of £2.9 million for an ICT platform for crime, intelligence and custody from the same scheme. But the force's Police and Crime Commissioner Paddy Tipping, who was responsible for placing the bids, told the Nottingham Post he would rather spend the money on increasing the number of officers the force has.

## **Budget cuts 'have hit the use of conditional cautions'**

Senior magistrate voices concerns that cautions designed to address offender's behaviour are not being used to take the 'route of least cost'. Police are using conditional cautions too sparingly - and have said they are being told to take this course of action to cut costs, the Chair of the Magistrates Association has said.

## **Majority of police officers 'don't trust leaders'**

Almost 90 per cent of officers could not say they trusted leaders at West Yorkshire Police, a report has found.

## **No new HQ; operations move county instead**

North Yorkshire cancels idea for new site and says some capacity will now move to Cleveland.

## **IPCC investigating north London death**

The Independent Police Complaints Commission is investigating Met officers' contact with a man prior to his death in Holloway last Sunday morning (July 27).

## **Charity awarded victim care contract**

Cheshire has awarded victim of crime charity Victim Support the contract to provide mediation services to young people at risk of 'child sexual exploitation or entrenched community tension'.

## **GMP metal theft clampdown**

According to GMP, the force has been targeting the 'illegal collection of metal' as part of the multi-agency Operation Alloy. Officers stopped over 320 vehicles during the week, seizing 28 and identifying over 150 offences.

## **National Lorry and Local Road Speed Limits**

The Government proposes to increase the national speed limit in England and Wales for heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) of more than 7.5 tonnes on the single carriageway from 40 mph to 50mph. Ministers are also consulting about changing the equivalent limit for all purpose dual carriageways from 50 mph to 60 mph at the same time.

## **Safety in custody statistics quarterly update to March 2014**

Safety in custody statistics cover deaths, self-harm and assaults in prison custody in England and Wales.

## [Offender management statistics quarterly: January to March 2014](#)

This publication provides key statistics relating to offenders who are in prison or under Probation Service supervision in England and Wales.

## [Prison population figures: 2014](#)

Latest prison population figures for 2014.

## [Prison suicides rise by 69% in a year](#)

Statistics published by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) show there were 88 suicides in the 12 months to the end of March 2014, compared with 52 in the previous 12 months.

## [Live tables on homelessness](#)

The live tables provide the latest, most useful or most popular data, presented by type and other variables, including by geographical area or as a time series.

## [Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses 2014](#)

HM Treasury statistical data setting out the year's information on government spending.

## [Public Spending Statistics release: July 2014](#)

The July 2014 national statistics public expenditure outturn release.

## [Accident and emergency weekly data: week ending 27 July 2014](#)

The total number of attendances in the week for all A&E types, including Minor Injury Units and Walk-in Centres, and of these, the number discharged, admitted or transferred within four hours of arrival.

## [Accredited personal licence qualification providers](#)

List of personal licence qualification providers accredited under the Licensing Act 2003.

## [Data integration in the public sector](#)

Decisions which are made on the basis of poor-quality data expose public sector bodies to risk, and cost them money. Some risks – such as regulatory noncompliance – are immediate. Longer term risks include policy and performance failure, especially when an optimism bias or a mistrust of internal data hinders realistic, grounded forecasting.

## [Schedule of updates for HMRC's statistics](#)

Schedule of updates for HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) national and official statistics.

## [Unions to escalate pay strike action in October for council and school staff, says GMB](#)

GMB members deserve a fair pay deal and we have to fight together to achieve that. Council leaders should reconsider their parsimonious pay offer and do the right thing by their staff, says the union.

## [New measures to tighten up the immigration system](#)

A new crackdown on immigration abuses was announced today by the Prime Minister and Home Secretary as part of the government's long-term economic plan to secure a better

future for Britain. From November, tougher rules will be imposed on universities and colleges who sponsor international students to study in the UK.

## **Energy companies bid for fracking licences**

Fracking licences will be handed out for the first time in six years following a bidding process. Companies who win a licence will still need planning permission and environmental permits to extract shale gas via fracking, which the government says “has the potential to provide us with greater energy security, jobs and growth”.

## **Passport Office staff strike over cuts and pay disparity**

Passport Office staff are on a 24-hour strike today in protest at job cuts that have caused deep backlogs.

## **‘Unworkable’ Flood Re insurance scheme will exclude millions**

The property industry says there are flaws in the proposed new affordable flood insurance scheme that could see flat-owners and many others left out.

## **LGA: Councils respond to Government fracking announcement**

Response by Cllr Mike Jones, Chair of the Local Government Association’s Environment and Housing Board.

## **Coalition’s youth unemployment programme to end early**

The coalition government’s programme to tackle youth unemployment across the country is to be wound up a month ahead of schedule, following claims that it has failed to meet its aims.

## **Youth Contract ‘not enough’ to tackle unemployment and skills crisis**

The Government’s flagship work and training scheme, the Youth Contract, is insufficient on its own to tackle the scale of the unemployment crisis, an expert committee of MPs has concluded.

## **Fundamental redesign of disability benefits system needed – MPs**

There should be a “fundamental redesign” of the Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) because of “grave” flaws in the current system, the House of Commons Work and Pensions Committee has said.

## **‘Significant variation’ in success of academies**

There are ‘significant variations’ between the best and worst performing academy chains in England, with regards to the results and improvement of their disadvantaged pupils, according to a new report from the Sutton Trust.

## **Council receives £15m from HCA towards housing**

The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) has awarded over £15m to Hull City Council to build affordable homes.

## **Help to Buy building new homes across the country**

Almost 40,000 households have bought a home through Help to Buy, Housing and Planning Minister Brandon Lewis has announced.

## **New fund will speed up work on thousands of new homes**



A new £3 million fund will be available to councils across the country to get work started on new housing sites.

## **Cutting red tape to breathe new life into local communities**

Local residents will have a greater say over the future development of their area, under plans announced by Housing and Planning Minister Brandon Lewis. Radical reforms of the planning system have been made as part of the government's long term economic plan - scrapping top-down targets, giving people a greater say over planning decisions that affect their neighbourhood, and reducing 1,300 pages of disparate policy into one 50-page document.

## **'Convenience culture' drives high street revival**

New high streets study reveals town centres are meeting the changing demands of consumers.

## **Council plans to replace 13,500 light bulbs**

North Ayrshire Council's Cabinet has approved plans to spend £4.24m to replace street lights with low energy LED bulbs. Currently, maintaining street lighting costs the council around £870,000 a year. If the council takes no action it is expected it will cost an additional £70,000, due to the extension of the Carbon Reduction Commitment. This is mandatory cap on carbon emissions in the UK.

## **Council overhauls system for children in care**

Cumbria County Council has announced it is to reform the system for looking after children in care after revealing the authority overspent on its budget.

## **Hertfordshire Council receives £53.2m Growth Deal**

Hertfordshire County Council will receive £53.2m investment from the government to deliver infrastructure and transport schemes.

## **Digest of United Kingdom energy statistics 2014: internet content only**

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## **4. Consultations**

### **Framework regulation integrating business statistics (FRIBS)**

Open date: 15/07/2014

Close date: 07/10/2014

### **Consultation on the renewal of the EU Internal Security Strategy**

Open date: 14/07/2014

Close date: 03/10/2014

### **Restricting non-residents' entitlement to the UK personal allowance**

Open date: 17/07/2014

Close date: 09/10/2014

### **College of Policing's consultation on detention and custody**

This consultation on new police guidance on detention and custody was published on 24 June. The closing date is 12 August.

## **[College of Policing's consultation on management of sexual and violent offenders](#)**

A consultation by the College of Policing on new guidance on the management of sexual and violent offenders was launched on 11 July. The closing date is 5 September.

## **[College of Policing consults on investigation of rape and sexual offences](#)**

The College of Policing has published consultation on the investigation of rape and sexual offences. It closes on 22 September.

## **[14th August 2014 - Setting the persistent child poverty target](#)**

## **[5<sup>th</sup> September 2014 Consultation launched on the management of dangerous offenders](#)**

## **[Changes to Mental Health Act \(1983\) Code of Practice](#)**

Seeks comments on proposed changes to legislation governing the treatment of people with mental health problems. Close date: 12/09/2014.

## **[Have your say on the National Minimum Wage](#)**

Consultation closes on the 29 September 2014.

## **[Setting the 2020 persistent child poverty target](#)**

The Government is seeking views on a proposed new persistent child poverty target for the UK to be achieved by 2020. The consultation runs until 14th August.

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## **[Protecting personal health and care data](#)**

Seeks views on proposals to introduce tighter controls and safeguards on the use of personal health and care data. Consultation closes on the 08/08/2014.

## **[Recovery of public sector exit payments](#)**

This consultation seeks views on the government's plans to legislate for the recovery of exit payments when high earners return to the same part of the public sector within twelve months of leaving. Consultation closes on the 17/09/2014.

## **[Integrated inspections to assess the contribution of all professionals to the help, care and protection of children and young people](#)**

The consultation launch of the targeted programme of integrated inspections. This marks a major step forward in the way that the contribution of local agencies is assessed with regards to the help, care and protection of children, young people and families. Closes on 12 September 2014.

## **[NICE quality standards – the process guide](#)**

The second update to the process guide for developing NICE quality standards is now available for comment in draft form. Note that the process guide is provisional and may



change after consultation. **Consultation dates: Tuesday 10 June - Wednesday 3 September 2014**

## [Data policy for a Public Data Corporation](#)

Views wanted on how to provide accessible public sector information. The consultation will close on 27 October 2014.

## 5. Reviews and Inspections

### [HMIC provides assurance that chief constables are having regard to the Strategic Policing Requirement – but finds that more needs to be done](#)

This inspection examined how well police forces have established the arrangements that the Strategic Policing Requirement requires them to have in place to counter a number of specified threats to national security and public safety. It is based on data and documentary evidence provided by all 43 police forces in England and Wales in July 2013. It includes supporting fieldwork, conducted in 18 forces, and in nine Regional Organised Crime Units (ROCUs).

### [HMIC Programme](#)

HMIC sets out its inspection programme and resources for the year ahead.

#### **Thematic Inspections already Committed to in 2014/15:**

- Making Best Use of Police Time
- Valuing the Police Programme – Phase 4
- Undercover Policing (Home Secretary Commission)
- Domestic Abuse (Home Secretary Commission)
- Crime Data Integrity – July 2014
- Child Protection – July 2014

#### **Thematic Inspections Commencing in 2014/15**

- Valuing the Police Programme – Phase 5
- Strategic Policing Requirement
- Police Integrity and Leadership (Police Integrity and Corruption)
- Follow up to Mistakes Were Made Report
- Revisit of Stop and Search
- Protecting Vulnerable People Programme: Missing Children
- Police Management of Information
- Police National Database (PND) Audit
- Use of the Police National Computer (PNC) by Non-Police Organisations

#### **Proposed Topics for New Thematic Inspections in 2014/15**

- Modern Slavery
- So-Called Honour Based Violence (HBV)
- Cyber Crime.