



## 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. **Policing and crime key developments** (relevant crime and criminal justice information and partners' policy/reports/campaigns)
3. **Reports** (covering research, reviews, inspections and audits across policing and crime)
4. **Consultations** (police and crime bulletins, research, consultations and press releases)

## 1. Legislation

**Crime and Courts Bill:** The Justice Secretary's assurance to give householders the right to deploy 'disproportionate force' in defending their homes was incorporated into the Crime and Courts Bill on 27th November 2012. <http://www.legislation.gov.uk>

**Committee stage of the Scrap Metal Dealers Bill (Private legislation):** A Bill to amend the law relating to scrap metal dealers; and for connected purposes:  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk>

### **SI 24: The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Appeals Under Part 2) (Amendment) Order 2013**

This Order amends the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Appeals under Part 2) Order 2003, and comes into force on 8 February 2013. <http://www.legislation.gov.uk>

**Changes to the Home Office Ministerial Team Announced:** Information on the Home Office ministerial team can be found at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/our-organisation/ministers/>

## 2. Policing and crime key developments

### **Written Ministerial Statement on Reform Design Framework for Police Pensions:**

Theresa May, the Home Secretary, has laid a written ministerial statement in the House of Commons announcing her decision for the 'Reform Design Framework for police pensions'. The framework sets out the Government's final decision on the parameters to govern the new police pension scheme design which will be introduced from April 2015.

### **Review of Remuneration and Conditions of Service for Police Officers and Staff:**

Theresa May, the Home Secretary has issued a statement about police pay and conditions. It provides the Government's response to the Police Arbitration Tribunal's findings on the recommendations in the Final Report of Tom Winsor's Independent Review of Police Officer and Staff Remuneration and Conditions. <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/parliamentary-business/written-ministerial-statement/pat-report-wms/>

**Department of Health Launches Suicide Prevention Strategy:** The strategy, along with supporting documents and information, can be found at:  
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/09/suicide-prevention>

**Statistical Bulletin on the Operation of Police Powers under the Terrorism Act and Subsequent Legislation:** The statistical bulletin can be found at:  
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/counter-terrorism-statistics/hosb1112/>

**Government Announces Change to the Definition of Domestic Violence:** Nick Clegg, the Deputy Prime Minister, has announced that by March 2013 a new definition of domestic violence will be implemented. More information on the change can be found at:  
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/domestic-violence-definition>

**Squatting in a Residential Building becomes Criminal Offence:** On 1 September 2012 a new offence of squatting in a residential building came into force. The circular can be found at: <http://www.justice.gov.uk/legislation/bills-and-acts/circulars/commencement-of-offence-of-squatting-in-a-residential-building>

**Summary of Powers for Dealing with Illegal and Unauthorised Encampments:** The Department for Communities and Local Government has published a summary document, which can be found at:  
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/unauthorisedencampments>

**Statistics on Hate Crimes in England and Wales for 2011/12:** The Home Office has released statistics on hate crimes recorded by the police in England and Wales over the period 2011/12. The statistical news release, along with further information on hate crimes in England and Wales, can be found at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/hate-crimes-1112/?view=Standard&pubID=1072570>

**Research on the Experience of Black and Minority Ethnic Gay People Accessing Public Services:** Stonewall and the Runnymede Trust have published 'One Minority at a Time', a research report examining the experiences of black and minority ethnic gay people accessing public services. The research report can be found at:  
[http://www.stonewall.org.uk/what\\_we\\_do/research\\_and\\_policy/sexual\\_orientation\\_equality\\_strands/8027.asp](http://www.stonewall.org.uk/what_we_do/research_and_policy/sexual_orientation_equality_strands/8027.asp)

**Hillsborough Independent Panel Report Published:** The report, along with information about the Panel, the disclosure process, and the disclosed material can be found at:  
<http://hillsborough.independent.gov.uk/>

**Local Authority Guidance on Tackling 'Beds in Sheds':** The guide can be found at:  
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/pdf/2206919.pdf>

**Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 Enables Applications to Delete Historic Convictions for Consensual Gay Sex from Records:** The text of Part 5, Chapter 4 of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012, as originally enacted, can be found at:  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/9/part/5/chapter/4/enacted>

## 3. Reports

**Baseline Assessment of Human Trafficking in 2011:** Published by the Serious Organised Crime Agency has published an intelligence assessment UKHTC. The intelligence assessment, along with National Referral Mechanism data, can be found at:

<http://www.soca.gov.uk/about-soca/about-the-ukhtc/national-referral-mechanism/statistics>

**Joint Inspection on Use of Restorative Justice:** The report can be found at:

<http://www.hmic.gov.uk/publication/facing-offending-restorative-justice/>

**Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales: Annual Report:** The Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales has published its Annual Report for 2011/2012. The report, along with the audited accounts, can be found at:

<http://www.policesupers.com/psaew-annual-report/>

**Report on UK Implementation of Convention Against Trafficking in Human Beings:**

The report can be found at:

[http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/trafficking/Docs/Evaluation\\_Reports/default\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/trafficking/Docs/Evaluation_Reports/default_en.asp)

**Research Report on the Contribution of Financial Investigation to Tackling Organised Crime**

The research report can be found at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/horr65>

**Revisiting police relationships: progress report:** In 2012, HMIC conducted a review to track forces' progress against the recommendations in the 2011 report, [Without Fear or Favour](#). The revisit found that while forces have made some progress, particularly around putting in place processes and policies to manage threats to integrity, more needs to be done. <http://www.hmic.gov.uk/inspections/review-police-service-integrity/>

**Report on Child to Parent Violence:** The report can be found at:

<http://www.adfam.org.uk/news/265>

## 4. Consultations

[Implementing a police pay review body consultation](#) - Consideration of the transition from the Police Negotiating Board to a pay review body for police officers. Published 24 October 2013

**Call for Evidence on Innovation in Policing:** The NPJA, in partnership with the Association of Chief Police Officers, is seeking case studies and examples highlighting new ways to improve services and make communities safer: <http://www.npia.police.uk/en/19438.htm>

**Consultation: Review of the Operation of Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000:** The consultation runs until 6 December 2012. The consultation document and details on how to respond can be found at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/schedule-7-review/>

**Transforming Rehabilitation: a revolution in the way we manage offenders:** This publication describes proposals to reform the way in which offenders are rehabilitated in the community through a new focus on life management and mentoring support:

<http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/cm85/8517/8517.pdf>

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