



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

[Immigration Act 2014: appeals](#)

Policy guidance on the appeals process from the Immigration Act 2014.

['Legal highs' to be banned under temporary power](#)

Ban on five substances will come into force at 00:01 on Friday 10 April for up to 12 months.

[The Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act is here](#)

The Act contains a number of measures which together represent significant change for companies and Companies House customers.

[Parliament has now dissolved in preparation for the General election](#)

Manifesto watch: where parties stand on key issues

www.asbtools.co.uk is a new website that allows practitioners to share their experiences of using the new ASB tools and powers which commenced on 20th October.

[Historic law to end Modern Slavery passed](#)

A landmark Bill to help eradicate modern slavery received Royal Assent. The Modern Slavery Act 2015 is the first of its kind in Europe, and one of the first in the world, to specifically address slavery and trafficking in the 21st century.

[Revised guidance issued under section 182 of Licensing Act 2003](#)

This revised guidance issued under s 182 comes into force from 26 March 2015.

[The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 \(Risk of Being Drawn into Terrorism\) \(Amendment and Guidance\) Regulations 2015](#)

[Circular 010/2015: changes to the management of limited duties: Police \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015 \(SI 2015/455\) and supporting determinations](#)

[Circular 008/2015: Serious Crime Act 2015](#)

[Serious Crime Bill: overarching documents](#)

[Serious Crime Bill: Proceeds of crime](#)

[Serious Crime Bill: Computer misuse](#)

[Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 \(Risk of Being Drawn into Terrorism\) \(Amendment and Guidance\) Regulations 2015](#)

[Anti-social behaviour civil injunction power comes into effect](#)

[Home Office takes further action against new psychoactive substances](#)

Budget 2015: Finance Bill 2015 - Measures with immediate effect in March

- [Corporation tax loss refresh prevention](#)
- [Entrepreneurs' Relief, joint ventures and partnerships](#)
- [Restricting Entrepreneur's Relief on associated disposals](#)

[Draft Riot Compensation Bill published](#)

[New Drug Driving laws come into force](#)

From Monday 2nd March new laws come into effect which introduce a new offence of driving while over the generally prescribed limit of drugs such as morphine and methadone. There will also be set limits for eight illegal drugs including heroin, cocaine, LSD and cannabis.

[New rules to crackdown on violent prisoners comes into force](#)

[Bill on PCC recall](#)

[Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#)

[Upcoming secondary legislation published](#)

2. Strategic policing and crime news

[National Police Chiefs' Council](#)

A new body to co-ordinate operational policing and collaboration amongst forces at the national level has been established. The National Police Chiefs' Council replaces the Association of Chief Police Officers and is chaired by Chief Constable Sara Thornton.

[Manual of guidance drink and drug driving \(MGDD\)](#)

The MGDD is a set of forms used by forces in England and Wales when dealing with drink and drugs driving offences.

Counting rules for recorded crime

The Home Office apply the counting rules across the categories of recorded crime.

Mental Health Awareness Week

11th-17th May will be Mental Health Awareness Week. This year the campaign will focus on Mindfulness- an evidence-based, self-management technique that helps people to monitor the way that they think and feel about their experiences.

3. Developments and reports

Nation gets behind VE Day 70 as the Palace confirms the Queen's attendance

The Queen will attend a service of thanksgiving for VE Day 70 and communities are encouraged to take part in the celebrations.

First analysis of national of national demand on policing published

The first national picture of the breadth and complexity of the work undertaken by the police has been published by the College of Policing.

Report: Police Service pays a heavy price for alcohol misuse

Binge drinking is costing UK taxpayers £4.9 billion a year, according to a report issued by the Institute for Policy Research. The research, which was compiled by the universities of Bath and Essex, examines a range of 'social and economic factors', many of which relate to policing. The total cost to the UK is the equivalent of £77 per person per year.

'HMIC inspection reports may be worthless'

Public Accounts Committee becomes latest body to criticise Tom Winsor's inspectorate, citing closeness to Home Office and lack of independence.

Senior officer leading review of police firearms capabilities

Says law enforcement could struggle to respond to 'marauding' attack, and is looking at an "armed surge capability" formed from firearms officers from British Transport Police, Civil Nuclear Constabulary and the Ministry of Defence to protect the public in times of national defence.

'Recruit chief constables from outside the police'

Author, former met Deputy Assistant Commissioner has declared direct entry to chief constable rank could boost integrity.

London cyber-criminal ordered to 'pay' for his crimes

A jailed cyber-crime gang member has been ordered to pay back almost £1 million or face an additional four years behind bars.

Scottish force asks public to help track fugitives online

Police Scotland has launched a dedicated 'most wanted' section of its website, allowing the community to join the fight against crime.

Tenant's Supreme Court victory sets 'important precedent' for councils

Councils have been advised to 'urgently' review guidelines after a single mother of five won a legal battle against attempts to re-locate her 50 miles from her home.

Alcohol Research UK

Assessing the role that entertainers play in alcohol marketing and the maintenance of good order within on-trade licensed premises.

Youth custody data

Monthly statistics on the population in custody of children and young people within the secure estate.

Prison population figures: 2015

Latest prison population figures for 2015.

Department for Education

Pupil absence in schools in England: 2013 to 2014

England close to school places 'tipping point'

More than half of council areas will have a shortage of primary school places by 2017, according to latest data.

Use VAT from sugary drinks to tackle obesity, say councils

Council leaders have called for a proportion of VAT raised from sales of sugar-laden drinks to be channelled into schemes designed to prevent obesity.

Report: Hand all Right to Buy receipts to councils

Councils must be given 100% of receipts generated by Right to Buy sales if they are to stand any chance of stemming the loss of social housing, a report claims.

Labour unveils sweeping devolution pledge

Labour is pledging to deliver a £30bn devolution deal guaranteeing new local powers over everything from new homes to public transport if it forms the next Government.

ICT report describes urgent need to improve 'poor service' at council

A report has slammed a council's ICT department, warning of 'poor service', a lack of strategy and a failure to engage with customers.

'Toxic' Ofsted must be scrapped, say teachers

The largest teachers' union is calling for an end to the 'toxic influence of Ofsted' and has pledged to work with the new Government on a successor body.

Report praises council's loneliness 'map'

Councils have been urged to locate local lonely residents and follow town hall trailblazers by developing isolation maps.

Young people give up on homeownership

A new survey has revealed that young people in the UK are increasingly giving up the prospect of owning their own home.

Cuts to local services and welfare linked to soaring foodbank use

A rapid rise in the number of foodbanks across the UK has been linked to cuts in local services and welfare.

Britain ranked 27th on international 'wellness' index

Britain has been ranked beneath Italy, Germany and Australia in an international health index published. It came 27th out of 133 countries on overall health and wellbeing, with low results linked to national obesity.

Council TV documentary bags Bafta nomination

A fly on the wall documentary about the day-to-day life of a council adoption service has been nominated for a prestigious Bafta award. Channel 4's three-part series, 15,000 Kids and Counting, went behind the scenes at Wigan Council's joint adoption service WWiSH.

Pickles offers all public sector staff three days off for volunteering

Every public sector employee would be given three days of extra paid leave every year to volunteer, under Conservative plans unveiled today. As part of the policy marked 'Big Society in action'.

Potholes must be top priority for next government, poll finds

Potholes should be the next Government's highest priority for the country's roads, a poll suggests.

Launch of Historic England

In October 2014 the Government approved plans for a new model for English Heritage, which has now been agreed to become two organisations:

- Historic England, a public body to champion and protect England's historic environment, everything from prehistoric remains to post-war office buildings; and,
- The English Heritage Trust, a new independent charity retaining the name English Heritage, to look after - on behalf of the nation - the National Heritage Collection of more than 400 historic sites across England including Stonehenge, Dover Castle and some of the best preserved parts of Hadrian's Wall.

4. Consultations

Modern slavery and supply chains

Open date: 12/02/2015

Close date: 07/05/2015

Strengthening rights for people with learning disabilities

Consultation to seek the views to strengthen rights of people with learning disabilities, autism and mental health issues to enable them to live independently. Closes on the 29 May 2015.

Interim Report of the Review of the Implementation of the Welfare of Animals Act (NI) 2011

Open date: 26/02/2015

Close date: 26/04/2015

[Sentencing Council tackles dangerous dogs](#)

The Sentencing Council has published proposals for how courts should sentence people convicted of dangerous dog offences. The consultation is open until 9th June 2015.

[Nice Domestic Violence Quality Standard Upcoming Consultation](#)

Nice are seeking views and comments on the draft guidance and guidelines for Domestic Violence from the Quality standards programme. The Consultation will run from 11 May to 9 June.

[Ashfield Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report](#)

The Council has undertaken a Review of the Ashfield Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. The Review is out for consultation over the period 16th March to 30th April 2015.

[College of Policing published the Leadership Review interim report](#)

The College is seeking feedback on the 10 recommendations from the report and the APCC is planning to compile a co-ordinated response on behalf of Police and Crime Commissioners, under the auspices of the Workforce and EDHR Standing Group.

5. Reviews and Inspections

JESIP – tri-service review

Currently Chief Constables have been requested to host a review of their organisation to demonstrate how they have adopted and embedded the principles of JESIP from Mike Cunningham QPM, HM Inspector of Constabulary. Field work will start in June.

[Annual Police Complaints Statistics](#)

Statistics for England and Wales 2013/14 and 2012/13.

[IPCC: Met CSE evidence-suppression investigation will be robust](#)

The Independent Police Complaints Commission has announced an investigation into possible corruption at the Met, following allegations of the suppression of evidence relating to alleged historic child sex offences.

Stop and Search inspection report: “Police Stops and Public Encounters”

In the 2013 report [Stop and Search Powers: Are the police using them effectively and fairly](#), HMIC made ten recommendations and made a commitment to revisit the subject in 18 months to assess progress against those recommendations.

CJJI Criminal Justice Joint Inspection

The plan (attached) sets out the proposed joint inspection programme for the coming year with details of the lead inspectorate for each proposed work stream and which other inspectorates will be involved.

[Honour based violence](#)

During 2015, HMIC will carry out an inspection of the police response to so-called honour-based violence. This will be the first independent scrutiny by inspectorates.