



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)
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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

[Advertising of Prostitution \(Prohibition\) Bill - Private Bill](#)

A Bill to prohibit the advertising of prostitution; and for connected purposes.

[Modern Slavery Act 2015](#)

The Modern Slavery Act 2015 ('the Act') received Royal Assent on 26 March 2015.

[Queens Speech](#)

The Queen's Speech contains the following Bills identified below:

- Finance Bill
- Full Employment and Welfare Benefits Bill
- Enterprise Bill
- National Insurance Contributions Bill
- Childcare Bill
- Housing Bill
- Energy Bill
- Immigration Bill
- Trade Unions Bill
- Education and Adoption Bill
- [Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill](#)
- Scotland Bill
- Wales Bill
- High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill
- Northern Ireland Bill
- European Union Referendum Bill
- Extremism Bill
- Investigatory Powers Bill

- Policing and Criminal Justice Bill
- [Psychoactive Substances Bill](#)
- Armed Forces Bill
- Bank of England Bill
- Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Bill
- Votes for Life Bill
- European Union (Finance) Bill
- Buses Bill
- Public Service Ombudsman Bill (Draft)

[The Late Payment of Commercial Debts \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015](#)

Coming into force: 21 June 2015. Extends to: England and Wales and Northern Ireland
Of interest to: Local Authorities, Finance Dept. Chief Executives, PCCs, and Chief Constables

SI 2015/583 The Road Safety Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2015
This Order comes into force on **8 June 2015**.

SI 2015/612 The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigative Powers of Prosecutors: Code of Practice) (England and Wales) Order 2015
This Order, which extends to England and Wales only, came into force on **1 June 2015**.

SI 2015/705 The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Cash Searches: Code of Practice) (England and Wales and Scotland) Order 2015
This Order, which does not extend to Northern Ireland, came into force on **1 June 2015**.

SI 2015/730 The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Search, Seizure and Detention of Property: Code of Practice) (England and Wales) Order 2015
Came into force on **1 June 2015**.

SI 2015/729 The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations: Code of Practice) (England and Wales) Order 2015
This Order brings into operation in relation to England and Wales on **1 June 2015**.

SI 2015/759 The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Application of Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984) Order 2015
Came into force on **1 June 2015**.

SI 2015/813 The Crime and Courts Act 2013 (Commencement No. 12) Order 2015
Came into force on **1 June 2015**.

SI 2015/820 The Serious Crime Act 2015 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2015
Regulation 3 brings into force on **1 June 2015**

SI 2015/925 The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations in different parts of the United Kingdom) (Amendment) Order 2015
Came into force on **1 June 2015**.

SI 2015/964 The Crime and Courts Act 2013 (Commencement No. 13 and Savings) Order 2015

Came into force on **1 June 2015**.

SI 2015/983 The Policing and Crime Act 2009 (Commencement No. 10, Transitional Provision and Savings) Order 2015

Came into force on **1 June 2015**.

2. Strategic policing and crime news

[Chancellor announces £4½ billion of measures to bring down debt](#)

Whitehall in-year budget review process completes, identifying further asset sales, underspends and efficiencies to smooth path of departmental savings.

[National Audit Office report: Financial sustainability of police forces in England and Wales](#)

While police forces in England and Wales have successfully reduced costs since 2011, they do not have a clear understanding of the demands placed upon them or of the factors that affect their costs. The Home Office also needs to be better informed to make sure forces are providing value for money.

NPCC response to NAO report into the financial sustainability of police forces in England and Wales

National Police Chiefs' Council Vice Chair, Assistant Commissioner Martin Hewitt said:

"Forces have risen to the challenge of austerity making £2.53bn worth of savings and losing 36,672 officers and staff in the process. We have kept up a good service to the public but, with diminished resources and a major shift in demand, chief constables have had to make tough decisions about which issues are a priority for their force.

[Serious Crime Bill: Organised, serious and gang-related crime](#)

These documents form the 'organised, serious and gang-related crime' section of the Serious Crime Bill.

[Legal-high ban to bring new council powers](#)

A new 'blanket ban' on 'legal highs' will offer councils and police more powers to tackle psychoactive substances, the government has said.

Further to last week's additional systematic reviews the College of Policing have announced two further interventions now listed on the [What Works Crime Reduction Toolkit](#).

These new interventions are:

- [Firearm Laws](#) This summarises the findings of two systematic reviews on firearm laws and their effect on reducing crime.
- [Educational interventions to prevent relationship violence in young people](#) This review focuses on educational interventions to prevent violence in adolescents and young adults specifically in the context of relationships and dating violence.

[IPCC monthly update on the investigation into the Hillsborough disaster](#)

Have published the monthly update about the investigations into the Hillsborough disaster.

3. Developments and reports

[Crime and policing news update: May 2015](#)

May's update on the latest news and information on police and crime issues.

[Equality and Human Rights Commission to support the police with new stop and search training](#)

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is working with the College of Policing to develop a new stop and search training programme for officers. The training will assist police officers in their statutory duties to promote and respect human rights and equality laws 'with a particular focus on reducing unconscious bias and discrimination, particularly against young black and Asian men.'

[Police could be taken off the beat to cope with the 'overwhelming' 70% increase in rape cases, Scotland Yard chief warns](#)

Police could be taken off the beat to cope with the 'overwhelming' increase in rape cases over the last decade, Scotland Yard chief Bernard Hogan Howe warned today. The Metropolitan Police Commissioner said detectives were suffering 'burn out' and warned 'something will have to give' without more resources

[National Security Council discuss new Counter-Extremism Bill](#)

On the **13 May 2015** the first meeting of the new National Security Council (NSC), chaired by the Prime Minister, was held. The main area of discussion regarded a new Counter-Extremism Bill. This is in response to the report published by the Prime Minister's Extremism Taskforce in December 2013.

[Home Office publish revised framework document for the National Crime Agency](#)

The revised framework document replaces the first framework document which was signed by the Home Secretary and the Director General of the National Crime Agency (NCA) on 15 October 2013.

[Safety in Custody Statistics England and Wales: Deaths in prison custody to March 2015. Assaults and Self-harm to December 2014](#)

The Ministry of Justice has published Safety in Custody statistics which cover deaths, self-harm and assaults in prison custody in England and Wales. This publication updates statistics on assaults and self-harm up to December 2014 and statistics on deaths in prison custody up to March 2015.

[Prison population figures: 2015](#)

The last set of Prison Population figures for 2015 covering the week of June 5th.

[London Assembly calls on Boris to support a debate on electoral reform](#)

The London Assembly (LA) has called on the mayor of London to support a debate on electoral reform for elections to the House of Commons.

[Councils with slow adoption services will have to merge or outsource them](#)

More councils could be forced to merge or outsource their adoption functions to speed up the placement process. The government says the powers in the new [Education and Adoption Bill](#) "would only be used if councils failed to take action quickly enough".

Councils should make more use of intranets in the face of austerity

Local authorities could make more use of intranets in response to funding cuts, according to Socitm.

Centre for Public Health

Evaluation of the Liverpool Say No to Drunks Pilot Initiative.

Workforce management information, 2015

Data showing the number of staff employed at different grades in the Home Office, our agencies and executive non-departmental public bodies.

ICO report - How do police forces handle personal data?

The ICO has published an overview of how police forces in the UK handle personal data, based on audits and follow up reviews. Designed to help organisations in the criminal justice sector improve how they handle personal information, the report singles out recommendations from audits that haven't been fully addressed.

ICO needs 'more muscle' over council data breaches

Calls have been raised for stronger central powers over council data breaches, after an investigation revealed 129 leaks were reported last year.

Children's apps and privacy to be scrutinised in ICO review

The ICO is reviewing 50 websites and apps used by children as part of an international project. The research will look at privacy concerns around the type of personal information these services collect. Along with this information, they are looking at the explanation for collecting data and what parental permission is sought. The websites and apps will include those specifically targeted at children, as well as those frequently used by children. The same approach will be taken by 28 other privacy enforcement authorities from around the world, with a view to combining the results and sharing the trends in the autumn. The work is coordinated by the Global Privacy Enforcement Network, and follows previous reports on website privacy policies, and how apps collect personal data.

Tens of thousands sign petition against council 'criminalising' homelessness

Over 65,000 people have signed a petition in a bid to stop Hackney Council 'criminalising' homelessness with a new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).

Social care cuts branded 'absurd' by council directors

Town hall chiefs are warning that councils are running out of efficiency savings - which have protected frontline services so far - leading to fears over the future of social care.

Poll reveals digital 'red tape' restricting innovation in public sector

IT leaders have called for an 'update' to digital thinking in the public sector, while highlighting difficulties with 'red tape' and cost.

Councils forced to convert 1,000 'inadequate' schools into academies

New measures will force councils to convert schools rated 'inadequate' by Ofsted into academies.

Local government system 'bleeding to death', warns Welsh council leader

A council leader has called for fast-paced local government reorganisation in Wales because the current system is 'bleeding to death'.

[Libraries urged to find innovative fund raising strategies](#)

Libraries need to become 'risk-taking' fundraisers if they are to stay afloat yet must retain their 'core ethos', a report says.

[Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities](#)

Information for frontline workers in the Criminal Justice System.

[Ipsos MORI](#)

Drinkaware Monitor 2014: Adults' drinking behaviour and attitudes in the UK.

[Local Government Association](#)

English devolution: local solutions for a successful nation.

[Restorative Justice Council](#)

A victim's guide to restorative justice - a film.

[Royal College of Psychiatrists](#)

Substance misuse in older people: an information guide.

[County council care market conditions 'unsustainable'](#)

Care market conditions in England's counties seem 'unsustainable' even before the new demands of the Care Act reforms come into effect, new research suggests.

[NAO calls on DWP to learn 'hard lessons' from high-profile failures](#)

The National Audit Office (NAO) has called for the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) to use the "hard lessons" it learned from implementing its recent programme of welfare reforms to improve how it manages change and anticipates risk.

[Teens in foster care moved too often](#)

Teenagers in foster care are being moved to new homes too often, according to new research. A survey from The Fostering Network found that two in five (40%) of fostered teenagers are already living with their third foster family since coming into care.

[Kerslake to chair Centre for Public Scrutiny](#)

Lord Bob Kerslake, who rose from being CEO at two local authorities to become head of the civil service and permanent secretary to the Department of Communities and Local Government, is to take up the position of chair at the Centre for Public Scrutiny.

[Councils told to sell off 'surplus' land](#)

Councils have been urged to get rid of surplus land and buildings to boost the number of new homes being built by communities secretary Greg Clark.

[Council proposes new power to sack bad councillors](#)

Voters could be given the power to get rid of bad councillors under new proposals announced by Kingston Council.

[Council urged to review street light switch-off after woman's death](#)

A woman killed on a Wiltshire road last year where street lighting had been switched off would have been 'impossible' to see, a coroner has ruled.

Council leaders reject 'misleading' assets report

Local government leaders have dismissed a report claiming councils own assets ranging from golf courses to hotels to a cheese factory as 'misleading'.

London council fined after decade of ignoring asbestos risks

Waltham Forest borough council has been fined after knowingly exposing members of staff and visiting contractors to the potentially lethal dangers of asbestos for ten years.

Council drops joint venture plan

Middlesbrough Council has dropped plans for a joint venture to deliver key services.

Massive staff shortages predicted for NHS and social care

Demand for staff will far outstrip availability in the next few years for both the NHS and social care, warns a report by the UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKCES).

Workforce diversity and attendance management information, June 2008 to December 2014

Departmental workforce diversity and attendance management information for civil servants employed in the Home Office.

Border Force cutter in Mediterranean migrant rescue mission

HMC Protector was deployed by Operation Triton to save over 100 people.

PHSO backs plans for single public services ombudsman

The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) has backed government plans to merge all public service ombudsmen into one organisation, saying it will provide better value for money and improved public services.

4. Consultations

Nottinghamshire - State of the Sector Survey

Nottinghamshire County Council in partnership with the VCS has commissioned an important piece of independent research into the state of the VCS in the County. The survey is being conducted by Sheffield Hallam University, through their specialist Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research. Over 1500 organisations are being directly contacted to complete a survey – the information provided will play an important role in identifying the contribution, scope, nature and experiences of the voluntary and community sector in Nottinghamshire as well as how we can all work together to strengthen the VCS in the County.

Surveillance Camera Commissioner launches survey

Surveillance Camera Commissioner launches survey to review the operation and impact of the surveillance camera code of practice.

Consultation on human trafficking

Open date: 29/05/2015

Close date: 29/07/2015

Office of the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists

Register of Consultant Lobbyists: compliance policy.

Consultation is now open on the draft challenging behaviour and learning disabilities quality standard

The draft challenging behaviour and learning disabilities quality standard is now available on the NICE website for consultation. The consultation period starts today, **Friday 29th May**, and finishes at **5pm on Friday 26th June 2015**.

Bolsover District Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan for Bolsover District.

The Local Plan will set out the vision and objectives for the District out to 2033 as well as the spatial strategy in terms of how much new development will be accommodated in the District over the plan period and where in the District this growth will be located (including site allocations). The Council must have received your comments by 5pm (17:00) on Friday 3rd July 2015 to ensure they are considered.

NICE: Domestic violence and abuse quality standard – change to consultation dates

This consultation will now run from Friday 29 May until Tuesday 16 June 2015.

Local Government Association

Remodelling public protection: The future of councils' regulatory services.

Cabinet Office

Public service ombudsman. Closes 16 June 2015.

Department for Communities and Local Government

Extending the remit of the Local Government Ombudsman to larger parish and town councils. Closes 30 June 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.

5. Reviews and Inspections

Criminal Justice Joint Inspection

Joint inspection of the provision of charging decisions

Responding to austerity progress report: Nottinghamshire Police

This report sets out the progress made by Nottinghamshire Police since the publication of the **Policing in Austerity: Meeting the Challenge** report was published in 2014.

Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland

The effectiveness of youth conferencing.

Joint Review of Disability Hate Crime: Follow-up report

This joint follow-up review considered how the police, Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) and probation service providers (National Probation Service (NPS)/Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRCs)) have responded to the seven recommendations contained in the Criminal Justice Joint Inspection (CJJI) March 2013 review of disability hate crime.