

Police and Crime Commissioner's Horizon Scanning Briefing

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1. POLICY AND PRACTICE

[Places of worship scheme open for expressions of interest – 19 April 2019](#)

Home Office invites religious organisations to register their interest for the latest round of the Places of Worship Protective Security Scheme. Applicants can register an interest in the places of worship scheme by emailing securityfundingced@homeoffice.gov.uk and will be able to submit applications from July 2019.

[£51m allocated to police forces for increased action on knife crime – 17 April 2019](#)

Home Office allocates an immediate £51m from the £100m serious violence fund to the 18 police forces worst affected by serious violence. The funding will enable these forces to bolster their operational activity via additional visible patrols in hotspot areas, weapon sweeps and equipment and overtime for officers. The Home Office will work closely with the police to monitor and assess the impact of the funding. Around a third of the serious violence fund will support the setting up of violence reduction units (VRUs) and other preventative activity across the country. The remaining money will be allocated in due course and will be used to support forces who see an escalation in violence during the year and to increase capacity in the policing system.

[Home Office awards £346,000 Hate Crime Community Projects Funding - 9 April 2019](#)

Home Office announces five recipients of the latest round of Hate Crime Community Projects Funding, which comprise: 'Protection Approaches' to provide training for frontline staff in Newham; the East European Resource Centre in London, the West Midlands and Greater Manchester; the Nottingham BID to tackle hate crime in the night time economy; Barnardo's for their work to raise awareness of disability hate crime in schools in Gwent and; the Proud Trust who will work alongside the BTP to tackle LGBT hate crime on public transport

[Online Harms White Paper published – 8 April 2019](#)

Home Secretary [launches](#) Online Harms White Paper seeking views on government plans for the regulation and tackling of online harms. This includes options for appointing an independent regulatory body to implement, oversee and enforce the new regulatory framework; the enforcement powers of an independent regulatory body; potential redress mechanisms for online users; and measures to target regulation proportionately.

[New local authority guidance for tackling rogue landlords – 9 April 2019](#)

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government issues new online support for local authority enforcement practitioners, tenants and landlords, to help tackle criminal landlords who exploit tenants. The guidance aims to ensure that those responsible for protecting tenants can use the powers available to them to maximum effect and includes an easy to navigate digital enforcement package with online learning modules.

Commissioner's e-Briefing: 22 April 2019

[Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 comes into force](#) – 12 April 2019

Provisions having come into force which include new offences (reckless expressions of support for a proscribed organisation, obtaining or viewing terrorist material over the internet, entering or remaining in a designated area) and a police power to seize items as evidence related to a proscribed organisation. Extra-territorial jurisdiction has been extended for certain offences and maximum sentences for terrorism offences have been increased 15 years. Furthermore, the practices of automatic early release and longer period on licence have ended. And notification requirements on convicted terrorists have been strengthened. The provisions also extend Serious Crime Prevention Orders for terrorism offences and provide for a statutory review of Prevent.

[Updated guidance document: Proscribed terrorist groups or organisations](#)

[Updated guidance document: Operating within counter-terrorism legislation](#)

[MoU for oversight of youth justice services across England and Wales](#) – 11 April 2019

Agreement on the monitoring and oversight of youth justice services between HMI Probation, the Ministry of Justice and the Youth Justice Board respectively sets out their main responsibilities following the introduction of HMIP's new inspection methodology and the YJB's split of functions in 2017.

[Child exploitation disruption toolkit](#) – 15 April 2019

Home Office publishes disruption tactics for frontline staff, including law enforcement, social care, education, housing and the voluntary sector, working to safeguard children and young people under the age of 18 from sexual and criminal exploitation. The toolkit also includes best practice in information sharing and multi-agency working as well as intelligence and evidence gathering.

[County lines: posters for social housing staff](#) – 11 April 2019

[Home Secretary speech on protecting young people's futures](#) – 15 April 2019

[IOPC Monthly Round Up: March 2019](#) – Published 10 April 2019

Recent Parliamentary briefings: [Early Interventions to Reduce Violent Crime](#) (16 Apr), [Alcohol licensing: cumulative impact assessments](#) (16 Apr), [Pre-election period of sensitivity](#) (15 Apr), [Restrictive Intervention of Children and Young People](#) (11 Apr), [Off-rolling in English schools](#) (11 Apr), [Public service pensions - employer contributions](#) (11 Apr), [Definition of Islamophobia](#) (10 Apr), [Banking scams](#) (9 Apr)

Recent Parliamentary debates: [Retail Crime](#) (11 Apr), [Serious Youth Violence](#) (8 Apr)

2. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND STATISTICS

[Serious violence figures for 2018](#) – 12 April 2019

[Cardiff University Violence Research Group](#) report based on findings from 126 Emergency Departments, Minor Injury Units and walk-in centres in England and Wales, finds that the number of people attending EDs for violence-related injuries (187,584) saw a non-significant 1.7% reduction in 2018 when compared to the previous year, continuing the downward trend seen since 2010 (-41%). While serious violence affecting those aged 0-30 years also decreased, hospital admissions data indicates that knife related serious violence increased by around 7% in 2018, matching trends in police recorded offences involving a knife or sharp instrument (+8%).

[Forecasting Knife Homicide Risk from Prior Knife Assaults](#) – 14 April 2019

Research published in the Cambridge Journal of Evidence-Based Policing (Massey, Sherman, Coupe) demonstrates how local areas most likely to suffer knife-enabled homicides can be predicted using recent nonfatal knife injury data. Data on knife assaults in London between 2016 and 2018 found that Lower super output areas with six or more knife enabled assaults in year 1 had a higher risk of knife enabled homicide (15%) in year 2. Risk of homicide was 1400% higher in the hottest spots of knife assaults than in the coolest spots.

[Learning to cope: Desistance among men who have self-harmed in prison](#) – Published 11 April 2019

In-depth qualitative study explores the experiences of people who have successfully learned to stop harming themselves in custody. Study aims to develop the evidence base for prison managers and staff in responding to the rise in self-harm incidents and provide helpful care.

[Call for practice: Recognising and responding to vulnerability related risks](#) – 15 April 2019

College of Policing call for practice seeking views of police practitioners and trainers supporting frontline staff to recognise and respond to vulnerability to help inform the 'Recognising and Responding to Vulnerability Related Risks' Guideline for police officers and staff.

[Youth custody data: February 2019](#) – Published 12 April 2019

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

3. AUDITS AND INSPECTIONS

Upcoming reports and inspection activity

- All Force Integrated PEEL Assessments 2018/19 published Late April 2019
- Deadline for HMICFRS 2018/19 force data return May 2019
- Fire and Rescue Service inspection reports published (second tranche) June 2019
- Fire and Rescue Service inspection fieldwork commences (third tranche) June 2019
- [HMIC: Crime data integrity \(individual force reports\)](#) Ongoing
- HMI Prisons: Joint inspection of Police Custody Arrangements Ongoing
- HMICFRS: National Child Protection Inspection (HMIC-led) examining police effectiveness in their interactions with children, from initial contact and early identification of children who are at risk, through to investigation Ongoing
- HMICFRS: Independent study of police air support
- HMICFRS: Police response to county lines (Thematic)
- Crimes against older people: Police and CPS responses - Findings due to be published in July 2019
- Released under investigation: Investigate impact of changes to police bail procedures following PCA 2017
- Integrated Offender Management: Follow-up to explore how IOM operates in the new TR environment

4. REVIEWS AND INQUIRIES

[Prison governance inquiry launched](#) – 9 April 2019

Justice Committee inquiry into prison governance to consider the role of the prison governor, following the changes set out in the Government's white paper Prison Safety and Reform

Inquiries

[Forensic Science](#) – Science and technology Committee – Report in preparation

[Detention of children with learning disabilities](#) - JC on Human Rights – Latest evidence – 3 April 2019

[Court and Tribunal Reforms](#) – Justice Committee – Latest evidence 3 April 2019

[Cyber security in the UK](#) – Public Accounts Committee – Latest evidence – 1 April 2019

[Local government governance & accountability](#) – Public Accounts – Evidence session 27 March 2019

[Progress implementation Lammy Review recommendations](#) – Justice Committee – 26 March 2019

[Serious Violence Strategy](#) - Home Affairs Committee – Oral evidence session 26 March 2019

[Apprenticeships programme: progress review](#) - Public Accounts – Evidence session 25 March 2019

[Pitchford Undercover Policing inquiry](#) – Ongoing

[The Macpherson Report: Twenty Years On](#) – Home Affairs Committee – latest evidence 12 March 2019

[Disclosure and Barring Service: progress review](#) - Public Accounts Committee – 11 March 2019

[The role of the magistracy \(follow up\)](#) – Justice Committee – latest evidence 12 February 2019

[Modern Slavery](#) – Home Affairs Committee - latest evidence 15 January 2019

[Islamophobia](#) – Home Affairs Committee – Launched 12 December 2018

[Serious Fraud Office](#) – Justice Committee Inquiry – Oral Evidence Session - 18 December 2018

[Youth Detention](#) – JC on Human Rights - latest evidence 13 December 2018

[Prison Population 2022: Planning for the Future](#) – Justice Committee - latest evidence 11 Dec 2018

[Racial harassment in higher education](#) – Equality and HR Commission – Launched 4 December 2018

[Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse \(IICSA\)](#) – Open

- [Mandatory Reporting Seminar](#) – 29 to 30 April 2019
- [Bids for research into victims and survivors' experiences of support services](#) – 19 March 2019
- [Applications for core participants in CSE by organised networks investigation](#) – 6 March 2019

5. LEGISLATION

[Service Animals \(Offences\) Act – Royal Assent – 9 April 2019](#)

Act which makes it an offence to attack service animals, including police dogs and horses; to make certain offences aggravated when perpetrated against such animals. Prompted by the attack of Hertfordshire Police Dog Finn and his handler, in which the only serious charge available for the attack on Finn was criminal damage. The bill is in line with legislation passes in other countries including, Canada, Australia and the USA. The Act will come into force in June 2019.

[Offensive Weapons Bill – Royal Assent – TBA](#)

[Overarching documents](#) [Briefing](#)

Government Bill to ban the sale of the most dangerous corrosive products to under-18s, make it a criminal offence to possess corrosive substances in a public place without good reason, introduce restrictions on online sales of knives and make it illegal to possess certain offensive weapons like zombie knives and knuckle-dusters

[Asset Freezing \(Compensation\) Bill – Commons 2nd reading – TBA](#)

Private Members' Bill to make provision for the imposing of restrictions on assets owned by persons involved in supplying terrorist organisations in the United Kingdom with arms, for the purpose of securing compensation for citizens of the United Kingdom affected by the supply of such arms

[Modern Slavery \(Victim Support\) Bill – Commons 2nd reading – TBA](#)

[Briefing](#)

Private Members' Bill to make provision about identifying and supporting victims of modern slavery

[Age of Criminal Responsibility Bill – Lords 3rd Reading – TBA](#)

[Briefing](#)

Private Members' Bill to raise the age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 12

[Criminal Records Bill - Lords Committee Stage – TBA](#)

[Lords Briefing](#)

Private Members' Bill to amend the length of time for which an individual may have a criminal record under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

[Anonymity \(Arrested Persons\) Bill - Lords Committee stage – TBA](#)

Private Members' Bill to prohibit the publication of certain personal information until an arrested person has been charged with an offence / set out circumstances where such information can be published

[Emergency Response Drivers \(Protections\) Bill - Commons 2nd reading – TBA](#)

Private Members' Bill to protect drivers of emergency vehicles responding to emergencies from civil liability and criminal prosecution in specified circumstances and related provision about criminal proceedings

[Freedom of Information \(Extension\) Bill – Commons 2nd reading – TBA](#)

Private Members' Bill to extend Freedom of Information Act 2000 in respect of public authorities and extend powers of the Information Commissioner

[Human Trafficking \(Child Protection\) Bill - Commons 2nd reading – TBA](#)

Private Members' Bill to make provision for the removal of foreign national criminal offenders from UK

[Violent Crime \(Sentences\) Bill – Commons 2nd reading – TBA](#)

Private Members' Bill to increase the minimum custodial sentence on conviction for possession of a knife or other offensive weapon for an offender aged 18 or over and to increase the minimum period of detention and training order for a person aged 16 or 17; set a minimum custodial sentence on conviction for an offender in possession of a knife and intending to commit an offence or having a weapon to use in committing murder

Youth (Services and Provisions) Bill – Commons 2nd reading – TBA

Private Members' Bill to require the Secretary of State to promote and secure youth services and provision of a requisite standard; to impose a duty on local authorities to provide youth services and establish local youth service partnerships with youth participation

Licensing of Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles Bill – Lords 2nd reading – TBA

Private Members' Bill to make provision about the exercise of taxi and private hire vehicle licensing functions in relation to persons about whom there are safeguarding or road safety concerns [LGA article](#)

Criminal Fraud (Private Prosecutions) Bill - Commons 2nd reading – TBA

Private Members' Bill to make provision about private prosecutions in cases of suspected criminal fraud

Foreign Nationals (Criminal Offender & Prisoner Removal) Bill - Commons 2nd reading – TBA

Private Members' Bill to make provision for creation of secure safe houses for children subject to trafficking

Policing Resources Bill - Lords 2nd reading - TBA

Private Members' Bill to make provision for ensuring that police forces in England and Wales have sufficient resources to deliver police services. Proposes the appointment of an independent body to report annually on adequacy of police grant funding. Places duty on Secretary of State to ensure grant recipients have sufficient resources to prevent crime, bring offenders to justice, keep the Queen's Peace and protect, help and reassure the community. Also places duty on Secretary of State to consider PCC police and crime plans, latest adequacy of funding report and the need for contingency funding for police forces to deal with exceptional major incidents

Victims of Crime (Rights, Entitlements, Notification of CSA) Bill – Lords 2nd reading – TBA

Private Members' Bill to make provision for specifying new statutory rights and entitlements for victims of crime under the Victims Code of Practice; require PCCs to assess victims services; increase duties of the Victims and Witnesses Commissioner; grant victims the right to request a review of a decision not to prosecute; establish reviews in homicides where no criminal charge has been made; create an obligation on professions to notify cases of possible victims of child sexual abuse.

Road Traffic Offenders (Surrender Driving Licences) Bill - Lords 2nd reading - TBA

Private Members' Bill to make provision about the provision and surrender of driving licences or certificates in relation to certain offences; make provision in relation to identifying persons in connection with FPNs etc.

Modern Slavery (Transparency in Supply Chains) Bill – Lords 2nd reading – TBA

Private Members' Bill to make further provision for transparency in supply chains in respect of slavery and human trafficking

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- **Draft Drones Bill** introducing new police powers to issue fixed penalty notices for minor drone offences, request evidence from drone users where there is reasonable suspicion of an offence being committed and to land, seize and search drones. Require registration and competency testing for drone use
 - **Draft Mental Health Bill** to transform mental health care, allow those detained under the MH Act to be allowed to nominate a person of their choice to be involved in decisions about their care. Enable people to express preference for care and treatment and have these listed in statutory 'advance choice' documents

6. CONSULTATIONS

[Tackling homelessness together](#)

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government consultation seeking views on the effectiveness of existing non-statutory and statutory local accountability and partnership structures in homelessness services and whether the government should introduce Homelessness Reduction Boards. Also seeking views on how else local accountability and partnership working could be improved.

Open date: 21/02/2019

Close date: 16/05/2019

[Expanded explanations in offence specific guidelines](#)

Sentencing Council consultation on plans to provide expanded explanations in digital guidelines to reflect and encourage current best practice rather than to alter sentencing practice. The new explanations will provide judges, magistrates and other court users with useful information relating to commonly used factors in guidelines and improve transparency for victims, defendants and the wider public.

Open date: 28/02/2019

Close date: 23/05/2019

[Serious violence: new legal duty to support multi-agency action](#)

Home Office consultation on proposals for a new multi-agency 'public health' approach to preventing and tackling serious violence, including the introduction of a new legal duty and a non-legislative option for partners to work together voluntarily to prevent and tackle serious violence.

Open date: 01/04/2019

Close date: 28/05/2019

[Mental Health Conditions and Disorders: Draft Legal Guidance](#)

CPS consultation on proposed amendments to Legal Guidance on prosecuting defendants with mental health issues which includes signposting to key policy documents, addressing issues across a case life, providing additional information about a variety of mental health conditions and setting out types of disposal available

Open date: 12/03/2019

Close date: 04/06/2019

[Children not in school](#)

Department for Education consultation on proposals to introduce register of all children not being educated in state-funded or registered independent schools and to introduce a legal duty for local authorities to provide assistance and resources to support parents who choose to educate their children at home

Open date: 02/04/2019

Close date: 24/06/2019

[Violence and abuse toward shop staff: call for evidence](#) **NEW**

Home Office call for evidence seeking views from organisations and individuals wishing to contribute to understanding the problem of violence and abuse toward shop staff in England and Wales. Responses are encouraged from retailers, trade associations and unions, as well as those working in the retail industry

Open date: 05/04/2019

Close date: 28/06/2019

[Online Harms White Paper](#) **NEW**

Home Office White Paper seeking views on government plans to make internet companies more responsible for their users' safety online, especially children and other vulnerable groups, via a **mandatory "duty of care"** and to introduce new standards and penalties alongside an independent regulatory body to enforce them

Open date: 08/04/2019

Close date: 01/07/2019

[Sentencing offenders with mental health conditions](#) **NEW**

Sentencing Council consultation on draft guideline on sentencing offenders with mental health conditions or disorders, including principles that courts should focus on individual circumstances and decide how much responsibility the offender retains for the offence, given the specific facts of the case.

Open date: 09/04/2019

Close date: 09/07/2019

[Call for practice: Recognising and responding to vulnerability related risks](#) **NEW**

College of Policing call for practice seeking views of police practitioners and trainers supporting frontline staff to recognise and respond to vulnerability to help inform the 'Recognising and Responding to Vulnerability Related Risks' Guideline for police officers and staff.

Open date: 15/04/2019

Close date: 19/04/2019