

Police and Crime Commissioner's Horizon Scanning Briefing

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1. POLICY AND PRACTICE

[Home Office #knifefree chicken boxes launched](#) – 14 August 2019

Home Office distributes over 321,000 '#knifefree' branded chicken boxes to independent and branch owned chicken shops across England and Wales, replacing standard packaging with warnings to young people about the dangers of carrying a knife. The packaging offers real life stories of young people who have chosen to pursue positive activities, such as boxing or music, instead of carrying a knife. Many of the 210 participating outlets will also have screens showing the #knifefree campaign.

[Revised PACE Codes of Practice C and H which come into effect](#) - 21 August 2019

Revisions to [code C](#) (detention) and [code H](#) (detention – terrorism) take effect following [statutory consultation](#). Revisions aim to provide safeguards for female detainees and ensure detainee dignity, health, hygiene and welfare by: requiring custody officers to offer and make necessary arrangements for detainees to speak in private with a same sex member of staff about any matter concerning their personal health, hygiene and welfare needs; providing menstrual products free of charge in custody where required; making explicit that access to toilet, washing facilities, strip searches and intimate searches must take account of the detainee's dignity, health, hygiene and welfare needs; ensuring that the possible needs of transgender individuals are not overlooked in respect of these matters. Updated [notice of rights and entitlements](#)

[Victims' Commissioner Strategy 2019 to 2022](#) – Published 21 August 2019

Victims' Commissioner strategic plan sets out strategic priorities for her first term in office to:-

- Work with CJ agencies to ensure victims of crime are treated well, with a focus on the treatment of victims in the court room, so as to aid them to give best evidence and support to enable them to cope and recover
- Monitor and report on compliance with the requirements of the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime and the Witness Charter - make recommendations for change and raise public awareness of entitlements
- Ensure the interests of victims and witnesses are fully considered in any proposals for CJ development and/or change, including to victim support services and other agencies whose activities impact on victims
- Articulate a view of the CJ system from the perspective of victims; contribute to, review and challenge decisions taken by policy makers and those responsible for developing practice
- identify and actively promote examples of good practice and excellence

[ANPR infrastructure: development and review guidance](#) – 9 August 2019

Home Office guidance on consistent and proportionate deployment of ANPR by the police and other agencies

[IOPC Monthly roundup: July 2019](#) – Published 16 August 2019

Commissioner's e-Briefing: 26 August 2019

[Preventing offending and re-offending by children – 14 August 2019](#)

Public Health England publishes resource to help local partnerships work together to support vulnerable children and young people and stop them offending and re-offending via collaborative approaches

[Strengthening probation, building confidence - Probation Change Monthly Bulletin – 23 August 2019](#)

Recent Parliamentary briefings: [Anti-social behaviour in social housing](#) (23 Aug), [Policing in the UK](#) (19 Aug), [Adult social care: Government review and anticipated Green Paper](#) (14 Aug), [Prisoners' voting rights](#) (14 Aug)

2. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND STATISTICS

[Rekindling British Policing – A 10-point plan for revival – 13 August 2019](#)

Policy Exchange report considers government commitments to recruit 20,000 additional police officers over 3 years and calls for investment in community neighbourhood teams, investment in capability and capacity to address less visible Serious and Organised Crime threats and establishment of a Police Technology Innovation Hub in collaboration with private sector experts and venture capitalists to help advocate change directly with the Home Secretary. Report also argues that the Home Office should create a new independent National Crime Analysis Unit to report on the underlying causes of crime and for the IOPC to be merged into HMICFRS to create a single independent oversight body in order to deliver savings and reduce bureaucracy.

[Violent Youth Crime: NLGN Leadership Index Survey – 21 August 2019](#)

New Local Government Network (NLGN) report on findings from the quarterly survey of local authority chief executives and leaders which explored views on the sector's capacity to respond to rises in violent youth crime.

- 75% of leaders felt that councils had insufficient central government funding to address violent youth crime in their area, rising to 85% among urban councils and 89% among Welsh authorities
- 61% reported that violent youth crime had increased or increased considerably in their area over the last five years, rising to 85% in Metropolitan councils and 90% in London, the East and the East Midlands
- Of those reporting a rise in violent crime, the most common offence types were anti-social behaviour (33%), drug offences (21%) and gang-related violence (19%).
- When asked what respondents felt would enable the public sector to address violent youth crime more effectively, many highlighted investment in prevention and early intervention and more effective outreach
- Confidence in ability to meet children's services and adult social care needs has fallen by 11% and 13% respectively in the last quarter. Confidence in adult social care needs reached the 2nd lowest level recorded

[Results from the 10 Prisons Project – 22 August 2019](#)

Findings from the 2018/19 '10 Prisons Project' which aimed to reduce violence in the 10 most challenging prisons by reducing drug supply, raising standards of decency, and increasing leadership capability. The project saw a 16% reduction in the rate of assaults per 1,000 prisoners between June and June 2019 alongside reductions in the percentage of random mandatory drug tests testing positive.

[Criminal Justice System statistics quarterly: March 2019 – Published 15 August 2019](#)

Overview of trends in the use of out of court disposals, defendants prosecuted, offenders convicted, remand and sentencing decisions, and offender histories in England and Wales.

Upcoming publications

- National Referral Mechanism statistics April to June 2019 – 29 August 2019
- Crime against businesses: Findings from the 2018 Commercial Victimization Survey – 5 September 2019
- Operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 to June 2019 – 5 September 2019
- Detailed analysis of fires attended by fire and rescue services: 2018/19 – 12 September 2019

Commissioner's e-Briefing: 26 August 2019

3. AUDITS AND INSPECTIONS

[Criminal Justice Joint Inspection Business Plan 2019/21](#) – Published 21 August 2019

Includes rolling inspections of Prison Offender Management, Police and UK Borders Authority custody and Joint targeted area inspections of child protection and youth offending; thematic inspections of domestic abuse (evidence-led prosecutions), released under investigation and Integrated Offender Management; new inspections of prosecution team case file quality and the causes and impact of the reduction in the number of prosecutions for rape. Feasibility studies of ethnic disproportionality in the CJS, welfare and dignity in custody, mental health, youth violence will also be undertaken alongside scoping for inspections relating to 'crimes in prison' and 'access to justice' in 2020/21.

Upcoming reports and inspection activity

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| • Rape Monitoring Group Data | 29 September |
| • National Joint Targeted area inspections of Child Protection Thematic | Pending |
| • Senior Leadership Report | Pending |
| • Released Under Investigation: Impact of changes to police bail procedures | Fieldwork Sept 2019 |
| • PEEL Reports 2019/20 – Tranche 2 | September 2019 |

4. REVIEWS AND INQUIRIES

Inquiries

[Road safety: young and novice drivers](#) – Transport Committee – Launched 25 July 2019 **NEW**

Transport Select Committee launches inquiry to scrutinise what action the Government is taking to reduce the risks of young and novice drivers being involved in a road traffic collision. Young drivers aged 17-24 account for 7% of the UK's driving licence holders but are involved in 20% of fatal and serious collisions.

Accepting written submissions until 30 August 2019

[Ageing prison population](#) – Justice Committee – Launched 25 July 2019

Accepting written evidence until 1 October 2019

[Children and young people in custody](#) – Justice Committee – Launched 25 July 2019

Accepting written evidence until 1 October 2019

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

- [Accountability and Reparations investigations report](#) – 19 September 2019
- [Victims and Survivors' Consultative Panel update](#) – 25 August 2019
- [Mandatory reporting seminar summary report](#) – 15 August 2019
- [Report publication - Nottinghamshire Councils](#) – 31 July 2019

[Court and Tribunal Reforms](#) – Justice Committee – Report in preparation

[Detention of children with learning disabilities](#) - JC on Human Rights – Oral evidence – 17 June 2019

[Islamophobia](#) – Home Affairs Committee – Latest evidence 11 June 2019

[The Macpherson Report: Twenty Years On](#) – Home Affairs Committee – Latest evidence 22 July 2019

[Modern Slavery](#) – Home Affairs Committee - latest evidence 29 July 2019

[Progress implementation Lammy Review recommendations](#) – Justice Committee – 23 April 2019

5. LEGISLATION

[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

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

[Briefing](#)

[Age of Criminal Responsibility Bill](#) – Commons 1st reading – TBA

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

[Briefing](#)

[Sentencing \(Pre-consolidation Amendments\) Bill](#) – Lords Report stage – 4 September 2019

[Briefing](#)

Bill to give effect to Law Commission recommendations relating to commencement of enactments relating to sentencing law and to make provision for pre-consolidation amendments of sentencing law

[Victims of Crime \(Rights, Entitlements, Notification of CSA\) Bill](#) – Lords Committee Stage – 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;

[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

[Policing Resources Bill](#) - Lords 2nd reading – 6 September 2019

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

[Domestic Abuse Bill](#) - Commons 2nd reading – TBA

[Briefing](#)

Government issues [response](#) to Joint Committee and [announces](#) the introduction of a new bill to:

- promote awareness - to put abuse at the top of everyone's agenda, legislate for a [statutory definition](#)
- protect and support victims, including by introducing a new [Domestic Abuse Protection Notice and Order](#)
- transform justice response - [helping victims](#) give their best evidence, prevent [cross-examination](#) by abusers
- improve performance - [Domestic Abuse Commissioner](#) to drive consistency and performance improvements
- [Secure tenancies](#) to support victims in social housing to leave their abusive situation and rebuild their lives
- HO and MoJ will also commence a three year pilot of mandatory [polygraph testing](#) for DA perpetrators

[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](#)

[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

[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

[Parental Rights \(Rapists\) and Family Courts Bill](#) – Commons 2nd reading – TBA

Private Members' Bill to remove the parental rights of fathers of children conceived through rape; to make provision for an inquiry into the handling by family courts of domestic abuse and violence against women and girls in child arrangement cases.

[Police Officer Training \(Autism Awareness\) Bill](#) - Commons 2nd reading – TBA

Bill to require police forces to train police officers in autism awareness; and for connected purposes

[Unauthorised Encampments Bill](#) – Commons 2nd reading – TBA

Bill to make it a criminal offence to demand money to vacate an unauthorised encampment

[Destitution Domestic Violence Concession \(Eligibility\) Bill](#) – Commons 2nd reading – TBA

[Crime \(Impact Statements\) Bill](#) – Commons 2nd reading – TBA

Bill to make provision for statements made by persons adversely affected by a crime to be used in sentencing proceedings in court

[Drone Regulation Bill](#) – Commons 2nd reading – TBA

Private Members' Bill to require drones to be marked and registered and to broadcast certain information electronically; to place restrictions on drone flight near aerodromes; and for connected purposes

6. CONSULTATIONS

[Proposals for revising the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime](#)

MoJ consultation on proposals to strengthen and simplify the Code of Practice for Victims of crime by providing greater clarity around victims' rights; improving awareness that victims who do not report the crime or withdraw from the CJ process are entitled to support; create short, user-friendly guidance for victims and clearer guidance for criminal justice practitioners; revise categories for victims entitled to an enhanced service to make it simpler and better meet the needs of victims.

Open date: 17/07/2019

Close date: 11/09/2019

[Transparency in supply chains](#)

Home Office consultation on proposed changes to section 54 (transparency in supply chains) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015, designed to improve reporting and compliance with the Act and extend its scope. This includes extending the requirement to publish modern slavery statements to large public sector organisations.

Open date: 09/07/2019

Close date: 17/09/2019

[Statutory guidance to police on firearms licensing](#)

The Home Office consultation on draft statutory guidance for police issuing firearms licences to ensure officers are consistently checking applicants' medical records in order to better protect the public. This comes following HMICFRS findings of inconsistent police licensing practice across the country.

Open date: 23/07/2019

Close date: 17/09/2019

[Knife Crime Prevention Orders \(KCPOs\): guidance](#) **NEW**

Home Office consultation on guidance for police and CPS in relation to the operation of, and application for, new Knife Crime Prevention Orders (KCPOs) which have been introduced through the Offensive Weapons Act 2019. The new preventative civil Orders will be an additional tool that the police will be able to use to work with young people and adults to encourage them to help steer them away from knife crime and serious violence.

Open date: 15/08/2019

Close date: 25/09/2019

[Proposed amends to APP \(guidance\) on Stop and Search](#) **NEW**

College of Policing public consultation on proposed updates to stop and search guidance in view of changes to Section 60 'non-suspicion' searches announced in March 2019. This includes guidance on how forces should speak with communities about their use of Section 60, share results and explain its impact; principles for public scrutiny and benefits of using body-worn video footage as part of the public scrutiny process.

Open date: 01/08/2019

Close date: 29/09/2019

[Sexual Harassment in the Workplace](#)

Government Equalities Office consultation on proposed reforms to the Equality Act 2010 to better protect employees, including interns and volunteers, from sexual harassment in the workplace.

Open date: 11/07/2019

Close date: 02/10/2019

[Offensive Weapons Act 2019: draft statutory guidance](#) **NEW**

Home Office consultation on draft statutory guidance for police, retailers and trading standards on how the Offensive Weapons Act 2019 should be implemented and applied, the obligations imposed under the act, and what factors should be taken into account when making decisions on how to proceed with individual cases of the possession, sale and delivery of knives, corrosives and offensive weapons, and their use to threaten others.

Open date: 15/08/2019

Close date: 09/10/2019