



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)
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1. Legislation

[The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2014](#)

This Order makes additional provision for the publication of details of candidates, and their election addresses, for election to the office of police and crime commissioner.

[The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 \(External Investigations\) Order 2014](#)

[Statement on Proceeds of Crime Act 2002](#)

Report for 2013 to 2014 of the Appointed Person for England and Wales under section 291 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

[Local Government Independence Bill to be launched](#)

Graham Allen, Chair of the Political and Constitutional Reform Committee, has launched a new bill intended to overhaul the relationship between local and central government.

[Government publishes guidance on responsibilities of bodies involved in surveillance](#)

The Surveillance Camera Commissioner and Information Commissioner's Office have published a "Surveillance road map" to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the bodies involved in overseeing surveillance legislation in the UK.

[Missing persons law comes into force](#)

Following the implementation of remaining provisions of the Presumption of Death Act 2013, from 1 October 2014 a legal framework will exist for the creation of a presumption of death certificate scheme in England and Wales – bringing it in line with Scotland and Northern Ireland.

[Home Office commitment to review legislation](#)

The Home Office has committed to review certain parts of primary and secondary legislation. It includes a commitment to review s103 – 123 Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 by 30 January 2017.

[Proposals to reform judicial review](#)

Proposals to reform judicial review process were published by the Ministry of Justice.

[Home Office circular 006/2014 on police regulations](#)

This circular refers to amendments to determinations made under Police Regulations 2003.

[Police pension scheme 1987](#)

Guidance on commutation on retirement was published on 11 July. It refers to Regulation B7 of The Police Pensions Regulations 1987 (SI 1987/257).

[Data Retention & Investigatory Powers Bill receives Royal Assent](#)

Legislation to ensure UK law enforcement and intelligence agencies continue to have access to the vital evidence and information they need to investigate criminal activity, prevent terrorism and protect the public has received Royal Assent.

[Queen's Speech 2014](#)

Introduced the following 11 Bills:

- Armed Forces (Service Complaints and Financial Assistance) Bill
- Childcare Payments Bill
- Infrastructure Bill
- [Modern Slavery Bill](#)
- National Insurance Contributions Bill
- Private Pensions Bill
- Pensions Tax Bill
- Recall of MPs Bill
- [Serious Crime Bill](#)
- Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill
- Social Action, Responsibility and Heroism Bill
- Protection of Charities Bill
- Riot (Damages) Bill
- National Park Authorities (Elections) Bill

[Immigration Act 2014 has received Royal Assent.](#)

The Immigration Bill has received Royal Assent making way for a series of reforms which will ensure our immigration system is fairer to British citizens and legitimate migrants and tougher on those with no right to be here. The Immigration Act 2014 contains 77 clauses and makes fundamental changes to how our immigration system functions.

[Care Act 2014 has received Royal Assent.](#)

[Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 Amendments](#)

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act, which has been updated to reflect the latest amendments.

[Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 overarching documents](#)

These documents contain some updates from when they were last published. They include a schedule of when the various sections of the Act are being implemented.

[Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014](#)

It provides many of the measures which underpin the Transforming Rehabilitation programme.

[Penalties for Disorderly Behaviour \(Amount of Penalty\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014](#)

The UK Government has taken the view that the risks and potential harms associated with khat are sufficient as to warrant its control as a Class C drug – alongside its active ingredients. This Order sets the amount of penalty that a person will have to pay when given a penalty notice for disorder (PND) for the offence of possession of khat.

[The Terrorism Act 2000 \(Proscribed Organisations\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2014](#)

This Order amends the Terrorism Act 2000 by adding groups to the list of proscribed organisations

[The Criminal Justice Act 1988 \(Reviews of Sentencing\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014](#)

[Written statement on tax exemptions on councillor's travel](#)

The Financial Secretary to the Treasury (David Gauke MP): The Government has announced that it intends to introduce legislation to exempt from income tax and National Insurance contributions (NICs), travel expenses payments made to local councillors.

2. Strategic policing and crime news

[Home Secretary statement on police reform](#)

Home Secretary Theresa May outlines measures to improve standards of police integrity.

[Police forces meeting the challenge of austerity, says HMIC report](#)

Police forces in England and Wales have met the financial challenge of the spending review – crime continues to fall, victim satisfaction is up, and forces are protecting their front line services as best they can, an HMIC report found.

ACPO comment on HMIC report on Policing in Austerity

ACPO President Sir Hugh Orde said:

“The HMIC have recognised the considerable efforts of police leaders across the country to deliver the cuts they have been required to make while protecting front-line services. Crime has continued to fall and the Home Secretary has said the police are the ‘model public service’ for the way we’ve dealt with the cuts.”

[IPCC July Bulletin](#)

Learning the Lessons bulletins summarise investigations conducted by the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) or police forces where learning opportunities are identified.

[Taser use should be 'robustly justified,' says IPCC review](#)

Taser use should be closely analysed and each use robustly justified to ensure the device is being used appropriately and not as a default when other options may be available, according to an Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) report.

ACPO response to IPCC report on use of Taser by police

National Policing Lead for Taser Commander Neil Basu said:

“The use of Taser is an emotive subject. The UK police have introduced its use into mainstream operational policing with great care, listening to and understanding the concerns people have raised and responding accordingly.”

["The Impact of International Migration in the East Midlands"](#)

The report identifies that there remains a lack of awareness and informed discussion about the scale and impact of international migration within Parliament, the media and the public at large.

[Government response to Home Affairs committee inquiry into Reform of the Police Federation](#)

[Ministry of Justice](#)

Transforming the Criminal Justice System - Strategy and Action Plan Implementation Update

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

The Home Office has published the Statutory Guidance for Frontline Practitioners.

[End of day adjournment debate: Alleged Police Crimes \(Investigations\)](#)

[Police charges for removing and storing stolen cars - Commons Library Briefing Note](#)

The police can charge for the removal, storage and disposal of vehicles. This applies to stolen vehicles as well as to abandoned and illegally parked cars. The charge for the removal of such vehicles varies according to their size and condition. For a car under 3.5 tonnes, the removal charge would be £150, and the storage charges would be £20 per day.

[Home Secretary announces complaints review](#)

The Home Secretary has announced plans for major reform of the way complaints about the police are handled, including the possibility of public disciplinary hearings.

[Intelligence-led safeguarding](#)

You tube interview with a MASH Project Co-ordinator.

[TVT tackles mentally ill detained in police cells](#)

More than 500 people with mental health issues in the Thames Valley were locked in police cells in the last two years due to a lack of NHS resources.

[Fast track inspectors about 'quality not quantity'](#)

More than 2,000 people applied for the first ever fast track inspector scheme and they have already been whittled down to just 119.

[Decriminalising drugs: Would it reduce crime rates?](#)

It's the issue that refuses to go away. Should drugs be decriminalised and if so, will that cut crime and the workload of officers? Durham Chief Constable Mike Barton is one of the few high-profile officers prepared to speak out on the issue.

3. Developments and reports

Better Policing Collaborative final Report

From the College of Policing Innovation Capacity Building Fund – the Better Policing Collaborative brought together a group of internationally recognised researchers from a wide range of academic disciplines who are focussed on crime and policing, 5 universities (Nottingham, Aston Birmingham, Liverpool, and Warwick), together with Skills for Justice joined with five police forces (Derbyshire, Merseyside, Nottinghamshire, South Yorkshire and the West Midlands).

[Public would not want to be in the position of police as Code of Ethics becomes official](#)

To mark the launch of the new Code of Ethics for police, the College of Policing asked 2,043 members of the public how they might deal with some of the ethical dilemmas faced every day by those in policing.

[Stop and search project launched by Release](#)

Release has launched 'Y-Stop, a new stop and search project for young people by young people.

[Tackling hate crime](#)

A new independent Hate Crime Hub has been launched to support those affected by hate crime and raise awareness.

[Unstitch](#)

Fixers UK has produced a short film to raise awareness of Female Genital Mutilation.

[Mapping restorative justice provision in the criminal justice system across England and Wales](#)

The Restorative Justice Council has commissioned researchers at the Hallam Centre for Community Justice at Sheffield Hallam University to undertake a mapping exercise of restorative justice provision within the criminal justice sector across England and Wales.

This exercise is one element of a programme funded by the Ministry of Justice. If you provide, commission or refer to RJ services in the criminal justice sector you can take part in this survey.

[Restorative Justice Council](#)

Ipsos MORI survey findings

[University of Manchester](#)

Law, order and irregularity: Undocumented migrants and UK immigration policy

[Home Secretary supports campaign to prevent young people travelling to Syria and Iraq](#)

The campaign – ‘Families Matter’ – has been launched by Families Against Stress and Trauma (FAST), a community organisation which provides support to vulnerable families and individuals across the country.

[Statement on Child Abuse \(Commons and Lords\)](#)

The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mrs Theresa May): The sexual abuse of children is an abhorrent crime which the Government are absolutely committed to stamping out.

[Too many still risking lives by drink and drug driving – ACPO](#)

Despite repeated warnings about the dangers of driving under the influence of drink or drugs, too many people are still risking their lives and others on our roads, the National Policing Lead for Roads Policing has said.

[Conservative Parliamentary Private Secretaries announced](#)

[Derbyshire businesses receive £3m boost](#)

Businesses in Derbyshire will be able to bid for a share of £3m to generate jobs and to improve the local economy. Businesses in Derbyshire are to benefit from a £3m fund to assist small enterprises. The Derbyshire Economic Partnerships secured the money from the government’s Regional Growth Fund. The scheme is backed by Derbyshire County Council.

[Councils save money by sharing ICT services](#)

Three councils have formed a new company to deliver ICT services. Strata Service Solutions Ltd will be wholly owned and controlled by Exeter City, Teignbridge District, and East Devon District Councils. A £2.2m investment will come from the three councils to set-up the company, with Exeter and East Devon fronting more money than Teignbridge.

[Council launches performance dashboard](#)

West Sussex County Council has spent £20,000 developing a new performance dashboard that enables residents and journalists to access data that shows if key targets are being met. A new platform that enables residents and journalists monitor if key targets are being met has been implemented by West Sussex County Council.

[Councils plan to launch their own social worker agency](#)

Three councils are planning to form a recruitment agency to help deliver their children’s social care services through the provision of locum social workers.

[Cutting public sector food waste through new buying standard](#)

From 2017, central government will commit to buying fresh, locally sourced, seasonal food, in an attempt to reduce waste through food reduction. Newly appointed environment secretary Elizabeth Truss revealed that this will be done through a new, simplified food and drink buying standard.

[Public sector staff to be given training on FGM](#)

Teachers, doctors and social workers are to be given extra training to help identify and assist girls at risk of female genital mutilation (FGM).

[MPs call for B&B ban for young care leavers](#)

Young adults leaving the care system in England should not be placed in bed and breakfasts (B&Bs), and should have the right to stay in care until they are 21, say MPs.

[Councils must make roads safer for cyclists – Transport Select Committee](#)

The government should make it “easier and cheaper” for local authorities to bring in lower speed limits to reduce the number of cycling fatalities on the country’s roads, the Transport Select Committee has stated.

[Spending cuts ‘disproportionately’ affecting northern councils](#)

Local authority budget cuts are ‘disproportionately’ affecting councils in the north of England and those in the most deprived areas. Research by the Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute (SPERI) revealed that councils in the North West have experienced an average reduction of £234.76 per person, followed by Yorkshire with £197.24 per person, and the North East with £189.16.

[£100m fund will put power in the hands of tenants](#)

Since November 2013, tenants living in council housing have had a right to request that management of their homes be transferred to a housing association. From now, tenants wishing to exercise this right will be able to bid for a share of £100m to help that process. The fund is also available for councils wishing to transfer their stock.

[Department for Education](#)

Characteristics of children in need in England: 2012 -2013

[Ministry of Justice](#)

Language services in courts and tribunals statistics: 2012 - 2014

[Office for National Statistics](#)

Crime in England and Wales, Year Ending March 2014

[Adfam](#)

Troubled Families Update - discussion paper

[Alcohol Academy](#)

Selling to drunks? Presentations from recent event

[Centre for Social Justice](#)

Fully Committed? How government could reverse family breakdown

[Department for Communities and Local Government](#)

Tenants Leading Change

[EMCDDA](#)

Europol Joint Report on new psychoactive substances

[Equality and Human Rights Commission](#)

Annual Reports and Accounts 2013-2014

[Howard League for Penal Reform](#)

Breaking point: Understaffing and overcrowding in prisons

[Unlock](#)

Developing effective, efficient banking and secure access to banking for people in prison before release

[Local Government Ombudsman](#)

Review of Local Government Complaints 2013-2014

[New Local Government Network](#)

Integrating NewTown: NLGN Policy Summit

[More flexibility for NHS doctors under European Working Time Directive](#)

Significant changes will be considered so doctors can train and work more flexibly, the Government announced. These changes will be explored in response to an independent review of the impact and implementation of the European Working Time Directive on the NHS and Health Professionals.

The third of [NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups](#) that were reported to have no plans to retender community services despite widespread expectation among public and independent sector providers that these contracts would come up for tender between now and April 2016.

An independent review of [Staff Engagement and Empowerment](#) in the NHS called for the “accelerated evolution” of alternative models of healthcare provider, including staff owned mutuals.

Data from the [Crime Survey of England and Wales](#) showed a record 14 per cent fall in crime in the last 12 months to reach the lowest level in 33 years.

[Government bans use of CCTV 'spy cars' for on-street parking](#) - Use of closed circuit television spy cars on their own to enforce on-street parking made illegal.

A report by the [Institute for Fiscal Studies](#) found that the “recession and its aftermath have been much harder on the young than the old”.

[Britain's energy: Security strategy now fully in place](#) - Edward Davey has announced the amount of electricity generation capacity the Government will procure when it re-introduces a capacity market into the UK later this year.

[Faster journeys - for Britain's drivers as work starts on smart motorway](#) - Construction is going to start on the M1 and M3 as part of 3 major schemes to cut road congestion.

[The School Revolution: how reforms are transforming schools](#) - The Department for Education has published a new film detailing the education reforms that are transforming schools in England.

LGiU recently published [“Public Houses: How councils and communities can protect pubs”](#), in partnership with CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale. The report looks at the vital that councils can play to support communities seeking to protect pubs from redevelopment.

[Campaigners respond to higher speed limit for lorries on rural roads](#)

Campaign for Better Transport has responded to Government's announcement that the speed limits for lorries on single carriageway roads is to be raised to 50 mph.

[£11 million boost for hauliers as speed limit raised](#)

Hauliers across England and Wales could see a £11 million a year boost as the government raises the speed limit for lorries on single carriageway roads to 50 mph. The government has also launched a 6 week [consultation on plans to increase the speed limits for HGVs on dual carriageways from 50 mph to 60 mph](#).

4. Consultations

Framework regulation integrating business statistics (FRIBS)

Open date: 15/07/2014
Close date: 07/10/2014

Consultation on the renewal of the EU Internal Security Strategy

Open date: 14/07/2014
Close date: 03/10/2014

Restricting non-residents' entitlement to the UK personal allowance

Open date: 17/07/2014
Close date: 09/10/2014

[College of Policing's consultation on detention and custody](#)

This consultation on new police guidance on detention and custody was published on 24 June. The closing date is 12 August.

[College of Policing's consultation on management of sexual and violent offenders](#)

A consultation by the College of Policing on new guidance on the management of sexual and violent offenders was launched on 11 July. The closing date is 5 September.

[College of Policing consults on investigation of rape and sexual offences](#)

The College of Policing has published consultation on the investigation of rape and sexual offences. It closes on 22 September.

[1st August 2014 - Reform of Damages Act 1986](#)

[14th August 2014 - Setting the persistent child poverty target](#)

[5th September 2014 Consultation launched on the management of dangerous offenders](#)

[Changes to Mental Health Act \(1983\) Code of Practice](#)

Seeks comments on proposed changes to legislation governing the treatment of people with mental health problems. Close date: 12/09/2014.

[Have your say on the National Minimum Wage](#)

Consultation closes on the 29 September 2014.

[Custody consultation looks at use of force](#)

The College of Policing has launched a consultation on new guidance covering the management of people who have been detained. The [document looks in particular at procedures for dealing with those placed in custody](#) – but not arrested - using the Mental Health Act, as well as recommending that any such decision is reviewed by a superintendent. The guidance also recommends that ‘standard data’ should be collected on the use of force on those who are being detained. Consultation closes on 12th August.

[Healthcare UK is holding its first open strategy consultation](#)

Healthcare UK is inviting its stakeholders to take part in an open consultation on the 24th July to review the 2014/15 business plan.

[Setting the 2020 persistent child poverty target](#)

The Government is seeking views on a proposed new persistent child poverty target for the UK to be achieved by 2020. The consultation runs until 14th August.

[HMIC asks public for views on new assessments of police forces in England and Wales](#)

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) has launched a consultation in relation to its new approach to assessing police force performance in England and Wales. Closes Friday 29 August 2014.

[Setting the 2020 persistent child poverty target](#)

Seeking views on a proposed new persistent child poverty target for the UK, to be achieved by 2020. Consultation closes on the 14/08/2014.

[Protecting personal health and care data](#)

Seeks views on proposals to introduce tighter controls and safeguards on the use of personal health and care data. Consultation closes on the 08/08/2014.

[Recovery of public sector exit payments](#)

This consultation seeks views on the government’s plans to legislate for the recovery of exit payments when high earners return to the same part of the public sector within twelve months of leaving. Consultation closes on the 17/09/2014.

[Integrated inspections to assess the contribution of all professionals to the help, care and protection of children and young people](#)

The consultation launch of the targeted programme of integrated inspections. This marks a major step forward in the way that the contribution of local agencies is assessed with regards to the help, care and protection of children, young people and families. Closes on 12 September 2014.

[NICE quality standards – the process guide](#)

The second update to the process guide for developing NICE quality standards is now available for comment in draft form. Note that the process guide is provisional and may change after consultation. **Consultation dates: Tuesday 10 June - Wednesday 3 September 2014**

[Reform of the Riot \(Damages\) Act](#)

Consultation on proposals to reform and modernise the Riot (Damages) Act 1886. The consultation will close on 1 August 2014.

[Data policy for a Public Data Corporation](#)

Views wanted on how to provide accessible public sector information. The consultation will close on 27 October 2014.

5. Reviews and Inspections

[HMIC provides assurance that chief constables are having regard to the Strategic Policing Requirement – but finds that more needs to be done](#)

This inspection examined how well police forces have established the arrangements that the Strategic Policing Requirement requires them to have in place to counter a number of specified threats to national security and public safety. It is based on data and documentary evidence provided by all 43 police forces in England and Wales in July 2013. It includes supporting fieldwork, conducted in 18 forces, and in nine Regional Organised Crime Units (ROCUs).

[HMIC Programme](#)

HMIC sets out its inspection programme and resources for the year ahead.

Thematic Inspections already Committed to in 2014/15:

- Making Best Use of Police Time
- Valuing the Police Programme – Phase 4
- Undercover Policing (Home Secretary Commission)
- Domestic Abuse (Home Secretary Commission)
- Crime Data Integrity – July 2014
- Child Protection – July 2014

Thematic Inspections Commencing in 2014/15

- Valuing the Police Programme – Phase 5
- Strategic Policing Requirement
- Police Integrity and Leadership (Police Integrity and Corruption)
- Follow up to Mistakes Were Made Report
- Revisit of Stop and Search
- Protecting Vulnerable People Programme: Missing Children
- Police Management of Information
- Police National Database (PND) Audit
- Use of the Police National Computer (PNC) by Non-Police Organisations

Proposed Topics for New Thematic Inspections in 2014/15

- Modern Slavery
- So-Called Honour Based Violence (HBV)
- Cyber Crime.