



## 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. **Policing and crime key developments** (relevant crime and criminal justice information and partners' policy/reports/campaigns)
3. **Reports** (covering research, reviews, inspections and audits across policing and crime)
4. **Consultations** (police and crime bulletins, research, consultations and press releases)

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## 1. Legislation

[Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill](#) - The **Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill** completed the commons committee stage on 16 July 2013.

## 2. Policing and crime key developments

### [Damian Green speech on excellence in policing](#)

Speech given by Damian Green at the ACPO Excellence in Policing in Ryton. "The old ways of ticking the boxes for the targets are gone. I want the police to be responsive to the needs and desires of the people you serve, not Whitehall whims. Cutting costs is good, it is other people's money you, and I, spend. But that is not the 'point' of our policing reforms. Police have to use their judgment, good judgement, all the time. That judgment – whether to arrest or caution for a low-level vehicle crime, or whether someone caught cycling on a pavement needs a telling-off or a fixed penalty notice – is always crucial and always builds towards the one overriding aim of cutting crime. Officers must judge what the right thing to do is, but of course always within the confines of the law."

[Progress report published with update on the review of the IPCC's work in investigating deaths](#) - The IPCC has published a progress report providing an update on the emerging findings of its review of investigations involving death following contact with the police, and the progress made and planned towards addressing the issues raised.

[IPCC launches investigation in to contact by Metropolitan Police Service officers with Leytonstone woman before her death](#) - An Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) investigation is underway in to previous police contact by Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) officers and a 29-year-old woman before her death.

[HMIC's approach to monitoring forces: An overview for the public, forces and local policing bodies](#) - This document sets out how HMIC monitors forces, and the steps which we can take if we have concerns about a particular force. Get the document HMIC's approach to monitoring forces.

**Derbyshire – Joint inspection of custody suites** - There were some areas of concern about police custody in Derbyshire, as well as some good practice, said Nick Hardwick, Chief Inspector of Prisons, and Dru Sharpling, HM Inspector of Constabulary, publishing the report of an unannounced inspection.

**Integrated offender management: Findings from the 2013 survey** - This document is a summary of the findings from the IOM survey of April 2013.

**Labour pledge to change disability hate crime law** - The Labour Party has said that it would reform the disability hate crime law so that it has parity with other forms of hate crime.

**College of Policing outlines its plans to enhance the delivery of frontline policing in England and Wales.** The College of Policing has published its plans to enhance and set standards in policing, accredit educational providers and forge closer links between policing, academics and universities to assess what really works in reducing crime.

**Under 12s targeted by police stop-and-search teams** - Almost 17,000 drug searches have been carried out by police on children under the age of 15 in London in just a year, figures have revealed.

**Reported road casualties Great Britain: annual report 2012** - The Reported Road Casualties in Great Britain (RRCGB) Annual Report: 2012 presents detailed statistics about the circumstances of personal injury accidents, including the types of vehicles involved, the resulting casualties and factors which may contribute to accidents. In addition to detailed tables there are four articles containing further analysis on specific road safety.

## **Home Office**

Police led prosecutions pathfinder areas. The nine pathfinder areas are:

- Essex
- Hampshire
- Kent
- Lincolnshire
- Metropolitan Police Service
- Nottinghamshire
- Norfolk
- Suffolk
- West Yorkshire

All pathfinder areas adopted a core model for police-led prosecutions, covering dedicated traffic courts, centralised case management, and improved communications between October and December 2012. In most pathfinder areas the police began prosecuting new offences, exceptional hardship and proof in absence cases by January 2013.

**Dry January 2014** - Alcohol Concern has announced plans for Dry January 2014 - its forthcoming campaign. This campaign is to help people think about their drinking, perhaps break bad habits and maybe make a change by cutting down for the rest of the year.

**Addiction** - Alcohol, nightlife and violence: the relative contributions of drinking before and during nights out to negative health and criminal justice outcomes.

[Search begins to find best organisations to tackle high reoffending rates](#) - The Ministry of Justice has launched a competition with more than 700 organisations from across the world looking to turn offenders' lives around, as part of an annual £450 million package of rehabilitation contracts across England and Wales.

[Ministry of Justice](#) - Transforming Rehabilitation: a summary of evidence on reducing re-offending.

[Open Society Justice Initiative and Stopwatch](#) - Viewed with suspicion - The human cost of Stop and Search in England and Wales. This report looks at some of the personal stories behind the numbers.

[Policy Exchange](#) - Centres of Excellence? The role of Children's Centres in early intervention.

[The Children's Society](#) - Still at risk: A review of support for trafficked children. This report presents the findings from a short, small scale Home Office funded scoping review of the practical care and safeguarding arrangements for trafficked children, and those who may have been trafficked, who are in the local authority care system.

[Too many child protection units still failing children – Ofsted](#) - The worst-performing councils for child protection are not improving fast enough, Ofsted says.

[Victim speaks out against domestic violence after revealing horrific injuries from attack by boyfriend](#) - A 23-year-old woman who was viciously attacked by her boyfriend released shocking photographs last night of her beaten body in an effort to help other victims of domestic violence.

[Spending cuts could force Greater Manchester Police to axe 700 officers](#) - The force must find further savings worth nearly £66m and the cuts will fall on frontline officers, who have been protected until now.

[Greater Manchester remembers murdered PCs](#) - Greater Manchester Police has marked the one year anniversary of the deaths of murdered PCs Fiona Bone and Nicola Hughes, reflecting on 'a difficult time for the force'.

[A Police Officer pocketed overpaid salary](#) - A POLICE officer was overpaid for seven years and pocketed tens of thousands of pounds from Essex.

[Airmax display Future UK Police Vehicle at show](#) - Blue Light telematics and fleet management company Airmax is making its first appearance at the Emergency Services Show.

[Survey highlights interoperability issues among emergency services](#) - A recent survey of emergency services first responders has highlighted recent improvements in interoperability but suggested that challenges still remain to achieve optimum integration.

[Charging brings in more income than council tax for one in five councils, says Audit Commission](#)

The Audit Commission has published 'Income from charging: Using data from the VFM Profiles, September 2013', a briefing drawn from its Value for Money (VFM) Profiles. The

briefing presents the Commission's analysis of the £10.2 billion that English councils raised through charging for services in 2011/12.

**Guidance from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence has suggested that all children should undergo mental health checks at school from the age of seven** ([Telegraph](#); [Times](#)).

**[Drink drive deaths soar by a quarter to almost 300 in a year sparking calls for random breath tests](#)** - Road casualty figures for 2012, to be released today, are expected to confirm estimates that deaths involving drink driving increased by more than 25 per cent compared with 2011.

**[Police chief puts stop to multi-million pound GMP IT deal](#)** - Greater Manchester's police and crime commissioner Tony Lloyd puts £30m contract out to tender, rather than handing it to professional services giant EY.

**[Chief calls for officers' help over force problems](#)** - North Yorkshire chief constable says he is being given a filtered version of the truth regarding work issues – rather than "the manure".

**[Yvette Cooper MP's speech to Labour Party Annual Conference](#)**

**[Child sex abuse case PC found dead at home in Norfolk](#)** - A police constable who was arrested on suspicion of child sex crimes after returning from a trip to Thailand was found dead at his home, it has emerged.

**[Integrity: Leaders must tackle 'corruption threats'](#)**

Greater consistency, transparency and earlier intervention is needed to tackle the "corruption threat" to the Police Service before it adversely impacts public confidence, it has been claimed.

**[Enhancing Accountability for Sexual Violence in Conflict](#)**

Remarks by Foreign Secretary William Hague During UN Side Event on Enhancing Accountability for Sexual Violence in Conflict.

## 3. Reports

**[New Local Government Network](#)**

Localism 2015 - Where next for the political parties? In order to start a conversation between local and national leaders in advance of the manifesto writing process, NLGN have produced a collection of political essays from council leaders and influencers from all the main parties.

**According to a report published by the Mental Health Foundation, mental health services are being strained by the growing number of people with mental illnesses.** The report argues that this is due to an ageing population, increasing instances of mental illness across the whole population, and restrictions on spending in the NHS ([Guardian](#)).

**[Alliance for Useful Evidence](#)** - Social Media and Public Policy.

[Supply-chain Recovery is a Competitive Capability](#) - A White Paper on the need to plan for supply chain risk mitigation and recovery, and how to go about it.

[Demos](#) - The Faith Collection - Exploring the role of faith in British society and politics.

[Department of Communities and Local Government](#) - Evaluating the extent of rough sleeping.

[Homes and Communities Agency](#) - Sector Risk Profile 2013. It focuses on the financial risks that may cause a provider to fail to comply with our economic standards, in particular the viability element of the Governance and Financial Viability standard.

[Joseph Rowntree Foundation](#) - A role for equity finance in UK housing markets?

[Oxfam](#) - A Cautionary Tale: The true cost of austerity and inequality in Europe. An additional 15 to 25 million people across Europe could face the prospect of living in poverty by 2025 if austerity measures continue.

The [Public Accounts Committee](#) has published its report Integration across government and Whole-Place Community Budgets.

[Firefighter strikes](#) - Around 32,000 firemen walked out yesterday for the first time in a decade in a row over pensions. Members of the Fire Brigades Union left their stations and set up picket lines after almost 80 per cent voted for a strike.

### [Community budgets lack commitment from some Departments – PAC](#)

The Public Accounts Committee has said that Whitehall departments are standing in the way of community budgets by jealously guarding their own funds and power need to be forced into action.

['End the public sector pay cap' – Labour conference](#) - Labour will be challenged to end its support for the 1% public sector pay cap at its conference in Brighton today.

[Councillors must disclose trade union links – DCLG](#) - Councillors are being forced to disclose their trade union 'dealings' under new Government rules.

[Cash boost for councils backing neighbourhood planning](#) - With over 500 areas already developing neighbourhood plans, communities across the country are to benefit from a £7.5 million funding boost to follow suit and take centre stage in planning the homes and businesses they want in their area, Planning Minister [Nick Boles](#) has announced. As new community rights mark their 1 year anniversary, councils around the country can claim up to £100,000 a year to help their communities start a neighbourhood plan, with an additional £25,000 for plans that pass a successful examination.

[The latest update on the state of the world's climate will be released on Friday in Stockholm, Sweden.](#) - Scientists and government officials from 195 countries have been meeting all week ahead of the publication from the UN-sponsored Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

[Estimates of the Very Old \(including Centenarians\), England and Wales, 2002 - 2012](#)

Release from the Office of National Statistics:

- In 2012 there were estimated to be 465,500 people aged 90 and over living in England and Wales, just under 1% of the total population.
- Between 2002 and 2012 there has been a 33% increase in the number of those aged 90 and over.
- In 2012 in England and Wales, the number of centenarians (those aged 100 and over) was estimated to be 12,320.
- There were estimated to be 2.6 women per man aged 90 and over and 5.9 women per man aged 100 and over in England and Wales in 2012.

## **Business Register and Employment Survey, 2012**

Release from the Office of National Statistics:

- The level of employees in the UK showed an increase of 0.5% between September 2011 and September 2012.
- The number of UK full-time employees increased by 30,000, while the number of part-time employees increased by 96,000.

## **Labour Productivity, Q2 2013**

Release from the Office of National Statistics:

- On an output per hour basis, UK labour productivity increased by 0.5% in the second quarter of 2013. Market sector productivity increased by 0.6% over this period.

**Councils should create more 20mph zones – DfT** - Transport minister Norman Baker has urged more councils to implement 20mph zones and to take advantage of new freedoms to make their own decisions on sign lighting and removing 'signage clutter'.

## **4. Consultations**

### **Local Government Finance Settlement 2014-15 and 2015-16: technical consultation**

The closing date for consultation responses is 2 October.

**Sentencing Council Launches Public Consultation on the Sentencing of Fraud, Bribery and Money Laundering Offences** - The consultation closes on 4 October 2013.

### **Drinkaware call for evidence on binge drinking**

Drinkaware is launching a review in support of the Government's Alcohol Strategy to develop a coherent, well evidenced strategy with regard to the role that Drinkaware could play in reducing the harm from public drunkenness and its negative consequences. The consultation runs until 11th October.

**Consultation on prescription drug tramadol** - The deadline for responses is 11 October 2013.

### **Greater flexibility for change of use**

In order to support the Government's priorities for making better use of existing buildings a consultation on proposed changes to planning regulations has been launched and will run until 15 October.

### **Public sector procurement changes to help SMEs win business**



The Government has published its consultation on making public sector procurement more accessible to SMEs – which could mean every public sector organisation having to use the same pre-qualification questionnaire as central Government. The consultation closes on the 17 October.

## [Alcohol fraud: next steps](#)

This consultation provides further details and seeks views on the next steps the Government plans to take to tackle existing and emerging threats to the UK alcohol duty regime. The consultation runs until 28 October.

## **Conducting Privacy Impact Assessments Code of Practice consultation**

The ICO is consulting on its draft '[Conducting privacy impact assessments code of practice](#)' and would like to hear views. The deadline for responses is 5 November.

## [Needle and syringe programmes \(update\): guideline consultation](#)

NICE is conducting an update of [NICE public health guidance 18 \(2009\)](#). The updated guidance has been extended to focus on providing needle and syringe programmes (NSPs) for young people aged under 16 who inject drugs and users of performance and image-enhancing drugs. The consultation closes on the 5 November.

## [Do drug and alcohol workers need a Voluntary Professional Register?](#)

Skills for Justice is carrying out a consultation and are seeking views of practitioners, employers, membership organisations, commissioners of services and policy makers.

## [Biodiversity offsetting in England](#)

Biodiversity offsetting ensures that when a development damages nature (and this damage cannot be avoided) new, bigger or better nature sites will be created. This consultation sets out proposals for biodiversity offsetting and how it might be introduced in England. The consultation provides an overview of biodiversity offsetting, explores how it might operate, and introduces the key issues that would need to be addressed. The consultation is open until 7 November 2013.

## [Consultation on enabling targeted, local alternatives to personal licences to sell alcohol](#)

The Minister of State for Crime Prevention (Jeremy Browne): A consultation on enabling targeted, local alternatives to personal licences to sell alcohol has been launched.

## [Registration of providers of social work services](#)

In January and February of this year, the department consulted on proposals to commence part 1 of the Children and Young Persons Act 2008 (CYPA).

## [Data sharing between public bodies](#)

The Law Commission has published a consultation paper on the subject of data sharing between public bodies. The project aims to establish whether the perceived obstacles are embedded in practice or culture, or whether they are to do with the substance of the law and how it is written. The consultation will run until 16th December 2013.