



## 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)
3. **Developments and reports** (covering research across political, economic, social, technological, environmental and organisations)
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

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

New tools and powers, with the exception of Civil Injunction, come into effect.

### [Dangerous dogs: tough new law to prevent attacks](#)

Police and local authorities are to be given new legal powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership.

### [Home Office](#)

Serious Crime Bill overview.

### [Home Office](#)

Statutory instruments plan.

### [Consumers given new weapon in fight against rogue traders](#)

Consumers will have greater powers to challenge unscrupulous rogue traders and get their money back under new rights.

### [Fraud, bribery and money laundering offences guideline comes into effect](#)

Following a period of training and implementation the definitive guideline on fraud, bribery and money laundering offences came into effect from 1st October 2014.

### [The Modern Slavery Bill](#)

This Bill has now been committed to a Public Bill Committee. The Public Bill Committee is expected to report to the House by 14 October 2014.

### **Social Action, Responsibility and Heroism Bill**

The Public Bill Committee is expected to report to the House by **14 October 2014**.

### [Upcoming secondary legislation published](#)

## [Human Rights Joint Committee](#)

Second Report - Legislative Scrutiny - (1) Serious Crime Bill (2) Crime Justice Courts Bill.

## [New powers to evict 'nightmare tenants' come into force](#)

Landlords have been handed new powers to speed up the eviction of antisocial tenants. Private and social landlords will now be able to use a person's previous convictions for serious antisocial behaviour to trigger proceedings.

## 2. Strategic policing and crime news

### [Home Office](#)

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act - a range of supporting documents.

### [Helping the police to support people with vulnerabilities](#)

The Home Office has produced a booklet that advises on new and improved ways the police can deal with people with mental health problems, learning disabilities or drug misuse issues.

### [Anti-social behaviour a consequence, rather than a cause of homelessness says the Economic and Social Research Council](#)

Anti-social behaviours such as drug and alcohol abuse are often the consequence, rather than the cause of homelessness, according to a series of studies from Northumbria University presented at the Economic and Social Research Council's 2014 Festival of Social Science. The studies suggest that contrary to common belief, unexpected life events could lead to anyone becoming homeless.

### [Ministry of Justice](#)

Further breakdowns of proven re-offending of adult offenders in England and Wales released from custodial sentences of less than 12 months, by region.

### [Ministry of Justice](#)

Female genital mutilation: proposal to introduce a Civil Protection Order - consultation response.

### [National Audit Office](#)

Managing and removing foreign national offenders.

### [Drugs policy: Government statement](#)

Publication of the expert panel's report and recommendations on an expert panel's look at the challenge of New Psychoactive Substances this challenging issue alongside the Government's response to those recommendations.

### [Armed Police Scotland policy backed by independent report](#)

The independent inspector of constabulary has backed Police Scotland's policy of allowing a small number of officers to carry firearms while on routine duties.

## 3. Developments and reports

### [Seizures of drugs in England and Wales, financial year ending 2014](#)

Contains the number of drug seizures made and quantity of drugs seized.

### [Police officer numbers: Thousands 'plan to leave service'](#)

More than 5,000 police officers in England and Wales are planning to leave the service in the next two years, a Police Federation survey suggests. Of the 32,000 officers who responded, 94% said they believed morale in the service was low or very low.

### [Deloitte: The State of the State 2014-15](#)

Analyses the UK public sector. This year's report finds that the UK is halfway through fiscal consolidation, but that the second round of cuts to come in the next Parliament will require more tough decisions. The report states: "The public spending outlook may appear bleak and government may need to balance citizen expectation with affordability. But continued reform – based on evidence about what works and driven by effective leaders – will help maximise the public sector's effectiveness and allow it to thrive as it continues to rise to its challenges."

### [Voluntary sector at forefront of new fight against reoffending](#)

A major step towards completing the Government's crucial rehabilitation reforms, as the organisations that will play a key role in turning round the lives of offenders were announced. The move paves the way for the launch early next year of Government plans to extend support and supervision post-prison for 45,000 short sentence prisoners who are currently left to walk the streets after their release. Currently almost 60% of these reoffend within a year.

### [Help for victims](#)

A new website has been launched to support victims of crime.

### [Child sexual exploitation a 'social norm' in parts of Greater Manchester](#)

Child sexual exploitation has become the social norm in parts of Greater Manchester, according to an inquiry report ordered in the wake of the Rochdale grooming scandal.

### [Crime bill undermines ability to hold authorities to account, say lawyers](#)

Elements of the Criminal Justice and Courts Bill – which is expected to reach the House of Lords report stage this week – are 'an attack on judicial review', according to The Bar Council, the Law Society and the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEX).

### [Private companies win more than half of probation contracts](#)

Private companies have been announced the preferred bidders for more than half of the probation services to be privatised, despite justice secretary Chris Grayling's claims that charities and the voluntary sector would be at the "forefront of a new fight against reoffending".

### [National Audit Office](#)

Departmental Overview: The performance of the Department for Communities and Local Government.

### [Public Accounts Committee publishes "Reforming the UK border and immigration system"](#)

Reforming the UK border and immigration system: report published.

## [Helping women in prison maintain family links](#)

Women in custody will be given help to maintain vital ties with their families through the introduction of family engagement workers in all public sector women's prisons, Justice minister Simon Hughes has announced.

## [Prison deaths rise to highest level since records began in 1978 say Howard League](#)

The number of people dying in prison has risen to its highest level since records began in 1978, figures seen by the Howard League for Penal Reform reveal.

## [National Audit Office](#)

Departmental Overview: The performance of the Ministry of Justice.

## [Commission calls for 'urgent' overhaul of local government finance](#)

Local government in England could be funded largely by locally raised money if the finance system was reformed, according to a new report out today.

## [Sandwell becomes first council to provide free digital autopsies](#)

Sandwell Council will be the first local authority to pay for digital autopsies on behalf of bereaved local families.

## [Local government managers concerned over ethics](#)

Almost half of local government managers feel their authority has mediocre or poor standards of ethical behaviour, according to a new report.

## [Councils face £4.3bn funding 'black hole' for adult care](#)

Councils will face a £4.3bn funding 'black hole' for adult social care services by 2020, town hall chiefs have warned.

## [Councils spend 'unacceptably low' amount on public mental health](#)

Local authorities in England spend "unacceptably low" amounts on public mental health, according to new research from Mind, the mental health charity. The charity found that on average only 1.36% of the public health budget is spent on mental health.

## [Pickles praises Troubled Families success](#)

The government's Troubled families programme has helped to turn around the lives of 69,000 families, according to new figures published today.

## [Government and industry join together to tackle late payment](#)

Leading businesses and the public sector have come together to make sure suppliers are paid on time and treated fairly.

## [Cambridge council threaten Tesco store with community protection notice](#)

Cambridge City Council has threatened a local Tesco store with a community protection notice (CPN) if it does not deal with its litter problem. CPNs are a new power introduced this year under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

## [Better Care Fund boosted to £5.3bn to deploy 18,000 community workers](#)

The Better Care Fund is to be boosted to £5.3bn a year to help join up health and social care services. The extra £1.5bn, on top of the original £3.8bn, is reportedly to come from more pooling of local budgets – it is not new money.

## [Equality Authorisation 2014](#)

This written ministerial statement was laid in the House of Commons.

## [Councils paid over £100m to injured staff](#)

Councils have paid out £101m to staff in personal injury claims over the past five years, according to new figures.

## [LGA calls for 'urgent review' of Ofsted](#)

The Local Government Association has called for the government to launch an “urgent review” of Ofsted after a series of leaks and dramatic U-turns on inspection judgements brought into question the watchdog’s objectivity and credibility.

## [Commission intervenes in closure of Independent Living Fund](#)

The government’s decision to [close the Independent Living Fund \(ILF\)](#) will result in the loss of dignity and independence for disabled people, a High Court will hear today.

## [Birmingham sets out which services are at risk](#)

Birmingham City Council has warned it must make cuts of £300m more by 2018, saying next year’s budget will be the ‘hardest’ yet.

## [Institute for Government](#)

The Political Economy of Housing in England.

## [Help for 16 and 17 year olds to find work](#)

For the first time ever, 16 and 17 year olds are being helped to find work by Jobcentre Plus, in a bid to drive down youth unemployment even further.

## [New 'law for nature' call from charities](#)

A partnership of charities has called for new laws to restore the quality of the country’s natural space to boost public health.

## [DfT made decisions that 'lack common sense' – NAO](#)

The Department for Transport made major rail project decisions that lacked common sense and used unrealistic analysis, according to a new report from the National Audit Office (NAO).

## [Jobcentres set for digital upgrade](#)

The Jobcentre Plus network is about to undergo a digital revamp as the government invests in new equipment such as biometric software, PC workstations and free wi-fi.

## 4. Consultations

### [Robbery guideline consultation](#)

The Sentencing Council has launched a consultation on the draft guideline on robbery. The

consultation closes 23rd January 2015.

## **Consultation on Victim Charter May 2014**

Open date: 14/10/2014

Close date: 14/12/2014

## **Plans for Secure College rules consultation**

The purpose of the rules will be to set out the core parameters within which Secure Colleges will be required to operate to ensure that young people are detained safely and securely, and that their educational and rehabilitative needs are addressed. Consultation closes on 27 November 2014.

## **Proposed merger of the local justice areas in North Yorkshire**

This consultation was published on 1 October and closes on 31 December. Yorkshire.

## **Local policing – accountability, leadership and ethics**

The independent Committee on Standards in Public Life has launched an inquiry into the accountability structures of the police. Consultation closes 30 November 2014.

## **Ketamine rescheduling consultation**

The Home Office is seeking views on the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) recommendation to reschedule ketamine to Schedule 2 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulation (as amended) (the 2001 Regulations). The consultation runs until 3rd November 2014.

## **Disclosure review: revision of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 Code of Practice**

Open date: 10/10/2014

Close date: 07/11/2014

## **Adult social work: knowledge and skills**

Open date: 10/10/2014

Close date: 12/12/2014

## **5. Reviews and Inspections**

### **IPCC: Third Metropolitan Police officer summonsed to be charged with conspiracy to pervert the course of public justice**

### **IPCC: Independent investigation into Surrey Police's decision to return firearms to John Lowe**

### **IPCC: Investigation launched into events prior to death of man in a Plymouth harbour**

### **West Midlands Police inspected on child protection**

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) has today published an inspection report into the child protection work carried out by West Midlands Police, following an inspection in June 2014. This is part of a rolling programme of child protection inspections of all police forces in England and Wales.

## [2014 Value for money profiles](#)

HMIC has published the latest value for money profiles which provide comparative data on a wide range of policing activities.

## [HMIC Website](#)

Published the first 2014 PEEL update.

## [Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary](#)

An inspection of undercover policing in England and Wales.