



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

[Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill](#)

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

[New regulation of Private Investigators to be introduced](#)

The Home Office is to introduce a new system of regulation for private investigators to protect the public from unscrupulous activity.

[SI 2013/1682 The Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(Commencement No. 2 and Saving Provision\) Order 2013](#)

- Article 2 of this Order brought into force, on 29 July 2013, parts of Schedule 20 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013, which deals with extradition.

[SI 2013/1725 The Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(Commencement No. 3\) Order 2013](#) - This Order is the third commencement order made under the Crime and Courts Act 2013. This Order commences a number of provisions of the Act on 15 July 2013, and a smaller number on 1 October 2013.

[SI 2013/1554 The Criminal Procedure Rules 2013](#) - In force 7 October 2013. The Criminal Procedure Rules 2013 consolidate the Criminal Procedure Rules 2012, SI 2012/1726, with the amendments made by SI 2012/3089.

[SI 2013/1562 The Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(Designated Sites under Section 128\) \(Amendment\) Order 2013](#) - In force on 21 July 2013 with the exception of Article 4 of this Order which shall come into force on 3 October 2013.

[SI 2013/1579 The Penalties for Disorderly Behaviour \(Amount of Penalty\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2013](#) - In force on 1 July 2013. This Order is made under section 3(1) of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 and amends the Penalties for Disorderly Behaviour (Amount of Penalty) Order 2002 (SI 2002/1837).

[SI 2013/1629 The Coroners \(Investigations\) Regulations 2013](#) - In force on 25 July 2013. These Regulations regulate the practice and procedure relating to investigations into deaths carried out under Part 1 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009.

[SI 2013/1746 The Terrorism Act 2000 \(Proscribed Organisations\) \(Amendment\) Order 2013](#) - In force on 12 July 2013. Part 2 of the Terrorism Act 2000 makes provision about proscribed organisations (including setting out offences in relation to such organisations in sections 11 to 13).

[SI 2013/1778 The Police \(Complaints and Misconduct\)\(Old Cases\) Regulations 2013](#) In force 9 August 2013. These Regulations modify the application of Part 2 of the Police Reform Act 2002 and any provision made under it, by virtue of the power in section 28A(10) of that Act, to a matter in relation to which the Independent Police Complaints Commission has made a direction under section 28A(1) or (4) of the 2002 Act.

[SI 2013/1779 The Independent Police Complaints Commission \(Forces Maintained Otherwise than by Local Policing Bodies\) Order 2013](#) In force 16 August 2013. This Order is made under section 26 of the Police Reform Act 2002, which imposes a duty on the Secretary of State to secure the establishment and maintenance of procedures corresponding or similar to those made by or under Part 2 of that Act in relation to the Ministry of Defence Police and the British Transport Police Force.

[SI 2013/1780 The Police \(Promotion\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013](#) In force 19 August 2013. These Regulations amend the Police (Promotion) Regulations 1996 to allow a police constable who is on temporary promotion to the rank of sergeant while undertaking a work-based assessment for substantive promotion to that rank, and who is taking part in the High Potential Development (HPD) Scheme, to undertake the initial written examination for promotion to the rank of inspector.

[SI 2013/1795 The Proscribed Organisations \(Name Changes\) Order 2013](#) In force 19 July 2013. Part 2 of the Terrorism Act 2000 makes provision about proscribed organisations (including setting out offences in relation to such organisations in sections 11 to 13).

[SI 2013/1813 The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Destruction, Retention and Use of Biometric Data\) \(Transitional, Transitory and Saving Provisions\) Order 2013](#) This Order shall come into force on 31 October 2013 other than article 3 which shall come into force on 31 January 2014. This Order makes transitional, transitory or saving provision in connection with the coming into force of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (destruction, retention and use of biometric data).

[SI 2013/1814 The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Commencement No. 7\) Order 2013](#) This Order commences provisions in the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 which relate to the destruction, retention and use of material including fingerprints, DNA samples and DNA profiles.

2. Policing and crime key developments

[European Crime Prevention Award: Domestic Violence UK call for entries](#)

The annual call for entries to the European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) and EU Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN) Best Practice Conference has been announced. This year's conference and awards ceremony will be hosted in Vilnius, Lithuania on 11 December and the theme for 2013 is: "Prevention of Domestic Violence". The deadline for UK entries is Tuesday 17 September.

[New firearms guidance on domestic violence published](#)

New guidance, with specific provisions on domestic violence, will protect the public from people who are not suitable to hold firearms.

[National Network to End Domestic Violence \(NNEDV\) and Facebook](#)

Privacy and Safety on Facebook: A guide for survivors of abuse.

[MOPAC consultation on tackling violence against women and girls](#)

Stephen Greenhalgh, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, launched a consultation on violence against women and girls (VAWG) at his MOPAC Challenge session on 7 June 2013 which looked at how the Metropolitan Police Service and partners respond to VAWG crimes. This consultation document is a key step towards creating the Mayor's second VAWG strategy (2013-16) which is due to be launched in autumn this year.

[Home Office Publishes Report on Drug Use in England and Wales](#)

The Home Office has published a report on the misuse of drugs in 2012/2013. It examines the extent and trends in illicit drug use among a nationally representative sample of 16-59 year old residents in England and Wales, and is based on results obtained from the 2012/2013 Crime Survey for England and Wales.

[E-Crime](#)

The **Home Affairs Select Committee** has published its report on *e-crime*.

[Home Office Releases Statistics Relating to Police Use of Firearms for 2011-2012](#)

The Home Office has released statistics for 2011-2012 relating to the use of firearms within the police throughout England and Wales. The statistics show how many police operations took place where firearms were authorised, the number of authorised firearms officers there are for each police force and the number of operations that took place involving armed response vehicles. The statistics also show the number of incidents in 2011/2012 where conventional firearms were discharged.

DfT statistics on road traffic, journey reliability and congestion on local authority roads

The Department for Transport has today (8 August 2013) published the following statistics:

- [Road traffic estimates for Great Britain: quarter 2 2013](#)
- [Reliability of journeys on the Highways Agency's motorway and 'A' road network: April to June 2013](#)
- [Congestion on local authority managed 'A' roads: April to June 2013](#)

See [statistics at DfT](#) for details of all recent transport statistics releases.

[HMIC Release Joint Review Examining the Extent to Which Police Custody is Used as a Place of Safety Under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983](#)

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons, the Care Quality Commission and the Healthcare Inspectorate Wales have published a joint review into the use of police custody as a place of safety under section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983.

[Home Secretary extends consultation into stop and search](#)

This consultation has been extended to 24th September to allow a further 6 weeks for people to respond.

[Home Office](#)

Advice to schools and colleges on gangs and youth violence.

[Ministry of Justice](#)

Youth Justice Reinvestment Custody Pathfinder: Findings and delivery lessons from the first year of implementation.

['Unprecedented' surge in online child abuse images: Huge increase in reports of illegal content being found on pages as mundane as furniture websites](#)

The Internet Watch Foundation said it had received 227 reports in just six weeks of websites being hijacked by hackers who post images of child abuse.

[RSPCA accesses sensitive police files 124 times a month: Concerns raised over deal that allows charity to use documents in prosecutions it brings](#)

The RSPCA is using a sensitive police database an average of 124 times every month in relation to prosecutions it brings.

3. Reports

[£1.9 million to tackle bed and breakfast living](#)

Seven councils will share this fund to reduce the number of families unlawfully stuck in unsuitable accommodation and put new measures in place to ensure it does not happen again. Learning from these areas will be shared across the country.

[Tough new laws on aggressive bailiffs](#)

Tough new laws designed to protect the public from aggressive bailiffs are being implemented by the Government. As part of the measures, bailiffs will be banned from entering homes at night or when children are present.

[Victims' Commissioner calls for more 'open and transparent' Parole Board hearings](#)

Baroness Newlove says she will fight to ensure hearings are more 'open and transparent' and for victims to be allowed to attend a parole board hearing.

[Office for National Statistics](#)

Crime Statistics, period ending March 2013 – Supplementary tables.

[Office of Children's Commissioner](#)

Annual report – Children and young people's version

[Public Health England](#)

Routes to Recovery via the community.

[Third Sector Research Council](#)

Impact measurement practice in the UK third sector: a review of emerging evidence.

[Contractors avoiding public sector contracts over price](#)

Public sector contracts are too expensive for contractors, a new survey has warned. Contractors could spend almost £100m to secure contracts worth £2bn, a survey of 96 businesses has showed. The Scottish Building Federation found that the cost of tendering has risen by 50% over five years, with large shortlists requiring firms to spend huge amounts on questionnaires and to complete the bidding process.

[Spending reductions continue for local government](#)

Local authority spending is forecast to fall to £93.8bn next year, but the reduction is less than previous years. The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) found that councils' Total Service Expenditure (TSE) is budgeted to fall by 1% in 2013/14. The year before the budget fell by 4.8%. It means spending levels in 2013/14 are to be reduced to near 2007/08 levels. The departments facing the largest reductions are Culture, with 4.2% less budget, and Policing, with 3.8%. The East and West Midlands are expected to reduce their spend the most, while the North East is to increase its budget by 1%.

[Workers 'set to lose £6,660 from their wage packets between 2010 and 2015'](#)

Workers have taken the biggest hits to their salaries in Yorkshire and the Humber, Wales, the north west and the south west of England, the analysis found. Labour's report comes amid an escalating row over 'zero hours' employment contracts, under which staff are not guaranteed work and often receive short notice of whatever hours they get. Britons on the controversial contracts could top one million - four times higher than official estimates - and the Government is investigating whether to curb them due to fears workers' rights are being eroded. Real wages have fallen for 35 months running under the current Government, outstripping the record of former Labour leader James Callaghan who saw real wages fall for 17 months in a row in the 1970s, the figures show.

The Prime Minister, David Cameron, has announced that struggling A&E units will receive £500 million of additional funding over the next two years.

The funds, sourced from savings, will be targeted at A&E units under pressure in the winter in order to keep waiting times under control

([Telegraph](#); [Guardian](#); [Independent](#); [Mail](#); [Sun](#); [Mirror](#); [BBC Online](#)).

Figures released by the Department for Work and Pensions from the trial scheme of the benefits cap indicate that families with single parents make up three quarters of those losing money through the scheme.

In the trials of the £500 a week benefit cap, 74 per cent of people who were affected by the cap were single parents, greater than expected by the Department ([Guardian](#); [Independent](#)).

4. Consultations

[New consultation: Stop and search](#)

This consultation seeks views on the police powers of stop and search. The consultation runs up to 13 August 2013.

[Tackling illegal immigration in privately rented accommodation](#)

This consultation seeks views on proposals to create a new requirement on landlords to conduct immigration checks on tenants, with penalties for those who provide rented accommodation to illegal non-EEA migrants in breach of the new requirements. The new requirements will be modelled on existing controls which apply to the employment of illegal workers which are well established and have operated successfully for the last five years. The consultation closes on the 21 August.

[Codes of practice issued under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002](#)

The aim of the consultation is to seek comments and representations on the guidance provided in four draft codes of practice. The consultation runs until 30 August 2013.

[Child Sexual Exploitation guidance](#)

The College of Policing is consulting on a review of guidance covering all aspects of violence and public protection, starting with Child Abuse and Child Exploitation. The consultation runs until 3rd September.

[Home Office Launches Consultation on Updating Special Constable Expenses and Allowance Rates and Criteria](#)

The Home Office has launched a consultation in relation to special constable expenses and allowances rates and criteria. The consultation contains proposals to update these, in addition to removing the requirement for the Secretary of State to approve local allowance schemes under the Special Constable Regulations 1965. The consultation is seeking views on whether the proposals are clear, fair and reasonable and aims to understand the potential impact of the proposals on all affected parties. The Consultation closes on 5 September 2013.

[Drug Driving : proposed regulations](#)

The consultation seeks views on the government's preferred policy option of making it an offence to drive if any of 17 controlled drugs are found in blood over a specified limit. The consultation closes on the 17 September.

[Statutory guidance on children who run away or go missing from home or care](#)

The current statutory guidance on children who run away and go missing from home or care was published in July 2009. The closing date for consultation responses is 17 September.

[Improving safeguarding for looked-after children: changes to the Care Planning, Placement and Case Review \(England\) Regulations 2010](#)

This consultation seeks views on proposals to amend the [Care Planning, Placement and Case Review \(England\) Regulations 2010](#). The closing date for consultation responses is 17 September.

[Open Government Partnership: UK draft National Action Plan 2013](#)

This draft of the UK's second National Action Plan is a result of the UK's membership of the [Open Government Partnership](#) (OGP) - a multilateral initiative that aims to secure concrete commitments from governments to promote transparency, empower citizens, fight corruption, and harness new technologies to strengthen governance. The closing date for consultation responses is 19 September.

[Serious Fraud Office and DPP Launch Consultation on Deferred Prosecution Agreements Draft Code of Practice](#)

The Director of the Serious Fraud Office and the Director of Public Prosecutions have published a draft code of practice on Deferred Prosecution Agreements (DPAs) for consultation. The consultation is open to interested individuals and organisations and closes on 20 September 2013.

[Proposals for the use of capital receipts from asset sales to invest in reforming services](#)

In the Spending Review document [Investing in Britain's future](#), the government announced that it would consult on allowing local authorities some flexibility to use their receipts from asset sales to pay for the one-off revenue costs of service reforms. This consultation closes on the 24 September.

[Hate Crime-The Case for Extending the Existing Offences](#)

This project came to the Law Commission by a reference from the Ministry of Justice, following the Government's publication of its three-year hate crime action plan in 2012. The consultation closes on the 27 September.

[Views sought on changes to the alcohol and drugs reporting framework](#)

Public Health England (PHE) is keen to ensure that the alcohol and drug reporting framework is fit for purpose, and so is consulting with the alcohol and drugs sector on a number of proposed changes to the reporting framework. The consultation runs until September.

[Corporate responsibility: call for views](#)

Corporate responsibility is sometimes known as corporate social responsibility. It is defined as the responsibility of an organisation for the impacts of its decisions on society and the environment above and beyond its legal obligations, through transparent and ethical behaviour. The closing date for consultation responses is 27 September.

[Domestic violence and abuse – identification and prevention](#)

NICE is developing public health programme guidance on 'Domestic violence and abuse: how social care, health services and those they work with can identify, prevent and reduce domestic violence and abuse'. The consultation period runs from 2nd August – 27th September.

[Assisted Areas Map 2014 to 2020](#)

Updating the UK's Assisted Areas Map for 2014-20 delivers an opportunity to help drive sustainable strong growth, which will help to rebalance the UK economy. Assisted Area status permits the granting of additional financial support to small businesses and large enterprise in economically disadvantaged locations. This support is to encourage business in

these communities to grow, innovate and thrive, which can positively affect these locations and the whole UK economy. This consultation closes on the 30 September.

[Local Government Finance Settlement 2014-15 and 2015-16: technical consultation](#)

This consultation seeks views on a range of detailed and technical issues concerning the 2014-15 and 2015-16 Local Government Finance Settlements. It will be of particular interest to local authority finance departments. 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 Sentencing Council has launched a public consultation on the sentencing of fraud, bribery and money laundering offences. The Consultation document states that it does not concern the legislation that relates to these offences, but is only consulting on the sentencing. The consultation is open to all members of the public, including members of the judiciary, legal practitioners and individuals that work in or have an interest in criminal justice. The consultation closes on 4 October 2013.

[Consultation on prescription drug tramadol](#)

The government wants to make tramadol a Class C drug but ensure it is available to those who need it as a prescription medicine. The number of deaths involving tramadol has risen from 83 in 2008 to 154 in 2011. The deadline for responses is 11 October 2013.