



## 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

**The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 (Commencement) Order 2012:** A new law that will open up opportunities for social enterprises to deliver public services has come into force: <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/news/significant-boost-social-enterprises-social-value-act-comes-force>

**The Children (Secure Accommodation) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2012:** In force **11 January 2013**. These Regulations amend the Children (Secure Accommodation) Regulations 1991. Included in the amendments is a requirement that local authorities, when deciding whether to place a child aged 10 or 11 who has been detained under section 38(6) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 in secure accommodation, must apply the criteria in section 25(1) of the Children Act 1989.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/3134/contents/made>

**Justice and Security Bill [HL] Committee:** A bill to provide for oversight of the Security Service, the Secret Intelligence Service, the Government Communications Headquarters and other activities relating to intelligence or security matters; to provide for closed material procedure in relation to certain civil proceedings; to prevent the making of certain court orders for the disclosure of sensitive information; and for connected purposes.

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2012-13/justiceandsecurity.html>

**The Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury:** The Finance Bill: Draft clauses for inclusion in Finance Bill 2013 were published on 11 December 2012 for comment by 6 February 2013 and planned to be published by Thursday 28 March.

<http://www.ion.icaew.com/TaxFaculty/25999>

**Introduction of Bill: Financial Services (Banking Reform) Bill:** To make further provision about banking and other financial services.

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2012-13/financialservicesbankingreform.html>

### Introduction of Bill: Children and Families Bill

To make provision about children, families, and people with special educational needs; to make provision about the right to request flexible working; and for connected purposes.

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2012-13/childrenandfamilies.html>

## **Draft Climate Change Levy (Combined Heat and Power Stations) (Amendment)**

**Regulations 2013:** These Regulations, which come into force on 1 April 2013, amends the Climate Change Levy (Combined Heat and Power Stations) Regulations 2005.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2013/9780111533147/contents>

## **Committee stage (Day 5 of 5) of the Growth and Infrastructure Bill – Baroness Hanham**

To make provision in connection with facilitating or controlling the following; the provision or use of infrastructure, the carrying-out of development, and the compulsory acquisition of land; to make provision about when rating lists are to be compiled; to make provision about the rights of employees of companies who agree to be employee owners; and for connected purposes.

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2012-13/growthandinfrastructure.html>

Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee consideration of the: **Draft Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Designation of Participating Countries) (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) Order 2013**

<http://www.parliamentlive.tv/main/Player.aspx?meetingId=12541>

## **Lords motion to take note of the Criminal Procedure Policy: EUC Report - Feb 4**

Report of the European Union Committee on The European Union's Policy on Criminal Procedure (30th Report, Session 2010-12, HL Paper 288).

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/130204-gc0001.htm>

## **Decision on Jurisdiction of Investigatory Powers Tribunal and Whether Sexual Relationships Induced by Undercover Police Officers Constituted Degrading Treatment:**

The High Court has ruled that the Investigatory Powers was the exclusive jurisdiction for Human Rights Act claims against the police as a result of the activities of undercover police officers, authorised as Covert Human Intelligence Sources, where such conduct was not a breach of a fundamental right. The Tribunal did not have jurisdiction to determine proceedings brought by Claimants at common law.

<http://ukhumanrightsblog.com/2013/01/18/human-rights-claims-against-undercover-police-to-be-heard-in-secret-simon-mckay/>

## **2. Policing and crime key developments**

**Andrew Haldenby, Director of Reform, appeared on Sunday Politics to discuss the police reforms currently being undertaken by the Coalition Government, supporting the drive of police reform that is making the police more accountable through Police and Crime Commissioners.**

**Royal Commission needed to restore confidence in police:** Chair of the home Affairs Select Committee has called for a Royal Commission to establish wide-ranging reforms in the police service after blaming a series of high-profile incidents, ranging from the 'Pleb-gate' row to the issues around the Hillsborough disaster, for damaging public confidence.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/dec/30/police-royal-commission-keith-vaz>

### **Lack of diversity still a problem according to ACPO workforce lead**

Association of Chief Police Officers' workforce development lead Sir Peter Fahy has suggested forces should be made to positively discriminate in order to address the lack of black and ethnic minority officers.

## [Service should be rewarded for continued crime reductions say ACPO](#)

The Association of Chief Police Officers have moved to praise officers for their work in reducing the number of crimes committed annually by 10 million in the past 18 years, amid suggestions that the fall in offences may be exaggerated.

## [Public trust and confidence central to British policing model, says ACPO](#)

The Association of Chief Police Officers has published an external review of policies and practices relating to integrity in the UK Police Service.

## [Government proposals could provide influx of foreign chiefs](#)

Senior officers from New Zealand, Australia and America could be set to move to the UK under a proposed shake-up of British police forces.

**The Metropolitan Police Service** has launched a comprehensive website that outlines the choices available to victims of rape and serious sexual assault. [www.mydecision.co.uk](http://www.mydecision.co.uk)

Lessons learnt at the London 2012 Olympics are helping to update the Government's **National Cyber Security Strategy**, which was launched a year ago. Cyber plans will include a new national cybercrime unit and a dedicated 'reserve' of IT security specialists. <http://www.insidegovernment.co.uk/event-details/cyber-security-strategy/97>

## 3. Reports

**Police grant report England and Wales 2013-14:** This statement also includes details of other funding streams that the Home Office, the Department of Communities and Local Government and the Welsh Government intend to provide to the Police in 2013/14. <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/parliamentary-business/written-ministerial-statement/police-grant-report-201314-wms/>

**Official launch of the College of Policing:** The College will be the first national body to focus solely on strengthening professionalism in the service. Professor Shirley Pearce (Vice Chancellor of Loughborough University) has been appointed as non-executive Chair of the College of Policing. <http://www.college.police.uk/>

**Alarming new trend in online sexual abuse:** Highlighted by the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre the alarming new trend of sex offenders grooming children over the internet for the sole purpose of online sexual abuse. <http://ceop.police.uk/Media-Centre/Press-releases/2013/ALARMING-NEW-TREND-IN-ONLINE-SEXUAL-ABUSE/>

**Taxpayers subsidise drinks industry £1.5 million a month:** because of government delays to reforming licensing rules, council bosses are warning. [http://www.local.gov.uk/web/guest/media-releases/-/journal\\_content/56/10171/3865871/NEWS-TEMPLATE](http://www.local.gov.uk/web/guest/media-releases/-/journal_content/56/10171/3865871/NEWS-TEMPLATE)

**Pat Gallan, head of the Met Police's Directorate of Professional Standards is to brief MPs on the use of dead children's identities in undercover operations.** A public inquiry should be held into police undercover activities. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-21316768>

**Launch the OECD 2013 UK economic survey:** Sowing the seeds of an enduring recovery  
<http://www.oecd.org/about/secretary-general/economic-survey-united-kingdom-sowing-the-seeds-of-an-enduring-recovery.htm>

**Whitehall reform: The view from the inside:** In late 2012 and early 2013, the independent think tank Reform carried out 45 anonymous research interviews on Civil Service reform.  
[http://www.reform.co.uk/content/17349/research/government/whitehall\\_reform\\_the\\_view\\_from\\_the\\_inside](http://www.reform.co.uk/content/17349/research/government/whitehall_reform_the_view_from_the_inside)

**Research by Reform revealing that the average police station in London receives visits from 1.9 people an hour.** The article quotes Andrew Haldenby, Director of Reform, saying that: "this evidence suggests that the Metropolitan Police is absolutely right to question the fabric of existing police stations in order to deliver services that the public want."  
[http://www.publicservice.co.uk/news\\_story.asp?id=22064](http://www.publicservice.co.uk/news_story.asp?id=22064)

**The results of the 31-month enquiry into failings at Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust have been released:** The report by Robert Francis QC makes recommendations that a statutory "duty of candour" will be demanded of medical staff to report concerns over patient care.  
<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/projects/anticipating-francis-inquiry-report?gclid=CKzBmlHbprUCFYXLtAodoE8A3w>

**Ofsted has released a draft inspection framework which will give Ofsted the power to intervene where authorities refuse to take steps to remedy failing schools:** Inspectors will also be given the power to visit councils that have large numbers of struggling schools in order to evaluate their school improvement department, and ascertain value-for-money of school improvement schemes and support levels provided to school governors.  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/9851085/Ofsted-to-intervene-over-failing-education-authorities.html>

**Greater than expected Government borrowing could lead to "substantial" tax increases, further cuts to welfare spending and hundreds of thousands of public sector job losses after the 2015 election, according to a report released by the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS).** The IFS raised concerns over the sustainability of the Government's ring-fencing of the health, education and foreign aid budgets, predicting that areas not protected will face budget cuts of up to 35 per cent by 2017-18.

### **Crime Minister speaks out against female genital mutilation**

Crime Prevention Minister [Jeremy Browne](#) has condemned Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) as child abuse and urged everyone to confront this 'barbaric practice'. Speaking on the International Day of Zero Tolerance to FGM he urged professionals not to shy away from the issue because of 'misplaced cultural sensitivities'.

### **New Code for Crown Prosecutors**

The Director of Public Prosecutions has published a new edition of the Code for Crown Prosecutors following a three month consultation on a shorter, streamlined version of the code:

[http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/press\\_releases/dpp\\_publishes\\_new\\_code\\_for\\_crown\\_prosecutors\\_following\\_public\\_consultation/](http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/press_releases/dpp_publishes_new_code_for_crown_prosecutors_following_public_consultation/)

**New FRANK adverts mark tenth anniversary:** A new advertising campaign to remind young people to talk to FRANK has been launched by the Home Office to mark its tenth anniversary. <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/talk-to-frank>

**Ministry of Justice: Safety in custody:** Quarterly statistical bulletin on deaths, self-harm and assaults in prison custody.

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/statistics/prisons-and-probation/safety-in-custody>

**Ministry of Justice: Story of the prison population 1993- 2012:**

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/downloads/statistics/mojstats/story-prison-population.pdf>

**Ministry of Justice: Youth Justice Statistics 2011/12:**

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/statistics/youth-justice/statistics>

## 4. Consultations

### **Consultation on the implementation of direct entry in the police**

The Government is holding a consultation on how to implement these new policies including:

- A national fast track scheme to the rank of inspector
- A direct entry scheme for the rank of superintendent
- Changes to the eligibility for the rank of chief constable

The consultation closes on 28 March 2013.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/police-direct-entry-consultation/>

### **Tougher sex offence sentences proposed**

The Sentencing Council has launched a consultation on its proposals for how guidance on sexual offences should be brought up to date, including recognising the long-term psychological harm they cause. The guidelines will replace existing guidance which was issued following the Sexual Offences Act 2003. 14 week consultation to 14 March.

<http://sentencingcouncil.judiciary.gov.uk/media/858.htm>

### **Regulation of CCTV and other surveillance camera technology**

This written ministerial statement on the regulation of CCTV and other surveillance camera technology was laid in the House of Commons on 7 February 2013 by James Brokenshire, and in the House of Lords by Lord Taylor of Holbeach. The Government favours the use of CCTV and automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) systems as a crime fighting and public protection tool. It supports the use of overt surveillance in a public place wherever its deployment is in pursuit of a legitimate aim, necessary to meet a pressing need, proportionate and compliant with any relevant legislation. Like the public, the Government expects that where CCTV is deployed it is as effective as it can be in meeting its stated purpose and has appropriate privacy safeguards. Close 21 March 2013.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/parliamentary-business/written-ministerial-statement/cctv-surveillance-camera/>

### **Pol Fed Ballot reflects growing frustration**

The Police Federation of England and Wales has commented on the unique significance of its members' ballot for industrial rights which begins later this week. Opens on Thursday 31 January and will run until Thursday 28 February.