



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

[Missing persons law comes into force](#)

[Data Retention & Investigatory Powers Act 2014](#)

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

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

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

[Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014](#)

[Queen's Speech 2014](#)

- 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

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

[SI 2014/1798 Immigration Act 2014 \(Specified Anti-fraud Organisation\) Order 2014](#)

This Order came into force on 2 August 2014.

[SI 2014/1787 Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(Alcohol Abstinence and Monitoring Requirement\) \(Prescription of Arrangement for Monitoring\) Order 2014](#)

2. Strategic policing and crime news

[Code of ethics: policing professionalism - policy paper published by the Home Office](#)

The Home Office has published a policy paper explaining a code of practice for the principles and standards of professional behaviour for the policing profession of England and Wales. The aim of this code of ethics is to support each member of the policing profession to deliver the highest professional standards in their service to the public. Ethical behaviour comes from the values, beliefs, attitudes and knowledge that guide the judgements of each individual.

[Offenders to pay more towards victim support services](#)

Criminals will pay up to £1.5 million more per year to help victims recover from the devastating effects of crime, Victims' Minister Mike Penning has announced. The Victim Surcharge, which has already raised around £51 million since 2010, will be extended so that offenders given a custodial sentence in the magistrates' court will now be ordered to pay the Surcharge.

[UK-wide operation by the National Crime Agency leads to arrest of 660 suspected paedophiles](#)

An unprecedented six-month operation coordinated by the National Crime Agency (NCA) and involving 45 police forces across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland has led to the arrest of 660 suspected paedophiles.

[ACPO sets up 'historic abuse' hub](#)

The Association of Chief Police Officers has established a 'national coordinating group' to help forces investigating historic child abuse cases.

[Guidance on the Surveillance Road Map Published](#)

The Information Commissioner's Office has published Guidance on the Surveillance Road Map. The purpose of the surveillance road map is to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the bodies involved in overseeing legislation concerning surveillance in the United Kingdom.

[Home Office Circular 008/2014: Changes to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971](#)

[Circular 009/2014: provisions 108 to 111 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#)

This circular advises of the changes made to the Firearms Act 1968 by provisions 108 to 111 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. These changes came into force on **14 July 2014**.

[Circular 010/2014: New Forced Marriage Offences](#)

Following a public consultation, the Prime Minister announced on 8 June 2012 that the government intended to make forcing someone to marry a criminal offence in England and Wales; and to strengthen the civil law in England and Wales by making the breach of a Forced Marriage Protection Order a criminal offence.

[Circular 011/2014: Changes to Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 – khat](#)

The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2014 classifies khat as a controlled drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

[Hearing the voice of officers](#)

Canterbury Christchurch University's Emma Williams discusses new approaches to 'professionalising' the Service.

[Home Office rewards police innovation with £50m](#)

Police forces will share a fund of £50m for projects aimed at improving policing through innovation and collaboration

[Home Secretary announces new Inspector of Constabulary](#)

Chief Constable Mike Cunningham has been appointed Inspector of Constabulary.

3. Developments and reports

[Crime Outcomes in England and Wales 2013/14 Statistical Bulletin Published](#)

This bulletin published by the Home Office contains Police recorded crime statistics on crime outcomes assigned by the police for the financial year ending 2014.

[Mayor of London launches UK's first compulsory sobriety 'tag' scheme for binge drinkers](#)

A year-long pilot of the scheme begins in the South London Local Justice Area, covering the Croydon, Lambeth, Southwark and Sutton. It is anticipated that between 100-150 offenders will be sentenced by the courts to an 'alcohol abstinence monitoring requirement' where they will be banned from drinking any alcohol for up to 120 days and tested constantly using the new ankle tag.

[New FGM prevention measures announced](#)

The Government has announced a range of measures and funding to tackle female genital mutilation

[Cabinet Office](#)

Community Life Survey 2013 - 2014

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

Policing in Austerity: Meeting the challenge

[Home Office](#)

Government response to ACDM advice on ketamine

[Home Office](#)

Multi-agency working and information sharing project

[Home Office](#)

The heroin epidemic of the 1980s and 1990s and its effect on crime trends then and now

[All Party Parliamentary Group on Complex Needs and Dual Diagnosis \(APPG\) has published a factsheet: Complex Needs and Dual Diagnosis](#)

[IPPR](#)

Home Economics: The role of housing in rebalancing the economy

[New Economics Foundation](#)

Building Better Courts: Lessons from London's Family Drug and Alcohol Court

[Policy Press](#)

Understanding restorative justice How empathy can close the gap created by crime

[Public Health England](#)

New guidance on non-medical prescribing in the management of substance misuse

[Health and Social Care Information Centre](#)

Smoking, Drinking and Drug Use Among Young People in England - 2013

[Home Office](#)

Drug misuse findings: figures from 2013-2014 CSEW

[Ministry of Justice](#)

Changes to Offender Management Statistics: quarterly and annual editions

[Department of Health launches 'care, protect, prevent' programme to stop Female Genital Mutilation \(FGM\)](#)

The Department of Health has launched an FGM prevention programme at the Girl Summit 2014 – 'care, protect, prevent'.

[Nick Clegg's speech on immigration](#)

[Unpaid fines by foreign drivers costing councils millions – LGA](#)

Councils are writing off millions of pounds worth of unpaid parking fines every year because they are unable to trace drivers of foreign vehicles, according to the Local Government Association (LGA). A third of councils, in a new LGA poll, reported that thousands of tickets issued to vehicles registered outside the UK are being ripped up as the driver cannot be traced.

[Council spending per head falls by 30% since 2010](#)

Council spending will have fallen by nearly 30% per capita in real terms over the course of the current parliament, an analysis of expenditure by the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) has revealed.

[New safeguarding rules could cost £88m a year – LGA](#)

Potential changes to the rules which govern how local authorities safeguard people receiving care and support could generate a ten-fold increase in assessments, drive costs up by at least £88m and lead to longer waiting times, the Local Government Association (LGA) has warned.

[Press freedom boosted by new 'right to report'](#)

The independent free press, councils in England were brought into the 21st century after Local Government Secretary, Eric Pickles, signed a Parliamentary order allowing press and public to film and digitally report from all public meetings of local government bodies. This 'right to report' updates a law passed by Margaret Thatcher as a backbench MP.

[ICO Annual Report](#)

The Information Commissioner Christopher Graham has warned that it has never been more important that the general public has an independent regulator overseeing the handling of people's data.

['Big data not played by different rules' explains ICO report](#)

The ICO has **published a report** laying out how big data can – and must operate – in line with the DPA. For those of you not familiar with the term, big data is a way of analysing data that typically uses massive datasets, brings together data from different sources and can analyse the data in real time.

[Appeal judgment on format of information provided under FOIA](#)

The Court of Appeal last week issued its judgment in a case dealing with section 11 of FOIA. This section of the Act allows a requestor to express a preference for information to be communicated to them by a particular means, so long as it is reasonably practicable to provide. [Innes v Information Commissioner & Buckinghamshire County Council](#)

Latest publication schemes and definition documents published this month

The ICO has published its latest definition documents and template guides to information. The documents will help public authorities to meet their obligations under the FOIA [model publication scheme](#), which requires certain information to be proactively released.

[Data protection guidance for the media – launch event](#)

The Information Commissioner will be launching the ICO's new guidance 'data protection and journalism: a guide for the media' at an event taking place in the House of Commons on Thursday 4 September.

[Local government transparency in England - Commons Library Briefing Note](#)

The Coalition's Programme for Government promised to "throw open the doors of public bodies, to enable the public to hold politicians and public bodies to account".

[Council approves plans to redevelop waste site](#)

Derbyshire County Council has approved plans to redevelop the Household Waste Recycling Centre and Waste Transfer Station in Glossop

[North to become an economic 'powerhouse'](#)

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has laid out the government's pathway to create an economic powerhouse in the north of England

[Cheshire council tops carbon league table](#)

Cheshire West and Chester Council's recycling service has been named first in a carbon league table, beating out other authorities in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland

[Department for Communities and Local Government](#)

Review of local authorities' role in housing supply

[Department for Communities and Local Government](#)

Attitudes and satisfaction - Data levels of satisfaction with housing and community matters

[Department for Communities and Local Government](#)

Demographic and social characteristics of social and private renters

[Department for Communities and Local Government](#)

Housing survey 2012 - Profile of English housing report

[Department for Communities and Local Government](#)

Live tables on homelessness

[Department for Communities and Local Government](#)

Tenure trends and cross tenure analysis

[Department for Education](#)

Neighbourhood statistics in England: academic year 2012 - 2013

4. Consultations

[Justice launch open consultation on proposal to introduce a civil protection order for Female Genital Mutilation](#)

The Justice launched an open consultation seeking views on whether the introduction of a specific civil law measure could help protect potential victims of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). The consultation runs until **19 August 2014**.

[Framework regulation integrating business statistics \(FRIBS\)](#)

Close date: 07/10/2014

[Consultation on the renewal of the EU Internal Security Strategy](#)

Close date: 03/10/2014

[Restricting non-residents' entitlement to the UK personal allowance](#)

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.

[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.

[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.

[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**

[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 (ROCU).

[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.