



Welcome to the Commissioner's weekly horizon scanning brief:

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1. Legislation

[Advertising of Prostitution \(Prohibition\) Bill - Private Bill](#)

A Bill to prohibit the advertising of prostitution; and for connected purposes.

[Modern Slavery Act 2015](#)

The Modern Slavery Act 2015 ('the Act') received Royal Assent on 26 March 2015.

[Queens Speech](#)

The Queen's Speech contains the following Bills identified below:

- Finance Bill
- Full Employment and Welfare Benefits Bill
- Enterprise Bill
- National Insurance Contributions Bill
- Childcare Bill
- Housing Bill
- Energy Bill
- Immigration Bill
- Trade Unions Bill
- Education and Adoption Bill
- [Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill](#)
- Scotland Bill
- Wales Bill
- High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill
- Northern Ireland Bill
- [European Union Referendum Bill](#)
- [Extremism Bill](#)
- [Investigatory Powers Bill](#)

- [Policing and Criminal Justice Bill](#)
- [Psychoactive Substances Bill](#)
- Armed Forces Bill
- Bank of England Bill
- Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Bill
- Votes for Life Bill
- European Union (Finance) Bill
- Buses Bill
- Public Service Ombudsman Bill (Draft)

[The Late Payment of Commercial Debts \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015](#)

Coming into force: 21 June 2015. Extends to: England and Wales and Northern Ireland
Of interest to: Local Authorities, Finance Dept. Chief Executives, PCCs, and Chief Constables.

2. Strategic policing and crime news

[Prime Minister calls on everyone to play their part in fight against poisonous Islamist extremist ideology](#)

The Prime Minister has warned leading security experts from across Europe that we must do more to confront ISIL's poisonous Islamist extremist ideology if we are to protect our countries from one of the biggest threats our world has faced.

[Home Secretary: We must work together to defeat terrorism](#)

Theresa May addresses Metropolitan Police's counter-terrorism conference.

[Crime news: 2010 Standard Crime Contract extension](#)

New contract schedules for providers who accepted the Legal Aid Agency's (LAA) offer to extend the 2010 Standard Criminal Contract will be uploaded by 30 June 2015.

[Home Office circular 021/2015 on police misconduct published](#)

Home Office circular 021/2015: changes to Home Office guidance on police misconduct, unsatisfactory performance and attendance management procedures was published on 11 June. It includes updated Home Office guidance on police misconduct and unsatisfactory performance procedures.

[Ofsted and police service express concern over child sexual exploitation](#)

Ineffective processes for sharing information are still hampering action on child sexual exploitation, Ofsted's chief inspector has said.

[Karen Bradley's How Safe Are Our Children conference speech](#)

Minister for preventing Abuse and Exploitation, Karen Bradley, gave a keynote Speech yesterday at the National Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) on 'how safe are our children?'. In her speech, Mrs Bradley refers to the ongoing work on preventing child abuse and providing support for victims by enhancing the services available to them under the Victim's Code and enshrining victims' rights in primary legislation. She referred to the prioritisation of child sexual abuse as a national threat in the Strategic Policing Requirement, the work of the National Policing Lead, Chief Constable Simon Bailey, and the

National Crime Agency. Mrs Bradley stated the Government is launching a whistleblowing hotline for professionals later this year and may introduce mandatory reporting of child abuse.

[Right here right now: Care Quality Commission report published](#)

This report by the Care Quality Commission and reviews the quality, safety and effectiveness of care provided to those experiencing a mental health crisis. The Care Quality Commission sought to understand whether people were being offered the right care, at the right time, whether they were being given the information they needed, as well as what they felt about the attitudes of those providing help, care and support. Their findings show clear variations in the help, care and support available to people in crisis and that a person's experience depends on where they live and with which part of the system they come into contact.

[College of Policing's response to the Right here right now report](#)

In its response to the above report, the College of Policing highlighted the report's praise for the police service in dealing with people suffering from a mental health crisis.

[Chief signals imminent departure](#)

Cleveland Chief Constable Jacqui Cheer has announced that she's going to retire from policing in 2016 after 32 years' service.

3. Developments and reports

[New effort to combat extremism](#)

A regional website aimed at 'providing support and advice' to combat Islamic radicalisation has been launched. According to the Eastern Region Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit, ['Let's Talk About It'](#) provides information in line with the government's Prevent strategy, as well as a range of supporting material. The site - which the CTIU designed - also provides links to partner agencies to help communities spot the signs of radicalisation at an early stage.

[Police cadets present solutions to stamp out community issues](#)

A group of aspiring police officers have put forward their solutions to tackle a host of serious community issues as part of a bespoke University of Derby cadets training course. Thirty-five police cadets have spent the last 12 months working with community groups and authorities to come up with projects to stamp out domestic burglary, dog fouling, the theft of Asian gold, anti-social behaviour, bike thefts and drug misuse.

[3 sex offences an hour and rising, NPCC CP lead suggests](#)

After a [new report from the NSPCC](#) revealed that three sex offences against children every hour in the UK last year, the National Police lead on child protection said he was "certain" the figures would continue to rise. Police record 8,500 more child sex offences in a year. The number of police-recorded sexual offences against children in England and Wales has risen by a third over the past year recorded. Figures compiled by the NSPCC in their [annual How Safe? report](#) showed 85 offences were recorded by police every day, with significant rises in Scotland and Northern Ireland also.

[Children referred to social services reaches 'all-time high'](#)

The number of children referred to social services in England last year reached its highest total since records began.

Football officer thanks England fans

The national lead on football policing has commended fans for contributing to an 'incident free weekend' following England's recent 0-0 draw with Ireland.

Met to get 20,000 body cameras for officers

Plans to equip all Met Police officers with cameras on their uniforms have been announced by the Mayor of London.

Public sector most 'at risk' of cyber-attack

Public sector organisations are the number one target for malware attacks in the UK, according to the latest survey. Nearly 40% of malware attacks - surreptitious downloading of software to disrupt computer operations, gather sensitive information or gain access to private systems - were against public sector organisations, NTT Com Security, says in its 2015 Global Threat Intelligence Report.

Councils must heed Armed Forces Covenant, ombudsman warns

The local government ombudsman Dr Jane Martin has warned that local authorities which have signed the Armed Forces Covenant must make sure military personnel and their families are not disadvantaged.

The Crown Commercial Service (CCS) Vehicle Purchase framework aligns with the Social Value Act.

Local government funding system 'inconsistent and unstable'

The current funding system for local government is "inconsistent, unstable and uncertain", according to senior finance officers from 36 local authorities.

One in three councils cut funding to Healthwatch groups

Almost a third of local authorities are cutting the budgets of local Healthwatch groups, some by up to 50%, the health and care watchdog has warned.

Unemployment drops by 43,000

Comparing the estimates for February to April 2015 with those for the 3 months to January 2015, employment continued to rise and unemployment continued to fall. These changes maintain the general direction of movement since late 2011 to early 2012.

North east suffers most from job cuts, figures show

Cuts in public sector jobs have hit some regions harder than others, according to the latest figures.

Council funding cuts could 'mute' patients, health watchdog warns

Health service consumers' watchdog Healthwatch is demanding to know how local authorities which have cut its funding plan to continue their work.

Council chiefs warn over impact of proposed mergers

Council leaders have warned the proposed restructure of local government in Wales – [which will see 22 local authorities cut down to eight or nine](#) – will cause ‘disruption and distraction’ in the sector.

[Core Cities UK hold ‘positive’ devolution talks with Greg Clark](#)

The Core Cities UK cabinet have had a “positive” meeting on devolution with the new secretary of state for communities and local government today. The leaders and mayors of the UK’s 10 Core Cities met with Greg Clark in London, and PSE has been told that the talks have given a “real boost” to the urban policy on devolution.

[Real wage growth highest since 2007](#)

Official figures show that the annual real wage growth is at 2.7 per cent – the highest it has been since 2007.

[Council initiative launched to strengthen communities](#)

North Yorkshire County Council has launched a new initiative aimed at supporting and strengthening communities.

[South-east councils make joint devolution bid](#)

Three county councils in the south east have written to the communities secretary asking to begin negotiations for devolved powers.

[Local government in ‘perfect storm’ of cuts says Unison](#)

Local government is in the eye of a “perfect storm” of cuts and privatisation, according to the largest public sector union.

[Redundant public sector workers urged to be more mobile in new report](#)

Former public sector staff have been warned to find new jobs in the private sector quickly to avoid being unemployed for too long, in a briefing paper from the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS).

[Councils successfully getting high-risk people to have a free health check](#)

More people are having a free NHS health check since local authorities took over the responsibility for delivering them, new figures have revealed.

[Think tank makes call for new local housing bodies](#)

Local housing partnerships are the ‘only way’ to tackle the lack of affordable housing in this country, according to a report from think tank ResPublica.

[House building could ‘jam’ roads unless public transport gets boost](#)

House building projects risk descending the road network into gridlock if public transport planning doesn’t significantly improve, a report has warned.

[Housing complaints rise to 430k, charity reveals](#)

Over 430,000 housing complaints were made to Citizens Advice last year, as the charity urged councils to get involved in a ‘broad-ranging’ residential debate.

[Public supports right to complain direct to Ombudsman](#)

The public would like the ability to complain direct to the Ombudsman, a new survey has shown.

[Two thirds of people not complaining about unsatisfactory public service](#)

Fears about unsatisfactory public services are going 'unheard or unaddressed' as research suggests two thirds of users don't complain despite being unhappy. NAO found that 25% of people using social care services faced problems such as poor quality of service, with 10% of childcare users not being happy with the service provided.

[80% of public sector ombudsman complaints are about NHS](#)

Nearly 80% of all complaints to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) are about the NHS in England, a new report has revealed. The other 20% of complaints the service receives concern government departments and their agencies, such as the Border Force, DVLA and HM Courts and Tribunals Service.

[How to run a country: health and social care](#)

Reform is publishing recommendations for the 2015 Spending Review. The analysis will be published on each of the main areas of public spending. The full report will be published on Tuesday 23 June.

[Southwark propose changes to adult social care payments](#)

Southwark Council are considering ways in which to change how adult social care in the region is paid for. Residents who receive funding towards their social care could soon be asked to contribute towards their care following the new proposals.

[Machine-to-Machine technologies could save councils £400m a year says research](#)

Councils are failing to utilise Machine-to-Machine (M2M) technologies, missing out on over £400m a year in potential savings, according to new research.

[Warning business rate reform should not 'undercut' council funding](#)

The Government has been warned not to use the reform of business rates as an 'excuse' to reduce funding for local authorities.

[Osborne reveals £230m spending cut for DCLG](#)

George Osborne has revealed £230m will be cut from the Department for Communities and Local Government's (DCLG) spending budget this year, as part of £3bn saving measures.

[Care staff deserve more appreciation, finds poll](#)

Most people think care workers should be appreciated more and regard footballers and TV stars as overvalued, a survey has revealed.

[Not enough private sector jobs for upcoming public sector cuts](#)

There will likely not be enough jobs in the private sector for all those caught in the next wave of public sector cuts, according to new research. A report from the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) found that the public workforce is set to fall by up to 800,000 by 2018-19, compared to a drop of 375,000 from 2010 to 2014.

[Council bans 'to let' signs after complaints](#)

'To let' signs are being banned in a part of Liverpool where large numbers of students live in private rented accommodation.

[County signs £400m deal with Kier over empty buildings](#)

Staffordshire County Council and the local police commissioner have signed a £400m deal with firm Kier Group to unlock the value of empty and underused buildings.

Government leaving £15bn payment by results schemes 'unmonitored', says watchdog

The Government has no idea whether its payment-by-results schemes are providing value for money, according to its own spending watchdog.

Welsh councils could save £151m on admin finds report

Councils in Wales could save £151m a year in administrative costs if they transformed back office services in line with English authorities, a new report has concluded.

Reform of Welsh councils unveiled

Plans to cut the number of local authorities in Wales to eight or nine have been unveiled by the Welsh Government.

DH underestimated cost of Care Act to councils, warns NAO

The National Audit Office (NAO) has warned the Department of Health that it "may have underestimated the cost to local authorities" in introducing the first phase of the Care Act.

NHS can save up to £5bn a year through efficiencies – Lord Carter review

The NHS could save up to £5bn a year by 2019-20 through a variety of efficiency measures, provided there is political and managerial commitment to take the necessary steps and funding to make this happen, an independent review has suggested.

How investing in staff engagement benefits all

The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), the professional regulator for veterinary surgeons and nurses in the UK, was recently recognised as one of the best places to work in the country by the Great Place to Work Foundation – one of the few public sector organisations to earn this accolade. Chief executive Nick Stace explains how improving staff engagement became one of its key strategic aims.

Number of teenagers combining study and work plummets, according to UKCES study

Young people are shunning Saturday jobs – opting instead to 'play it safe' by focussing purely on their studies, rather than enhancing their learning with part-time work.

Social workers threaten to quit over 'court case trauma'

The majority of social workers would consider quitting their jobs if they felt they were being 'publicly pilloried' after being named in court cases, a new survey has revealed.

FOI reveals 21% rise in unfinished roadworks per council

A third of all car journeys are delayed by road works, with the number of unfinished council maintenance projects climbing by a fifth – research reveals.

Councils voice school place funding fears after application high

Councils have issued funding concerns after figures revealed secondary school applications had reached their highest level since 2009.

Almost £100m of unpaid tax owed to Scottish councils

Scottish local authorities are owed almost £100m in unpaid council tax from last year, despite a steady improvement in collection rates – figures reveal.

[On the way to a future-oriented rail system](#)

Wim Fabries, European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS) Programme Director at the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment in the Netherlands, explains how a system could improve railways in the country.

[New coastal teams created to help seaside communities thrive](#)

The government is urging seaside communities to create dedicated Coastal Community Teams to drive forward economic regeneration

[2015 – A decisive year for CCS](#)

Judith Shapiro, Policy and Communications Manager at the Carbon Capture & Storage Association explains why 2015 could be a very important year for CCS.

[3,000 jobs to be cut at Glasgow City Council](#)

Glasgow City Council has unveiled a new 'transformation programme' that includes the loss of 3,000 jobs and £103m savings over the next two years.

[Tories cut onshore wind farm subsidies a year early](#)

Subsidies for new onshore wind farms will end a year early, the Government has announced - with communities deciding whether any new turbine projects can go ahead.

4. Consultations

[Consultation is now open on the draft domestic violence quality standard](#)

The draft domestic violence quality standard is now available on the NICE website for consultation. Closing date 14th July.

[Nottinghamshire - State of the Sector Survey](#)

Nottinghamshire County Council in partnership with the VCS has commissioned an important piece of independent research into the state of the VCS in the County. The survey is being conducted by Sheffield Hallam University, through their specialist Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research. Over 1500 organisations are being directly contacted to complete a survey – the information provided will play an important role in identifying the contribution, scope, nature and experiences of the voluntary and community sector in Nottinghamshire as well as how we can all work together to strengthen the VCS in the County.

[Surveillance Camera Commissioner launches survey](#)

Surveillance Camera Commissioner launches survey to review the operation and impact of the surveillance camera code of practice.

[Consultation on human trafficking](#)

Open date: 29/05/2015

Close date: 29/07/2015

[Consultation is now open on the draft challenging behaviour and learning disabilities quality standard](#)

The draft challenging behaviour and learning disabilities quality standard is now available on the NICE website for consultation. The consultation period starts today, **Friday 29th May**, and finishes at **5pm on Friday 26th June 2015**.

[Bolsover District Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan for Bolsover District.](#)

The Local Plan will set out the vision and objectives for the District out to 2033 as well as the spatial strategy in terms of how much new development will be accommodated in the District over the plan period and where in the District this growth will be located (including site allocations). The Council must have received your comments by 5pm (17:00) on Friday 3rd July 2015 to ensure they are considered.

[Department for Communities and Local Government](#)

Extending the remit of the Local Government Ombudsman to larger parish and town councils. Closes 30 June 2015.

[Consultation on changes to the risk assessment framework: June 2015](#)

Open date: 03/06/2015
Close date: 01/07/2015

[Public consultation on proposed topics for the 2021 Census questionnaire in England and Wales](#)

Open date: 04/06/2015
Close date: 27/08/2015

[Consultation on Proposal for a Cyber Resilience Strategy for Scotland](#)

Open date: 05/06/2015
Close date: 28/08/2015

5. Reviews and Inspections

[IPCC investigation into Amber Peat](#)

Involvement of the IPCC into the way Nottinghamshire Police handled the case of tragic teen Amber Peat is 'standard practice'.

[HMIC report on British Transport Police - police integrity and corruption](#)

This report by HMIC was published on 11 June. The report recommends that, with immediate effect, the force should: ensure it records, resolves and investigates public complaints in accordance with the statutory guidance; publish to all staff the outcomes of misconduct hearings; and ensure it has effective processes to minimise the risk of compromise to investigations into serious and organised crime.

[IPCC investigates West Mids over Jacqueline Oakes contact](#)

The Independent Police Complaints Commission is investigating West Midlands Police's contact with Marcus Musgrove and Jacqueline Oakes prior to latter's murder in 2014.