



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

[Amendments to the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001](#)

Summary of the 2015 amendments of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 that will affect vets.

[Summary of the Finance Bill 2015-16](#)

A Bill to grant certain duties, to alter other duties, and to amend the law relating to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and to make further provision in connection with finance.

[Finance Bill: Explanatory notes](#)

The explanatory notes to the Finance Bill have now been published.

[Psychoactive Substances Bill](#)

[Welfare Reform and Work Bill](#)

[The Female Genital Mutilation Protection Order \(Relevant Third Party\) Regulations 2015](#)

[The Serious Crime Act 2015 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2015](#)

[The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 \(Temporary Class Drug\) \(No. 2\) Order 2015](#)

[The Civil and Criminal Legal Aid \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015](#)

[The Criminal Legal Aid \(Remuneration etc.\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015](#)

[The Deregulation Act 2015 \(Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provisions\) Order 2015](#)

[The Civil Legal Aid \(Merits Criteria\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015](#)

[The Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015](#)

[The Control of Major Accident Hazards \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015](#)

[Modern Slavery Act 2015](#)

[Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill](#)

[European Union Referendum Bill](#)

[Extremism Bill](#)

[Investigatory Powers Bill](#)

[Policing and Criminal Justice Bill](#)

[Psychoactive Substances Bill](#)

[Age of Criminal Responsibility Bill](#)

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

[Rehabilitation of Offenders Bill](#)

[Regulation of Political Opinion Polling Bill](#)

2. Strategic policing and crime news

[Policing by consent is a principle we must all fight for](#)

The Home Secretary Teresa May has spoken about the relationship between the public and the police.

[New Early Intervention Academy for Police Leaders launched](#)

The Early Intervention Foundation (EIF), working with the Home Office and the College of Policing, is today launching an Early Intervention Academy for Police Leaders.

[Modern slavery offenders face life in jail as Modern Slavery Act comes into force.](#)

Criminals convicted of human trafficking and modern slavery face being sentenced to life in prison from Friday 31 July.

[Home Secretary writes to committee about modern slavery, undercover policing and child sexual abuse](#)

At her appearance before the Home Affairs Select Committee on July 21, Home Secretary Theresa May said she would write to the committee to expand on answers regarding modern

slavery, undercover policing and child sexual abuse.

[Science and Technology Committee launches inquiry examining into 'big data'](#)

The Science and Technology Committee is today launching an inquiry examining the opportunities and risks of 'big data'. The inquiry will look at whether the Government is doing enough to ensure that UK entrepreneurs can benefit from the data revolution, while looking at issues around data protection and privacy. It will also follow up on the previous Committee's *Responsible Use of Data* report in 2014.

[Anti-Drink and Drug Driving message starting to get through to under-25s, say police chiefs](#)

National figures, published today (July 30), showed that, although levels of drink-driving have risen slightly in the last year, the traditionally higher-offending under-25 year old demographic has started to learn the lesson, with offending rates down marginally by 1.5%.

[Police undercover inquiry needs to probe links with construction industry 'blacklisting', says Unite](#)

Unite said that there is proven evidence that undercover police from the special demonstration squad (SDS) infiltrated trade unions and the question must be asked whether this was just 'the tip of iceberg'.

[Joint action between the UK and France on migrant pressure](#)

The Home Secretary met French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve to reaffirm their joint commitment to tackle illegal migration.

3. Developments and reports

[Home Office guidance on Slavery and Trafficking Prevention and Risk Orders](#)

Guidance and forms for practitioners about Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Orders and Slavery and Trafficking Risk Orders.

[Joining the dots between sexual violence and gangs](#)

A Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) report in June 2015 showed more than 107,000 prosecutions for violence in the year to April, "primarily" against women. In this [quest blog independent early help and MASH Consultant Marisa de Jager](#) considers the common theme of the use of the internet to contact potential victims and post indecent images and messages.

[Catch 22](#)

Running the Risks: The links between gang-involvement and young people going missing.

[Joseph Rowntree Foundation](#)

Rethinking planning obligations: Balancing housing numbers and affordability.

[Public Health England](#)

The challenge of responding to new synthetic drugs.

[Time to Change](#)

Attitudes to Mental Illness 2014 Research Report.

[Victorian prisons to be closed as Govt vows to replace 'ageing and ineffective' Victorian jails](#)

Justice secretary Michael Gove has promised to shut down and replace "ageing and ineffective" Victorian jails, using funds from the sale of sites for new buildings to replace them.

[Scorecards launched to help councils reduce young people NEET](#)

A new at-a-glance scorecard that shows the public how well their local council is doing in getting young people into education, employment or training is being launched by Skills Minister Nick Boles today.

[HM Chief Inspector of Prisons: Annual Report for 2014-2015](#)

[House of Commons Library](#)

Alcohol: cumulative impact policies - A briefing paper.

[Justice Committee](#)

The Committee is holding an inquiry into young adult offenders. Written submissions are invited until 30th September.

[Consistent approach taken to applications under 'Sarah's Law', says NPCC](#)

The National Police Chiefs' Council Lead on Child Protection, Chief Constable [Simon Bailey](#), has responded to claims made by the NSPCC in relation to applications made by members of the public for Child Sexual Offender Disclosures under the legislation known as 'Sarah's Law'.

[YJB statement about research on head-hold restraint techniques](#)

The Youth Justice Board (YJB) has published a research report looking at the impact of head-hold restraint techniques.

[Poor children being let down by public services finds report](#)

Young children from low income families are being failed by poor housing and badly targeted services, says a report published this week by the National Children's Bureau (NCB).

[Research reveals state of IT security in police organisations](#)

Research from a leading cyber security company has found that less than half of local government and police workers thought that their current IT security practices would offer suitable protection against the growing threat of cybercrime.

[Former police officers deliver personal safety skills course to people with learning disabilities](#)

A group of young people with learning disabilities in Guildford have benefitted from a personal safety skills course delivered by two former Surrey police officers in partnership with charity the halow project.

[Delivering the Urban Agenda](#)

Corina Crețu, Commissioner for Regional Policy at the European Commission outlines how the Urban Agenda not only benefits cities.

[Chancellor embarks on two-day EU referendum talks](#)

The Chancellor George Osborne is travelling across Europe in a bid to renegotiate the UK's relationship with the EU

Millions cut from mental health budgets warns charity

A mental health charity is warning about a 'disturbing' disinvestment in young people's mental health services, after figures showed £35m was cut from services in the last year.

London urged to 'get creative' with private sector infrastructure investment

Construction in London could be sped up under a US-style investment model that shares investment risk between public and private partners, [a report claims](#).

New facilities management agreement anticipated to save in excess of £200 million

A new Facilities Management Services agreement is now live. Developed following extensive market and customer engagement, it will provide central government departments and other public sector organisations with access to standardised facilities management (FM) services.

All public sector employees who work directly with the public to have fluent English

New legislation requiring every public sector worker employed in a public-facing role to speak fluent English will be introduced in September, Cabinet Office Minister [Matt Hancock](#) confirmed.

Council joins schools and academies to launch education company

Sheffield is uniting local schools and academies under a new company designed to share expertise during a period of 'increasing pressure' on budgets.

Health and Social Care Information Centre

Smoking, Drinking and Drug Use Among Young People in England.

Home Office

Drug misuse: findings from the 2014 to 2015 CSEW.

Tables for Drug misuse: [findings from the 2014 to 2015 CSEW](#)

Lambeth bans use of laughing gas

Lambeth has become the first London borough to ban laughing gas and other legal highs.

Switching off street lights does not increase car crashes, says study

Councils can turn off street lights without triggering an increase in car crashes or local crime, analysis suggests.

Councils 'wasting' two million hours every year re-keying data

Local authorities are 'wasting' two million man hours every year due to the hidden costs of delivering digital services, a new report is warning.

Councils warned to be 'rigorous' in complaints about contractors

Councils have been reminded to ensure all complaints about contractors are carried out 'properly' following an investigation by the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO).

City set to sign £186m ICT contract

A city is poised to sign a historic £186m ICT contract that could improve web access in local schools and boost service upgrades.

Plastic bottle ban to be debated by county council

A county-wide ban on sales of bottled water at council premises will today be debated by a local authority.

County considers 'unpalatable' savings as services are cut by 20%

Services across mid Wales will be cut by a fifth as a county looks to find £27m savings over the next three years.

Councils urged to tackle the 'devastating consequences' of loneliness

Councils should provide and maintain essential services that help tackle the loneliness of older people, according to a new campaign.

Councils paying three times too much for IT products, research reveals

Councils are paying up to three times too much for IT products, prompting calls for an immediate review on local spending.

Ten Welsh councils agree to develop City Deal

All ten councils in South East Wales have agreed to work together on a City Deal for the region.

IT security inadequate against threat of cybercrime warns councils

Less than half of local authorities (41%) think their IT security is able to protect their organisation from the growing threat of cybercrime, new research has revealed.

Electoral reforms left staff 'exhausted' says report

Electoral administrators were 'stretched beyond belief' in the May local and general elections, according to a new report calling for a fundamental rethink of the electoral process in the UK.

Councils face 'huge' rise in Right to Buy scams

Right to Buy fraud has more than doubled across London in the past year, with boroughs detecting scams worth almost £26m.

Living wage could trigger 'catastrophic failures' in homecare

The new [National Living Wage](#) could lead to 'catastrophic' failures in the homecare sector, [an open letter](#) to the chancellor is warning.

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[Funding boost for free WiFi in libraries](#)

All libraries in England will be able to offer free WiFi access from March 2016, following £7.1m funding from Arts Council England.

[Half a million more women seeking work than men, says TUC](#)

New TUC analysis published today (Tuesday) of Labour Force Survey (LFS) data from the Office for National Statistics finds that the official figures used by government do not give the full picture of all people seeking work. In particular, the number of women seeking work is understated.

[Science and Technology Committee launches inquiry examining into 'big data'](#)

The House of Commons select committee on Science and Technology has announced an inquiry into big data. The committee is soliciting written submissions by Thursday 3 September 2015. The inquiry's brief is to examine whether the government is doing enough to help businesses benefit from what it calls a "data revolution", as well as to look at potential issues around data protection and privacy.

[More local areas extend their Community Rights](#)

A Government push to hand more power to local areas has now reached 250 communities across England.

[West Sussex to recoup at least 98% of lost Icelandic funds](#)

A local authority which lost £12.9m following the collapse of an Icelandic bank looks set to recover the majority of its money.

[Report warns environmental health has reached 'tipping point'](#)

Vital environmental health services have been pushed to a 'tipping point' and further cuts could lead to food poisoning outbreaks and a rise in antisocial behaviour.

[Groundbreaking project looks to improve health and wellbeing through urban design](#)

Councillors and ambassadors from Bournemouth's West Howe are looking for potential investors in a series of regeneration projects as part of a masterplan to revitalise the impoverished estate.

[Two-fifths of public sector workers say pay fails to cover cost of living](#)

A survey has revealed widespread stress, overwork and concern about pay among public sector workers.

[Councils account for highest variation in local recycling](#)

Factors within councils' own control – not just demographics – account for most of the variation of recycling rates across the UK, research by resource efficiency experts WRAP has shown.

[New model to improve learning disability services - LGA](#)

Local authorities, commissioners and healthcare professionals have published draft guidelines designed to improve the care of people with learning disabilities by increasing community-based services.

[Council spending in England falls by 32% over last Parliament](#)

Council spending will have fallen by almost a third over the course of the last Parliament as a result of government funding reductions, public finance experts revealed.

[Kent social services struggling under 'strain' of child refugee numbers](#)

Kent County Council has warned its social services are struggling to cope with the huge rise in the number of children seeking asylum.

[BT to return £129m broadband subsidies to local authorities](#)

A clause in the contract with BT stated that if take-up was greater than the expected 20%, it would return or reinvest the funding it had received from Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK).

[Councils urged to extend free parking to large towns](#)

Councils have been urged to provide free parking in town centres after new research revealed nearly three quarters of motorists say that parking charges influence whether they visit a town or not.

[Councils rated on how they tackle school dropout rates](#)

Under new plans councils will be scored annually on how well they tackle the issue of young people dropping out of school.

[Local authorities fail to protect sensitive data](#)

New research has revealed that UK local authorities are not protecting sensitive data effectively.

[Rent cuts could threaten plans for 42,000 new homes](#)

District councils could be forced to scrap plans to build 42,000 new homes over the next 30 years as a result of **cuts to social housing rents**, according to new research.

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[Education for children in care 'shockingly unstable' – report](#)

One thousand children in care attend three or more schools within a single academic year while 10% of students move at least once a term during their GCSE year, new figures have shown.

[Government scraps Green Deal scheme funding](#)

The government will scrap funding for its unsuccessful flagship household energy Green Deal scheme as a result of low take-up, according to the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC).

[Councils face £7bn shortfall with proposed departmental cuts](#)

If government departments are made to find up to a further 40% of savings by 2020, local councils could be faced with a £7bn decrease to the local government finance settlement, it has been suggested.

[Quarter of 'frustrated' LAs not preparing for universal credit](#)

A quarter of local authorities have not even started making preparations to switch to **universal credit** and are frustrated about the confusion surrounding the transition, according to a report by Ipsos MORI carried out on behalf of the DWP.

Cuts to social housing rents will end up costing councils £2.6bn – LGA

Government proposals to cut rents paid by social housing tenants by 1% a year will cost councils £2.6bn by the end of this government, new analysis by the LGA has revealed.

4. Consultations

Joint targeted area inspections

A joint consultation document from Ofsted, the Care Quality Commission, HMI Constabulary and HMI Probation. Closes 11 August 2015.

Victims Code

Closes 16 August 2015.

Justice Committee - Young Adult Offenders

Closes 30 September.

Redundancy payments to council staff to be capped at £95,000

Redundancy pay-offs for senior local authority staff will be capped at £95,000, under new plans published for [consultation today](#).

Minister of Policing launches consultation on police funding reform

Plans to reform the current arrangements for allocating central government funding to 43 police forces has been announced. The consultation is open until 15th September.

Tackling the hidden economy: Extension of data-gathering powers

A consultation on the best way to implement extended data-gathering powers. Closes 14 October 2015.

Consultation on the draft statutory multi-agency practice guidance on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

This consultation seeks views on the draft statutory multi-agency practice guidance on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) for frontline professionals in England and Wales.

Consultation on future social care health topics

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 set out a responsibility for NICE to develop quality standards and guidelines for social care in England. In 2013, the Department of Health (DH) ran a consultation to identify social care topics suitable for developing into NICE guidelines and quality standards. An initial set of topics has been referred by the DH and Department for Education (DfE). Consultation open until 9 October 2015.

Written statement on Consulting on revisions to the Victims' Code

The previous government updated the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime (the Victims' Code) in 2013 to give victims clear entitlements - including the right to ask to read their personal statement to the court - and to give greater flexibility to core criminal justice agencies to tailor services according to individual need. The Government is consulting on

some additional changes we plan to make to the Victims' Code as part of our commitment to implement the EU Victims' Directive by 16 November 2015.

[Consultation on Proceeds of Crime Act](#)

The Home Office has opened a consultation as the operation of certain powers within POCA are subject to guidance issued by the Secretary of State. The existing codes need to be updated due to provisions in the Serious Crime Act 2015. The consultation runs until 2nd October 2015.

[Law Commission lays out DoLS replacement in consultation](#)

The Law Commission has unveiled its proposals for a framework to replace what it calls the "deeply flawed" Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS). Consultation is open until the 2 November 2015.

[Office of Rail and Road: Highways England: enforcement policy](#)

This document sets out how we intend to enforce compliance by Highways England with the Road Investment Strategy and statutory directions and guidance issued to it by the Secretary of State, as well as the options available to us in taking enforcement action (both statutory and non-statutory) against Highways England. Closing date 25 September.

[The Law Commission: Transition to the New Sentencing Code](#)

The law on sentencing affects all criminal cases, and is applied in hundreds of thousands of trials and thousands of appeals each year. Currently, the law lacks coherence and clarity: it is spread across many statutes, and frequent updates are brought into force at different times by different statutory instruments and have a variety of transitional arrangements. Closing date 26 August.

[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

[Consultation outcome: Inspection of secure training centres](#)

Ofsted has published a report on the outcomes of the consultation about the proposals to revise the framework for the inspection of secure training centres.

[South Yorkshire - National Child Protection Inspection post inspection review](#)

National Policy Horizon Scan for the next 12 Months

The following is a 12 month look ahead at the key policy, corporate objectives and future challenges. This is not an exhaustive list and there are still some questions around the timeframes for some of the policy issues on the horizon, however the following provides a snapshot of the busy year ahead. This document will be updated periodically on the APCC Website. If we have missed anything, please let us know by emailing james.waters@apccs.police.uk or phone 07703124174.

June 2015

		Detail
Early June	Review of Police Targets starts	Led by Chief Superintendent Irene Curtis http://www.polfed.org/newsroom/2802.aspx
9 June	Letter from Mary Calam and Charless Farr to Nick Alston and Sara Thornton	Law Enforcement Capabilities and Collaboration http://members.apccs.police.uk/group_email/letter-from-home-office-law-enforcement-capabilities-and-collaboration/
Mid June	Psychoactive substance Bill – Second Reading	<i>“new legislation will... ban the new generation of psychoactive drugs”</i> (Queens Speech) Psychoactive Substances Bill [2015-16] Scheduled for Report Stage in House of Lords on 14.07.2015
22 June	Commons Committee Stage start for ‘Metro Mayors Bill’ (Exp. approx. late autumn)	Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill [2015-16] Scheduled for Report Stage in House of Lords on 13.07.2015
24 June	Mary Calam addressed APCC Standing Group for Strategic Policing	Regarding AG report and her letter from 9 June
26 June	HMIC announce Change Programme Consultation	HMIC circulate letter on this to PCCs and Chiefs – initial views by 17 July – further consultation thereafter
29 June	Committee on Standards in Public Life report on Policing accountability	<i>Tone from the Top: Leadership, ethics and accountability in policing</i> https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/439208/Tone_from_the_top_-_CSPL.pdf
30 June	College of Policing Leadership Review published	<i>Leadership Review: Recommendations for delivering leadership at all levels</i> http://www.college.police.uk/What-we-do/Development/Promotion/the-leadership-review/Pages/The-Leadership-Review.aspx

July 2015

8 July	Emergency Budget	
14 July	Police Complaints and Police Targets Review	HO have organised event with PCCs to discuss their views on these two programmes of work
15 July	APCC General Meeting / AGM	9:00AM – 4:00PM, 30 Euston Square, Royal College of Practitioners, London NW1 2FB
17 July	HMIC Change Programme – first stage consultation closes	HMIC indicate this is the first step and there will be further consultation stages – timing unknown yet
Mid July	HMIC Efficiency Report published	http://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmic/publications/

Mid July	Fire Proposals Consultation	
Mid July	Use of Targets survey complete	Led by Chief Superintendent Irene Curtis http://www.polfed.org/newsroom/2802.aspx
21 July	Summer Recess start (Parliament)	
21 July	Initial scoping work around law enforcement and capabilities to be complete.	Work referred to in the Mary Calam letter 24.06.15
August 2015		
Late Aug	Final opportunity for PCCs to contribute to APCC CSR submission	
September 2015		
Early Sept	Review of Police Targets reports to Home Secretary	Led by Chief Superintendent Irene Curtis http://www.polfed.org/newsroom/2802.aspx
7 Sept	Summer Recess ends (Parliament)	
Early Sept	Funding Formula Review Commences	
Mid Sept	PCC CSR submission to Home Office / Treasury	
17 Sept	Conference Recess start (Parliament)	
Late Sept	Possible Bill around Victims Law	
October 2015		
Early Oct	Possible development of Green or White Papers on Prisons and or Sentencing	Conservative Manifesto: toughen sentencing/reform prisons; create a Victim's Law; British Bill of Rights; strengthen counter-terrorism powers; create new Extremism Disruption Orders
Early Oct	Precept Review Commences	
Early Oct	HO to finalise contents to include in Policing Bill	Queens speech: the Policing Bill will include measures on police complaints and HMIC powers
12 Oct	Conference Recess end (Parliament)	
14 Oct	APCC General Meeting	
November 2015		
24 - 25 Nov	APCC / NPCC Joint Conference / Event	Manchester

Late Nov HMIC Integrity Report

December 2015

Early Dec APCC Pay Review Body Submission made

Early Dec Autumn Statement & PCC Response

Mid Dec New Policing Bill published

17 Dec Christmas Recess start (Parliament)

Late Dec Provisional grant settlement

January 2016

5 Jan Christmas Recess end (Parliament)

Early Jan APCC Pay Review Body Submission made

Late Jan Home Office / CLG joint announcement on Precept limit

February 2016

Early Feb HMIC: Effectiveness Report

11 Feb Feb Recess start (Parliament)

22 Feb Feb Recess end (Parliament)

Late Feb HMIC: 'Yearly' Report & Consolidated PEEL results

28 Feb PCC budgets to be set

March 2016

April 2016

Early April Transfer of Police Detainee Healthcare responsibility from policing to NHS commissioning.

Early Apr PCC Elections purdah start

May 2016

5 May PCC Elections

