



Police and Crime Commissioner's Horizon Scanning Briefing

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1. POLICY AND PRACTICE

Home Office announces successful bids to the £13m Trusted Relationships fund – 22 August 2018

Home Office [announces](#) the 11 projects receiving a share of the £13m Trusted Relationship Fund – a scheme that attempts to intervene early if a child is at risk of abusive predators or being drawn into criminality, such as county lines, by helping foster close relationships with trusted adults in the community.

New national response unit for vulnerable children at risk of exploitation – 28 August 2018

Children and Families minister announces £2m investment in a new unit to offer bespoke support to local councils to help stop child sexual exploitation, trafficking, modern slavery and other attempts by criminals to take advantage of vulnerable children and coerce them into crimes like drug trafficking.

Home Secretary speech on tackling child sexual exploitation online – 3 September 2018

Home Secretary speech at NSPCC HQ highlights the rise in child abuse images being referred to the National Crime Agency (NCA) and calls on technology companies to step up their efforts to tackle the issue. The government will be making £250,000 available to support new ideas on how to detect and disrupt the live-streaming of abuse and provide a further £2.6m to collaborate with child protection organisations to improve our understanding of offender behaviour and prevent future offending.

National Fraud Initiative Report 2018 – 31 August 2018

National Fraud Initiative (NFI) has saved over £300m in the last two years from clamping down on fraud and error in the public sector. This included £144.8 million in occupational pension fraud and overpayments, £32.6 million in fraudulent or wrongly received council tax single-person discount, £24.9 million of housing benefit fraud and overpayment and £25.5 million in social housing waiting-list misrepresentation

Modern Firefighter Fitness Guide – 24 August 2018

New firefighter fitness guidance makes it clear that the role is accessible to people from all backgrounds. Guidance is published alongside a new Home Office [campaign](#) to improve diversity within the service.

HM Courts and Tribunals Service September Bulletin – 3 September 2018

Recent Parliamentary briefings: [Government response to organised crime and young people's safety](#) (30 Aug), [Alcohol: minimum pricing](#) (29 Aug), [Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training](#) (24 Aug), [Actions against bank account scams](#) (23 Aug), [Relationships and Sex Education in Schools](#) (23 Aug), [CCTV for communal areas of care homes](#) (21 Aug). LGA briefing: [Organised crime and young people's safety](#) (3 Sep)

2. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND STATISTICS

[It can be stopped – Proven blueprint to tackle violence and gang-related offending](#) – 27 Aug 2018

Centre for Social Justice report makes recommendations for the government and police in implementing strategies to tackle violence and gang-related offending in London and beyond based on learning from initiatives in Scotland and the United States. The report recommends roll out of a Safer Streets Group Violence Intervention (GVI) model comprising both law enforcement and community support activity to tackle gangs. This should include provisions for a Serious Violence Reduction Order (SVRO) in the Offensive Weapons Bill to allow for a 'suspicionless' stop and search order to be imposed on offenders still serving their sentence in the community and would cease to apply on completion of the court sentence. The [College of Policing](#), meanwhile have responded to the recommendation citing research which suggests that large increases in stop and search would only deliver modest reductions in crime and be least effective in cases of violent crime.

[Helping to transform the lives of people affected by drug and alcohol problems](#) - 29 August 2018

LGA publication detailing key statistics on the prevalence and costs of drug and alcohol problems, and setting out case studies and good practice in working in partnership to help support and transform the lives of people affected by drug and alcohol problems.

[Children sending and receiving images](#) – 30 August 2018

Headline findings from an NSPCC and LGfL Digisafe survey of the experiences of 40,000 7 to 16 year olds online found that on average of 1 in 25 primary school children and 1 in 20 secondary school had been sent or shown a naked or semi-naked image online from an adult. 1 in 20 primary school children and 1 in 8 secondary school children had been sent or shown a naked or semi-naked image by another young person. 1 in 50 school children surveyed had sent a nude or semi-nude image to an adult. The NSPCC is calling for robust regulation of social networking sites to tackle the production of child sexual abuse imagery at source.

[Criminal Justice System statistics quarterly to March 2018](#) – Published 16 August 2018

The total number of individuals formally dealt with by the criminal justice system has reached the lowest level (1.61m) since comparable records began in 1970. The overall conviction ratio, meanwhile, increased to 87% in 2017/18, continuing the steady increase seen since 2013. The custody rate for indictable offences has been increasing since 2010, from 23.9% to 32% in 2017/18, with the average custodial sentence length having increased from 15.2 months to 20.2 months. Offenders with long criminal careers now account for 37% of the offender population, having increased from 28% since 2010. The proportion that are first time offenders (13%) has been increasing year on year since March 2013 and have now reached the highest level since 2000.

[Call for practice: Vulnerability and violent crime programme](#) – 23 August 2018

The College of Policing is seeking the views of officers and staff as part of a £3m programme funded via Home Office Police Transformation Fund to develop the evidence base on vulnerability and violent crime. Officers and staff are being called on to share their expertise in tackling vulnerability and violent crime which could be shared nationally. Areas of interest for the programme include knife crime, gangs, county lines, criminal exploitation of young people, and child sexual abuse/ exploitation. Call for practice closes on 21 September 2018

[Police use of force data](#) – 14 August 2018

NPCC publishes list of links to data on use of force at individual police force level. Police forces have been required to regularly publish this information since April 2017.

3. AUDITS AND INSPECTIONS

Joint inspections of the response to child sexual abuse in the family environment – 24 August 2018

Guidance for inspectors from Ofsted, the Care Quality Commission (CQC), Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMI Probation) when conducting a joint targeted area inspection of a local area, with a 'deep dive' investigation into how local services respond to child sexual abuse in the family environment.

Upcoming reports and inspection activity

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| • HMIC: Crime data integrity (individual force reports) | Ongoing |
| • HMI Prisons: Joint inspection of Police Custody Arrangements | Ongoing |
| • HMICFRS: National Child Protection Inspection (HMIC-led) examining police effectiveness in their interactions with children, from initial contact and early identification of children who are at risk, through to investigation | Ongoing |
| • HMICFRS: Hate Crime thematic inspection | 2017/18 |
| • HMICFRS: Counter Terrorism thematic inspection | 2017/18 |
| • HMICFRS: Independent study of police air support | |
| • HMICFRS: Police response to county lines (Thematic) | |

4. REVIEWS AND INQUIRIES

[Legal aid for victims of discrimination: our inquiry](#) – Launched 4 September 2018

Equality and Human Rights Commission launches inquiry to determine whether legal aid for discrimination cases provides effective access to justice for those who have suffered discrimination. Specifically it will examine how discrimination cases are funded by legal aid; how many individuals receive legal aid funding for discrimination claims, including representation or assistance with bringing a case in a court or tribunal, and how this compares with evidence of the number of individuals who seek advice about discrimination; whether there are barriers to effective access to legal aid; whether some individuals experience specific difficulties in accessing legal aid for example due to language or literacy difficulties, or because of a protected characteristic; the operation of the mandatory telephone gateway as the access point for most discrimination advice and; whether legal aid provides effective access to justice for individuals who complain of discrimination, and whether improvements could be made to reduce barriers and improve access to justice

Inquiries

[Modern Slavery](#) – Launched 18 July 2018

Home Affairs Committee inquiry to examine progress made in the three years since the Modern Slavery Act came into force. Accepting written submissions until 7 September 2018

[Serious Violence Strategy](#) – Home Affairs Committee – Open

[Domestic Abuse](#) – Home Affairs Committee – latest evidence 17 July 2018

[Prison Population 2022: Planning for the Future](#) – Justice Committee - latest evidence 11 July 2018

[Digital currencies inquiry](#) – Treasury Committee – latest evidence 4 July 2018

[Economic crime inquiry](#) – Treasury Committee - latest evidence 4 July 2018

[Policing for the future](#) – Home Affairs Committee – latest evidence 19 June 2018

[Emergency Services Network](#) – Public Accounts Committee – latest evidence 21 February 2018

[Counter-terrorism](#) - Home Affairs Committee – Open

[Young victims of financial crime inquiry](#) – APPG on financial crime - Open

[Spread of so-called 'pop-up' brothels](#) – APPG on prostitution – Open

[Cycle safety Review](#) – Department for Transport - Open

[Pitchford Undercover Policing inquiry](#) - Open

[Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse \(IICSA\)](#) comprising 13 independent investigations:

[Protection of children outside the UK](#), [Cambridge House, Knowl View and Rochdale](#), [Child Sexual Exploitation by Organised Networks](#), [Accountability and Reparations](#), [Children in Custodial Institutions](#), [the internet](#), [allegations involving the late Lord Janner](#), [Children in the Care of Nottinghamshire Councils](#), [Child Sexual Abuse in the Anglican Church](#), [Child Sexual Abuse in Residential Schools](#), [Allegations Linked to Westminster](#), [Children in the Care of Lambeth Council](#) and [Child Sexual Abuse in the Roman Catholic Church](#)

5. LEGISLATION

[Assaults on Emergency Workers \(Offences\) Bill](#) – Royal Assent – TBA

[Briefing](#)

Private Members' Bill to make certain offences aggravated when perpetrated against emergency workers

[Mental Health Units \(Use of Force\) Bill](#) – Lords 2nd reading – 7 September 2018

[Briefing](#)

Private Members' Bill to make provision about the oversight and management of use of force in mental health units and the use of body cameras by police in the course of duties in relation to people in mental health units

[Asset Freezing \(Compensation\) Bill](#) – Commons 2nd reading – 26 October 2018

Private Members' Bill to make provision for the imposing of restrictions on assets owned by persons involved in supplying terrorist organisations in the United Kingdom with arms, for the purpose of securing compensation for citizens of the United Kingdom affected by the supply of such arms

[Modern Slavery \(Victim Support\) Bill](#) – Commons 2nd reading – 23 November 2018

[Briefing](#)

Private Members' Bill to make provision about identifying and supporting victims of modern slavery

[Prisons \(Interf. with Wireless Telegraphy\) Bill](#) – Lords 2nd reading – TBA

[Briefing](#)

Private Members' Bill includes provisions to create a new power for the Secretary of State to authorise public communications providers, such as mobile network operators, to interfere with systems in order to disrupt the unlawful use of mobile phones in prisons. Amend existing Prisons (Interf. with Wireless Telegraphy) Act 2012.

[Voyeurism \(Offences\) Bill](#) – Commons Report Stage – 5 September 2018

[Commons briefing](#)

Government Bill to insert a new offence under Section 67 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 to include instances of 'upskirting' where the purpose is to obtain sexual gratification or cause humiliation, distress or alarm. A summary conviction would carry a sentence of up to one year in prison and/or a fine.

[Stalking Protection Bill](#) - Commons Report Stage – 23 November 2018

[APCC response](#)

Private Members' Bill (with Government support) to make provision for protecting persons from risks associated with stalking, including the introduction of new civil Stalking Protection Orders (SPOs)

[Courts and Tribunals \(Judiciary and Functions of Staff\) Bill](#) – Lords Report Stage – TBA

[Briefing](#)

Government Bill to increase efficiency by allowing greater flexibility to deploy the right judge to the right case. Appropriately qualified and experienced court and tribunal staff will also be able to deal with routine matters - such as issuing a summons, taking a plea - freeing up judges' time to focus on matters that need it most

[Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Bill](#) – Commons Report Stage – TBA

[Briefing](#)

Government Bill to close gaps in existing counter-terrorism legislation, including provisions to:- extend the [offence](#) of inviting support for a proscribed organisation to cover reckless expressions of support, update the [offence](#) of obtaining information likely to be useful to a terrorist to cover material that is just viewed or streamed

[Offensive Weapons Bill](#) – Public Bill Committee – 13 September 2018

[Overarching documents](#) [Briefing](#)

Government Bill to ban the sale of the most dangerous corrosive products to under-18s, make it a criminal offence to possess corrosive substances in a public place without good reason

[Age of Criminal Responsibility Bill](#) – Lords Committee Stage – TBA

[Briefing](#)

Private Members' Bill to raise the age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 12

[Criminal Records Bill](#) - Lords Committee Stage – TBA

[Lords Briefing](#)

Private Members' Bill to amend the length of time for which an individual may have a criminal record under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

[Children Act 1989 \(Amendment\) \(FGM\) Bill](#) – Lords Committee stage – TBA

[Commons briefing](#)

Private Members' Bill to make proceedings under Section 5A of, FGM Act 2003 are family proceedings

Commissioner's e-Briefing: 03 September 2018

Freedom of Information (Extension) Bill – Commons 2nd reading – 26 October 2018

Private Members' Bill to extend Freedom of Information Act 2000 in respect of public authorities and extend powers of the Information Commissioner

Emergency Response Drivers (Protections) Bill - Commons 2nd reading – 23 November 2018

Private Members' Bill to protect drivers of emergency vehicles responding to emergencies from civil liability and criminal prosecution in specified circumstances and related provision about criminal proceedings

Violent Crime (Sentences) Bill – Commons 2nd reading – 26 October 2018

Private Members' Bill to increase the minimum custodial sentence on conviction for possession of a knife or other offensive weapon for an offender aged 18 or over and to increase the minimum period of detention and training order for a person aged 16 or 17; set a minimum custodial sentence on conviction for an offender in possession of a knife and intending to commit an offence or having a weapon to use in committing murder

Youth (Services and Provisions) Bill – Commons 2nd reading – 26 October 2018

Private Members' Bill to require the Secretary of State to promote and secure youth services and provision of a requisite standard; to impose a duty on local authorities to provide youth services and establish local youth service partnerships with youth participation

Criminal Fraud (Private Prosecutions) Bill - Commons 2nd reading – 26 October 2018

Private Members' Bill to make provision about private prosecutions in cases of suspected criminal fraud

Licensing of Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles Bill – Lords 2nd reading – 26 October 2018

Private Members' Bill to make provision about the exercise of taxi and private hire vehicle licensing functions in relation to persons about whom there are safeguarding or road safety concerns [LGA article](#)

Discarded Needles (Offences) Bill - Commons 2nd reading – 23 November 2018

Private Members' Bill to make it an offence to discard needles in public places in specified circumstances

Human Trafficking (Child Protection) Bill - Commons 2nd reading – 18th January 2019

Private Members' Bill to make provision for the removal of foreign national criminal offenders from UK

Foreign Nationals (Criminal Offender & Prisoner Removal) Bill - Commons 2nd reading – 22nd Feb 2019

Private Members' Bill to make provision for creation of secure safe houses for children subject to trafficking

Service Animals (Offences) Bill - Commons 2nd reading – TBA

Policing Resources Bill - Lords 2nd reading - TBA

Victims of Crime (Rights, Entitlements, Notification of CSA) Bill – Lords 2nd reading – TBA

Anonymity (Arrested Persons) Bill - Lords 2nd reading – TBA

Road Traffic Offenders (Surrender Driving Licences) Bill - Lords 2nd reading - TBA

Modern Slavery (Transparency in Supply Chains) Bill – Lords 2nd reading – TBC

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- **Draft Domestic Abuse Bill** to better prevent domestic abuse by promoting awareness, protecting and supporting victims, pursuing and deterring and rehabilitating perpetrators and improving performance across all local areas, agencies and sectors. The Bill aims to ensure victims have the confidence to come forward and report their experiences and includes proposals to establish a Domestic Violence Abuse Commissioner to hold the justice system to account in tackling domestic abuse, define domestic abuse in law, create new domestic abuse civil prevention and protection order regime

6. CONSULTATIONS

[Search Warrants](#)

Law Commission review inviting comments on proposals to simplify the law in relation to search warrants

Open date: 05/06/2018

Close date: 05/09/2018

[Guideline on sentencing where there is no offence-specific guideline](#)

Sentencing Council consultation on draft General sentencing guideline

Open date: 09/06/2018

Close date: 11/09/2018

[Drone legislation: use, restrictions and enforcement](#)

Government consultation on proposed measures to prevent the misuse of drones

Open date: 26/07/2018

Close date: 17/09/2018

[Strengthening probation, building lives](#)

Ministry of Justice consultation on proposed changes to the structure and content of Probation and CRCs

Open date: 27/07/2018

Close date: 21/09/2018

[An inspection of how the Home Office is tackling illegal working](#) **NEW**

Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration call for evidence in preparation for an inspection of the Home Office's current policies, strategy, planning, guidance and operational practice in relation to illegal working. The ICIBI is keen to receive written evidence from employers and others with relevant knowledge, expertise or first-hand experience of this subject.

Open date: 24/08/2018

Close date: 20/09/2018

[New incentives framework to help prisoners turn their lives around](#) **NEW**

Ministry of Justice [launch](#) consultation on proposals to empower governors to design their own programme of incentives tailored to the specific challenges in their prison. Governors would have greater freedom to offer the incentives which work best for their particular cohort of prisoners and those who do not follow the rules will have privileges removed and face swifter punishment through our new adjudications process.

Open date: 03/09/2018

Close date: 01/10/2018

[Revising PACE Codes C and H – Female Detainees](#) **NEW**

Home Office statutory consultation on revising PACE Codes C (detention) and H (detention – terrorism) to improve standards in relation to female detainees and ensure the dignity of menstruating detainees in police custody is considered. Revisions will require the police to ensure arrangements are in place for all female detainees to speak to a female member of staff if requested and be asked at the earliest opportunity if they are likely to require any menstrual products while in police custody – which are provided free of charge.

Open date: 21/08/2018

Close date: 01/10/2018

[New cycling offences: causing death or serious injury when cycling](#)

DfT consultation seeks views on government proposals to introduce new offences of causing death or serious injury while cycling and changes to the existing offences of dangerous and careless cycling.

Open date: 12/08/2018

Close date: 05/11/2018