

Police and Crime Commissioner's Horizon Scanning Briefing

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1. POLICY AND PRACTICE

[Apply for funding: £1.5m Anti-Knife Crime Community Fund - 26 June 2019](#)

Home Office launches third round of Anti-Knife Crime Community Funding for community projects delivered by voluntary sector organisations to respond to the challenges around knife crime, and in particular support activities to preventing young people from engaging in knife related offending. The Home Office welcomes bids for single projects of up to a maximum of £30,000 from organisations with previous proven history of delivering anti-knife crime work. The deadline for applications is 24 July 2019.

[Apply for funding: Youth Endowment Fund – 28 May 2019](#)

The £200m Youth Endowment Fund opens for bids to support programmes and community partnerships working with children (aged 10 to 14) at risk of being drawn into crime and violence. Bidding is open to charities and social enterprises, for-profit organisations and public sector agencies including schools, local authorities and police. Applicants can apply for up to two years of funding, and must be in a position to use the first £100,000 of funding between October 2019 and March 2020. The deadline for bids is 23 July 2019.

[Home Office allocates £35m to police forces for violence reduction units – 18 June 2019](#)

Home Office provisionally allocates £35m to PCCs in 18 local areas to develop violence reduction units as part of a multi-agency approach. The units will bring together police, local government, health, community leaders and other key partners to identify the drivers of serious violence locally and develop a coordinated response to tackle them. The 18 areas will set out plans demonstrating how they will use their provisional allocation to build a public health approach delivering both short and long-term action ahead of being awarded the funding. The investment comes from the £100m serious violence fund announced by the government in March 2019.

[Recipients of Early Intervention Youth Fund 2019/20 announced – 26 June 2019](#)

Home Secretary announces further recipients of £22m Early Intervention Youth Fund to support projects that steer young people away from knife crime and serious violence and help them make more positive life choices.

[Open for nominations: Lord Ferrers Awards for Volunteers in Policing – 5 June 2019](#)

The awards recognise exceptional volunteer dedication across 10 individual and team categories including Special Constabulary, Police Support Volunteer, Volunteer Police Cadet, Employer Supported Policing Award, Leadership Award, Technical Innovation Award and OPCC Volunteer. Deadline for nominations is 15 July 2019

[Further roll out of 'Lifeline' community treatment \(CSTR\) pilots](#) – 21 June 2019

Ministry of Justice announces plans for roll out of Community Sentence Treatment pilots across 9 further courts in London and Greater Manchester. This pilot sees justice and health services coming together to deliver tailored rehabilitation at the point of sentencing. Specialist staff assess offenders whose crime makes them eligible for a Community Order, while Probation and healthcare staff ensure Magistrates and Judges have the information they need to determine whether the offender should receive treatment for their mental health, alcohol or drug issues – each issue affects approximately one third of assessed offenders. The launch of the pilot last summer has resulted in a significant 250% increase in the number of offenders being diverted towards mental health treatment programmes in the community, over an 18-month period. 80% of CSTRs were sentenced on the day, while only 8% of offenders who received a CSTR failed to comply with their requirements

[Government response to consultation on Firearms Licensing Fees](#) – 18 June 2019

Government response [confirms](#) plans to introduce fees on specialist (Section 5) firearms licences, which includes some of the most dangerous types of guns, such as military grade weapons. Current licence holders include organisations such as manufacturers or dealers supplying the police or the army, and individuals such as gunsmiths carrying out the deactivation of prohibited weapons. Fees are already payable for certificates to possess civilian firearms, such as rifles for target shooting or shotguns, commonly used for pest control.

[Home Office and Ministry of Justice Single Departmental Plans](#)– Updated 27 June 2019

Government publishes departmental plans setting out objectives, how they will be achieved and measured, and details of departmental budget and workforce.

[Victim Surcharge circular](#) - 25 June 2019

Ministry of Justice circular detailing changes to the levels of Victims Surcharge imposed on offenders via the Criminal Justice Act 2003. The surcharge, which is applicable to all court sentences and varies based on sentence severity, will increase in-line with expected inflation for 2019/20 – 2020/21 by a maximum of £11. Changes take effect on offences committed on or after 28 June 2019.

[Updated guidance: Emergency Services Network](#) – Published 26 June 2019

[Home Secretary speech on tackling child sexual abuse at NSPCC conference](#) – 25 June 2019

[CJA Briefing: Accommodation on Release from Prison](#) – 26 June 2019

Criminal Justice Alliance publishes briefing following a round table event on 21 May 2019

Recent Parliamentary briefings: [Firearms](#) (24 Jun), [Online pornography: age verification](#) (21 Jun), [Changes to Benefits: Impact on Vulnerable People](#) (20 Jun), [Knife Crime: Government Policy](#) (20 Jun), [Fly-tipping - the illegal dumping of waste](#) (19 Jun), [Court Closures and Access to Justice](#) (18 Jun), [Independent Review of the Modern Slavery Act](#) (18 Jun)

Recent Parliamentary debates: [Knife Crime](#) (27 Jun), [Female Offender Strategy](#) (27 Jun), [Homophobic Attacks](#) (26 Jun), [Abusive and offensive online communications](#) (26 Jun), [International Economic Crime](#) (25 Jun), [Firearms Licence Fees](#) (18 Jun), [Violent Crime](#) (17 Jun)

2. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND STATISTICS

[Testing the effectiveness of initiatives to reduce serious violence and vulnerability](#) – 18 June 2019

College of Policing Vulnerability and Violent Crime Programme publishes details of eight promising policing initiatives that are being independently evaluated in order to help develop the evidence on their effectiveness in reducing vulnerability and serious violence. These include the Metropolitan Police Service's DIVERT intervention and Operation Divan, the Think Family Early Intervention programme and Surrey Police's High Harm Perpetrator Unit. All eight evaluations are scheduled for completion in March 2020

[ACMD report: drug-related harms in homeless populations](#) – 19 June 2019

ACMD report explores the risk factors which make homeless people susceptible to substance misuse-related harms. The report concludes that the needs of people who are homeless, particularly rough sleepers, are not well met by mainstream benefits, health and social care and some drug services and highlights the necessity to address housing needs alongside drug treatment needs. The personal safety risk among people who use drugs and are experiencing homelessness is generally significantly higher, as are rates of serious bacterial infections, HIV and hepatitis C. Recommendations of the report include:-

- Enabling local services to adopt a tailored approach to tackling the specific needs of homeless drug users
- Substance, mental health and homelessness services adopting evidence-based approaches to tackling drug misuse and engaging and retaining people in treatment (e.g. integrated services, outreach, peer mentors)
- Raising awareness among service providers of the levels of stigma experienced by homeless individuals who use drugs and ensure they are treated with respect
- Involving people with experience of homelessness and substance use in the design and delivery of the service provision for substance use and homelessness services

[Healthcare for Offenders: CSTR Protocol Process Evaluation](#) - published 20 June 2019

Process evaluation to understand the mental health and substance misuse needs of offenders, and whether existing health arrangements accommodate for these needs; understand any barriers to an individual being given a Community Sentence Treatment Requirements (CSTR), and if so, what these are and; to find out whether the protocol works and whether changes are needed ahead of any further roll out

[In Ten Years Time](#) – 19 June 2019

Revolving Doors Agency and Centre for Mental Health publish report on improving outcomes for people with mental ill-health, learning disability, developmental disorders or neuro-diverse conditions in the criminal justice system. The report argues that too many people with these conditions are being sent to prison despite and highlights a 29% fall in pre-sentence reports completed from July-September 2013 to July-September 2018.

[Best practice in the management of online sex offending](#) – Published 21 June 2019

University of Plymouth publishes findings from secondary research exploring best practice in the management and prevention of online child sexual exploitation. Recommendations include promoting public engagement, introducing earlier intervention methods, developing international agreements and developing programmes of prevention-focused research.

[World Drug Report 2019](#) – 27 June 2019

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime's World Drug Report 2019 finds that global illicit cocaine production reached a record high in 2017, marking a 25% increase on the previous year. The global quantity of cocaine seized increased by 13% during the year to the largest quantity ever reported.

[Violence reduction in prison](#) – Published 17 June 2019

HM Prisons and Probation Service publishes a summary of evidence about what works and doesn't work, to help reduce violence in prison. NPCC publishes [Crime in Prison Referral Agreement](#)

Commissioner's e-Briefing: 17 July 2019

[Firearm certificates in England and Wales statistics 2018/19](#) – Published 27 June 2019

159,745 firearm certificates were on issue, continuing the steady year-on-year increase seen over the past 9 years. 572,488 shotgun certificates were on issue, with little variation in numbers over the last 10 years. Data available at [police force level](#).

[Legal aid statistics January to March 2019](#) – Published 27 June 2019

Ministry of Justice statistics show that police station advice workload increased by 2% during January to March 2019 while magistrates' court expenditure fell by 7% compared to the same quarter last year.

[Criminal court statistics: January to March 2019](#) – Published

Ministry of Justice statistics show continued reductions in Magistrates court receipts and disposals. Outstanding crown court cases and average (median) waiting times have fallen to the lowest level since comparable records began. The mean number of days from first listing in the magistrates' court to completion in the Crown Court (178 days) remains broadly stable. Data available LCJB level

3. AUDITS AND INSPECTIONS

[HMICFRS Fire and Rescue Service inspections 2018/19 \(tranche 2\)](#) – 20 June 2019

Findings from 16 fire and rescue services inspected as part of the second tranche of national inspections finds that while most fire and rescue services showed strengths in the way they prepared for and responded to fires and other emergencies, localism has led to marked differences in how services determine and record their response standards, identify and mitigate risk; and define and audit high-risk premises. The report warns that some services have faced significant funding reductions, with Northamptonshire and Northumberland in particular being unlikely to absorb any further reductions without adversely affecting their service. In terms of effectiveness and efficiency, 9 of the 16 Fire and rescue services inspected were assessed as 'good', while 7 'require improvement'. Individual [fire and rescue service level reports](#) [Interactive FRS Assessment Tool](#)

[Independent Chief Inspector Borders and Immigration Annual Report 2018/19](#) – Published 27 June 2019

Chief Inspector's fourth Annual Report provides an overview of the 7 inspection reports and 33 recommendations published between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019.

Upcoming reports and inspection activity

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| • Rape Monitoring Group reporting | Pending |
| • Joint Inspection of Domestic Abuse: Evidence-led prosecutions (Police/CSP) | Pending |
| • Joint Inspection of Crimes against older people (Police/CPS) | July 2019 |
| • Fire and Rescue Service inspection fieldwork (third tranche) | July 2019 |
| • National Joint Targeted area inspections of Child Protection – Thematic report | July 2019 |
| • HMIFRS State of Policing 2018 | July 2019 |
| • TACT Custody Suites | July 2019 |
| • Released Under Investigation: Impact of changes to police bail procedures | Fieldwork underway |
| • Integrated Offender Management: Follow-up to explore IOM in TR environment | Forces selected July |
| • HMICFRS: Independent study of police air support | 2019/20 |
| • HMICFRS: Police response to county lines (Thematic) | 2019/20 |

4. REVIEWS AND INQUIRIES

[Victims' Commissioner Annual Report 2018/19](#) – Published 27 June 2019

Baroness Newlove's final Annual Report considers progress on objectives to date and details of budget and spending. The outgoing commissioner urges reform in culture of criminal justice system. And reiterates calls for victims to be given statutory rights to be informed, be heard and to challenge.

[Tackling serious and organised crime](#) – 28 June 2019

National Audit Office report examining the government's strategic response to serious and organised crime notes that serious and organised criminality is evolving at a rapid rate, adapting in response to law enforcement action and the opportunities offered by new technology. Those tackling serious and organised crime recognise the seriousness of this challenge and have plans in place to build the teams and expertise to deal with it. The report concludes, highlights, however that the government and NCA are not yet able to show that they are delivering value for money in this area, do not know whether their efforts are working and are not yet able to target resources against the highest-priority threats. Despite ongoing efforts to improve them, governance and funding arrangements remain complex, inefficient and uncertain. The report states that unless the government addresses these issues there will continue to be a mismatch between its ambitious plans to respond to serious and organised crime and its ability to deliver on them. [APCC response](#)

[Importance of strengthening female offenders' family and other relationships](#) – 18 June 2019

Lord Farmer's second review considers the importance of strengthening female offenders' family and other relational ties across both custody and the community as a key factor for rehabilitation and reducing intergenerational crime. The review found that at least 54% of women in prison have children under the age of 18 and only 5% of children remain in the family home when their mother is sent to prison. Prisoners who receive family visits, meanwhile, are 39% less likely to reoffend, with research suggesting that these relationships are even more important for women than they are for men. The review makes a wide range of recommendations which the Ministry of Justice has committed to taking forward, including each prison having an on-site social worker to provide dedicated support for women and their children and greater use of Release on Temporary Licence to help female offenders fulfil their caring responsibilities and aid resettlement. The review also recommends a 'Personal Circumstances File' for each offender to ensure information on dependents is readily available and carried throughout their journey through the criminal justice system.

[Review of non-consensual taking, making and sharing of sexual images](#) – 26 June 2019

MoJ announces Law Commission review of the non-consensual taking, making and sharing of sexual images under plans to ensure that protections keep pace with emerging technology. The review will consider a range of digital trends such as 'cyber-flashing' and 'deepfake' pornography and consider the case for granting automatic anonymity to victims of 'revenge porn'. The review is scheduled to report back in the summer of 2021.

Inquiries

[Detention of children with learning disabilities](#) - JC on Human Rights

[Court and Tribunal Reforms](#) – Justice Committee

[Serious Violence Strategy](#) - Home Affairs Committee

[Islamophobia](#) – Home Affairs Committee

[The Macpherson Report: Twenty Years On](#) – Home Affairs Committee

[Progress implementation Lammy Review recommendations](#) – Justice Committee

[Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse \(IICSA\)](#) – Open

- [New research project into BAME communities announced](#) – 25 June 2019

5. LEGISLATION

[Asset Freezing \(Compensation\) Bill](#) – Commons 2nd reading – TBA

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 – TBA

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

[Briefing](#)

[Age of Criminal Responsibility Bill](#) – Commons 1st reading – TBA

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

[Briefing](#)

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

[Lords Briefing](#)

[Anonymity \(Arrested Persons\) Bill](#) - Lords Committee stage – TBA

[Sentencing \(Pre-consolidation Amendments\) Bill](#) – Lords Committee stage – TBA

[Briefing](#)

[Emergency Response Drivers \(Protections\) Bill](#) - Commons 2nd reading – TBA

[Freedom of Information \(Extension\) Bill](#) – Commons 2nd reading – TBA

[Human Trafficking \(Child Protection\) Bill](#) - Commons 2nd reading – TBA

[Violent Crime \(Sentences\) Bill](#) – Commons 2nd reading – TBA

[Youth \(Services and Provisions\) Bill](#) – Commons 2nd reading – TBA

[Licensing of Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles Bill](#) – Lords 2nd reading – TBA

[Criminal Fraud \(Private Prosecutions\) Bill](#) - Commons 2nd reading – TBA

[Foreign Nationals \(Criminal Offender & Prisoner Removal\) 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

[Road Traffic Offenders \(Surrender Driving Licences\) Bill](#) - Lords 2nd reading - TBA

[Modern Slavery \(Transparency in Supply Chains\) Bill](#) – Lords 2nd reading – TBA

[Parental Rights \(Rapists\) and Family Courts Bill](#) – Commons 2nd reading – TBA

[Police Officer Training \(Autism Awareness\) Bill](#) - Commons 2nd reading – TBA

[Unauthorised Encampments Bill](#) – Commons 2nd reading – TBA

- [Draft Domestic Abuse Bill](#) to provide for a statutory definition of domestic abuse, establish the office of Domestic Abuse Commissioner; provide for a new Domestic Abuse Protection Notice and Domestic Abuse Protection Order; prohibit perpetrators of domestic and other forms of abuse from cross-examining their victims in person in the family courts; create a statutory presumption that complainants of an offence involving behaviour that amounts to domestic abuse are eligible for special measures in the criminal courts; enable domestic abuse offenders to be subject to polygraph testing as a condition of their licence; place Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme guidance on a statutory footing; ensure local authorities grant secure lifetime tenancies for social tenant, where reason is in connection with domestic abuse.
- [Draft Drones Bill](#) introducing new police powers to issue fixed penalty notices for minor drone offences, request evidence from drone users where there is reasonable suspicion of an offence being committed and to land, seize and search drones. Require registration and competency testing for drone use
- [Draft Mental Health Bill](#) to transform mental health care, allow those detained under the MH Act to be allowed to nominate a person of their choice to be involved in decisions about their care. Enable people to express preference for care and treatment and have these listed in statutory 'advance choice' documents

6. CONSULTATIONS

[Sentencing offenders with mental health conditions](#)

Sentencing Council consultation on draft guideline on sentencing offenders with mental health conditions or disorders, including principles that courts should focus on individual circumstances and decide how much responsibility the offender retains for the offence, given the specific facts of the case.

Open date: 09/04/2019

Close date: 09/07/2019

[The Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Order 2005: call for evidence](#)

Home Office call for evidence to inform a review of the Fire Safety Order which regulates fire safety in non-domestic premises which is due to be updated. Seeking views from enforcing authorities, fire safety professionals and those whose safety must be considered under the order, including employers and employees, landlords, managing agents and residents.

Open date: 06/06/2019

Close date: 31/07/2019

[Support for victims of domestic abuse in safe accommodation](#)

Ministry of Housing, CLG consultation seeks views of victims, survivors, service providers, local authorities, and PCCs on proposals to place a legal duty on local authorities to deliver support to meet the diverse needs of survivors of domestic abuse and their children in accommodation-based services.

Open date: 13/05/2019

Close date: 02/08/2019

[Strengthening probation, building confidence engagement events](#) – Ongoing updates

A range of sessions have been scheduled in London, Cardiff, Manchester and York throughout June, July and August in addition to webinars being held on 25th June and 22nd July 2019.