

## Police and Crime Commissioner's Horizon Scanning Briefing

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## 1. POLICY AND PRACTICE

### [£3.2m Places of Worship Protective Security Fund opens for applications](#) – 16 June 2020

Home Office launches fifth annual round of Places of Worship Protective Security Scheme funding for improvements in physical security for places of worship such as churches, mosques, gurdwaras, temples and associated faith community centres. This can include more secure gates, locks, alarms and CCTV in order to deter and prevent hate crime attacks. The deadline for applications is 9 August 2020.

### [£22m emergency coronavirus funding awarded to sexual and domestic abuse charities](#) – 26 June 2020

Ministry of Justice publishes details of funding awarded to 548 organisations to maintain and increase capacity to support victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence during the pandemic

### [Salvation Army awarded new Modern Slavery Victim Care Contract](#) - 29 June 2020

Government awards new National Referral Mechanism (NRM) victim care contract to The Salvation Army to provide safeguarding and protection of victims and more flexible tailored support to help victims rebuild their lives and exit situations of exploitation. The new contract will go live later this year.

### [Guidance: Domestic abuse: recognise the signs](#) – 26 June 2020

New Home Office guidance listing signs that may indicate an abusive relationship and how you can help

### [Guidance: COVID-19: Keeping children safe from abuse and harm](#) – 25 June 2020

Government advice for parents and carers about current risks to children and the help and support available

### [Guidance: National ANPR Service technical specifications](#) – 29 June 2020

Updated document prescribing the technical specifications for data within the National ANPR Service (NAS)

### [Update to the Draft Target Operating Model for Probation Services](#) – 18 June 2020

HM Prison and Probation Service update on the Probation Reform Programme

### [Justice responses to COVID-19 around the world](#) – Updated 29 June 2020

Centre for Justice Innovation weekly tracker contrasting the justice system response to the COVID-19 across different regions of the world.

### [College of Policing Brief: May/June 2020](#) – 26 June 2020

# Commissioner's e-Briefing: 29 June 2020

**Recent Parliamentary briefings:** [Police powers: an introduction](#), [Policing protests](#), [Detention and custody](#), [Stop and search](#) (17 Jun), [Sources of statistics on inequalities between ethnic groups](#) (16 Jun)

**Recent Parliamentary debates:** [Youth Custody](#) (18 Jun), [Public Order](#) (15 Jun)

## 2. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND STATISTICS

### [National Policing Wellbeing Survey 2019](#) – Published 25 June 2020

The National Police Wellbeing Service publishes findings from the first national police wellbeing survey, which received responses from over 34,000 police officers and staff across England and Wales between November 2019 and January 2020. The survey found that while the majority (65%) felt satisfaction in their work, around 67% of officers and 50% of staff reported feeling symptoms of post-traumatic stress and 45% of officers reported frequently having less than 6 hours sleep. Responding to the results, the National Police Wellbeing Service and the College of Policing have committed to prioritise research into ways of [tackling fatigue](#).

### [Criminal court statistics quarterly: January to March 2020](#) – Published 25 June 2020

The Magistrates' courts saw a large (11%) increase in outstanding cases during this period, reaching their highest level since 2015. This has been largely driven by a 7% reduction in disposals, with receipts remaining stable. Outstanding cases in the Crown Court have increased by 21% on the previous year. Vacated trials in the magistrates' and Crown Courts increased by 39% and 7% respectively during the January to March 2019 period. Positively, however, waiting times at Crown Court continue to fall, standing at around 6.1 weeks during this period compared to a peak of 13 weeks in 2015.

### [Forced Marriage Unit statistics 2019](#) – Published 25 June 2020

The Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) gave advice or support in 1,355 cases related to a possible forced marriage in 2019, which represented a 10% decrease on 2018, but was broadly consistent with the average number supported per year since 2011 (1,359). Of the cases that FMU provided support to in 2019, the majority (80%) were female victims, 363 (27%) involved victims below 18 years of age and 137 cases (10%) involved victims with a learning disability. Cases related to 66 'focus countries', excluding the UK, with the highest being Pakistan (559 cases, 41%), Bangladesh (144 cases, 11%), India (65 cases, 5%) and Afghanistan (54 cases, 4%). Around 7% (72) of cases involved no overseas element. Statistics for [2013](#) and [2014](#) also published.

### [HMI Probation Research Bulletin: Tailoring delivery to service users' needs](#) – 19 June 2020

## 3. AUDITS AND INSPECTIONS

### [CPS response to COVID-19 between 16 March and 8 May 2020](#) – 30 June 2020

HMCPSI publish initial report on how organisations responded to COVID-19. A more extensive inspection is likely to be undertaken in 2021 to examine the recovery phase in greater detail and also look more closely at stakeholder relationships and their impacts, both at the initial stages and as recovery plans are developed.

#### Upcoming reports and inspection activity

- PEEL spotlight report: The Hard Yards – Police-to-police collaboration 21 July 2020
- Released Under Investigation: Impact of changes to police bail procedures July 2020
- [National Joint Targeted area inspections of Child Protection Thematic \(x8\)](#) July 2020

## 4. REVIEWS AND INQUIRIES

### [Domestic Abuse: Expert Panel on Harm in the Family Courts](#) – 25 June 2020

Ministry of Justice publishes the expert panel's final report on assessing the risk of harm in private law cases involving disputes between parents about arrangements for their children. The report is published alongside an [Implementation Plan](#) which includes measures to better protect domestic abuse victims the family courts by:-

- Ensuring more victims to receive special protections in court such as access to separate building entrances and waiting rooms to their alleged abuser and protective screens to shield them in court
- Making it easier for judges to issue barring orders which prevent abusive ex-partners from repeatedly bringing their victims back to court
- Trialling of a new investigative approach as part of the Integrated Domestic Abuse Courts pilot which consider family and criminal matters in parallel in order to provide more consistent support for victims
- Launch of a review into the presumption of 'parental involvement' that often encourages a child's relationship with both parents, unless the involvement of that parent would put the child at risk.

## 5. LEGISLATION

### [Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020](#) receives Royal Assent – 25 June 2020

Government Bill to reduce the risk of unnecessary conflict during the divorce process involving children. The Bill was announced as part of the [Queen's Speech](#) on 19 December 2019. [Briefing Documents](#)

### Government Bills

#### [Fire Safety Bill](#) – Public Bill Committee - 25 June 2020

Government bill to amend the Fire Safety Order 2005 to clarify that the responsible person or duty-holder for multi-occupied, residential buildings must manage and reduce the risk of fire for the structure and external walls of the building, including cladding, balconies and windows and entrance doors to individual flats that open into common parts. Builds on action already taken in the wake of the Grenfell Tower tragedy. [Briefing](#)

#### [Sentencing Bill](#) – Second reading in the Lords – 25 June 2020

Government Bill to change the automatic release point from halfway to the two-thirds point for adult offenders serving sentences of four years or more for serious violent or sexual offences; align how life tariffs are calculated with the extended release points for serious sexual and violent offenders; extend the range of reasons where the starting point for the sentence in cases of murder is a whole life order; require judges to explain in their sentencing remarks what the sentence means for an offender's release arrangements; strengthen community orders, so they also answer their mental health and alcohol or drug misuse needs or provide reparation for the benefit of the wider community

#### [Extradition \(Provisional Arrest\) Bill](#) – Commons second reading – 22 June 2020

Government Bill to create a power of arrest, without warrant, for the purpose of extraditing people for serious offences. Addresses gaps' in current arrangements for cooperation with foreign states in the event of no longer having access to the European Arrest Warrant

## 6. CONSULTATIONS

[Review of employment rights for survivors of domestic abuse](#) – Launched 9 June 2020

[Code of Practice for Law Enforcement Data Service \(LEDS\)](#) – Launched 18 June 2020