



## 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

[Missing persons law comes into force](#)

[Data Retention & Investigatory Powers Act 2014](#)

[Immigration Act 2014 has received Royal Assent.](#)

[Care Act 2014 has received Royal Assent.](#)

[Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 overarching documents](#)

[Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014](#)

[Modern Slavery Bill](#)

[Serious Crime Bill](#)

[The Criminal Justice Act 1988 \(Reviews of Sentencing\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014](#)

[SI 2014/1798 Immigration Act 2014 \(Specified Anti-fraud Organisation\) Order 2014](#)

This Order came into force on 2 August 2014.

[SI 2014/1787 Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(Alcohol Abstinence and Monitoring Requirement\) \(Prescription of Arrangement for Monitoring\) Order 2014](#)

## 2. Strategic policing and crime news

### [Triennial Review of the Police \(Discipline\) Appeals Tribunal](#)

A triennial review is the process for reviewing the form and function of non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs), the appropriateness of the body's delivery mechanism and its governance arrangements.

### [Home Office](#)

Tables for 'Crime against businesses: detailed findings from 2013 Commercial Victimization Survey'.

### [Home Office](#)

Leaflet for victims reporting a crime: resource for police forces

### [Campaign launched to ward of risks of 'legal' highs](#)

Radio, digital and mobile phone adverts are aimed at people aged 15 to 21 and warn them about the risks of taking the drugs.

## 3. Developments and reports

### [Center for Court Innovation](#)

Testing a Public Health Approach to Gun Violence.

### [Clinks](#)

More than a provider: The role of the voluntary sector in the commissioning of offender services.

### [Compare the Market.com](#)

Knock-On Effect: Report on building stronger neighbourhoods across Great Britain.

### [Home Office](#)

Drug misuse: findings from the 2013 to 2014 Crime Survey for England and Wales.

### [Home Office](#)

Violence against women and girls (VAWG) newsletter - Summer 2014.

### [IARS](#)

Restorative Justice and Domestic Violence: A Critical Review.

### [Prisons and Probation Ombudsman](#)

Learning Lessons Bulletin: Young adult prisoners.

### [CAADA](#)

National MARAC Scrutiny Panel: Coercive control.

## [Scottish Clare's Law pilots announced](#)

Police Scotland has announced the pilot areas for its domestic abuse disclosure scheme, otherwise referred to as the Scottish Clare's Law.

## [All Party Parliamentary Group on Alcohol Misuse](#)

Manifesto 2015.

## [Alcohol Research UK](#)

Using licensing to protect public health: From evidence to practice.

## [Charity criticises remand numbers](#)

Around £230 million of public money was wasted last year through needlessly locking people up on remand, according to penal reform organisation the Howard League.

## [Department for Communities and Local Government](#)

Live tables on homelessness

## [Ministry of Justice](#)

Criminal Justice statistics quarterly: March 2014.

## [Ministry of Justice](#)

Justice Data Lab statistics: August .

## **Councils must clarify commitment to independent free press**

Kris Hopkins, Local Government Minister, today asked 7 councils to ensure that publication of their newsheets will in future be in line with the publicity rules designed to protect the free press. The 7 councils, Enfield, Hillingdon, Lambeth, Luton, Medway, Mid Devon and North Somerset, have been asked to explain within the next 10 working days what they now plan to do.

## [Nottinghamshire CC calls for rethink on shire council 'underfunding'](#)

Nottinghamshire CC has called on the government to rethink its approach to funding for shire councils in the future. The call comes after a Society of County Treasurers study revealed that, between 2008-09 and 2012-13, there was a big difference in average government grant funding for local services, depending on the type of council.

## [Council trials waste water heating in Nottingham](#)

Nottingham City Council is working with Canadian company SHARC Energy Systems to see if waste water sewage could be used to heat homes.

## [Government must resource councils for Care Act changes – Solace](#)

The success of the government's Care Act will ultimately depend on it ensuring the new burdens faced by local councils are fully understood and resourced, Solace has stated.

## [Council leaders seek children's mental health services 'overhaul'](#)

A complete overhaul of children's mental health services is needed if young people are to receive better care and support, according to the Local Government Association (LGA).

## **Government has broken pledge to protect pensioners – TUC**

Changes to welfare and pensions will cost pensioner households a total of £6.38bn a year, according to an economic analysis commissioned by the Trades Union Congress (TUC).

## **DCLG invites council bids for brownfield Housing Zones**

Councils across the country are being encouraged to team up with developers and bid for government funding to build thousands of new homes on previously-developed land.

## **Confusion over pay review appeals for 1,100 council staff**

Council staff who are not being allowed to see how their jobs were assessed in a recent pay review are to appeal the changes, according to the union representing them. Unison said 1,100 staff at Derby City Council are planning to appeal, though the council is not confirming that.

## **Businesses raise £25,000 to review two-tier local government in Bucks**

Buckinghamshire Business First (BBF), the collective not-for-profit voice of businesses in the county, has successfully crowdfunded £25,000 to support a 'big society' initiative to assess the current arrangement of its local authorities.

## **Council's vulnerable families scheme to expand**

A national initiative aimed at identifying vulnerable families and helping to tackling social problems is to expand in Oxfordshire

## **4. Consultations**

### **Strengthening the law on domestic violence**

This consultation seeks views on whether the current law on domestic abuse needs to be strengthened to offer better protection to victims. It is specifically focused on whether we should create a specific offence that captures patterns of coercive and controlling behaviour in intimate relationships, inline with the government's non-statutory definition of domestic abuse. Closing date 15 October 2014.

### **Ketamine rescheduling consultation**

The Home Office is seeking views on the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) recommendation to reschedule ketamine to Schedule 2 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulation (as amended) (the 2001 Regulations). The consultation runs until 3rd November 2014.

### **Consultation on NICE quality standards**

The Health and Social Care Quality Programme and teams across NICE have worked together to update the quality standards process guide. The main elements of the process guide that have been updated are the review and update of quality standards and the inclusion of developmental statements. Closes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### **Framework regulation integrating business statistics (FRIBS)**

Close date: 07/10/2014

### **Consultation on the renewal of the EU Internal Security Strategy**

Close date: 03/10/2014

## [Restricting non-residents' entitlement to the UK personal allowance](#)

Close date: 09/10/2014

## [College of Policing's consultation on management of sexual and violent offenders](#)

A consultation by the College of Policing on new guidance on the management of sexual and violent offenders was launched on 11 July. The closing date is 5 September.

## [College of Policing consults on investigation of rape and sexual offences](#)

The College of Policing has published consultation on the investigation of rape and sexual offences. It closes on 22 September.

## [5<sup>th</sup> September 2014 Consultation launched on the management of dangerous offenders](#)

## [Changes to Mental Health Act \(1983\) Code of Practice](#)

Seeks comments on proposed changes to legislation governing the treatment of people with mental health problems. Close date: 12/09/2014.

## [Have your say on the National Minimum Wage](#)

Consultation closes on the 29 September 2014.

## [Recovery of public sector exit payments](#)

This consultation seeks views on the government's plans to legislate for the recovery of exit payments when high earners return to the same part of the public sector within twelve months of leaving. Consultation closes on the 17/09/2014.

## [Integrated inspections to assess the contribution of all professionals to the help, care and protection of children and young people](#)

The consultation launch of the targeted programme of integrated inspections. This marks a major step forward in the way that the contribution of local agencies is assessed with regards to the help, care and protection of children, young people and families. Closes on 12 September 2014.

## [NICE quality standards – the process guide](#)

The second update to the process guide for developing NICE quality standards is now available for comment in draft form. Note that the process guide is provisional and may change after consultation. **Consultation dates: Tuesday 10 June - Wednesday 3 September 2014**

## [Data policy for a Public Data Corporation](#)

Views wanted on how to provide accessible public sector information. The consultation will close on 27 October 2014.

## 5. Reviews and Inspections

### [HMIC provides assurance that chief constables are having regard to the Strategic Policing Requirement – but finds that more needs to be done](#)

#### [HMIC Programme](#)

HMIC sets out its inspection programme and resources for the year ahead.

## **Thematic Inspections already Committed to in 2014/15:**

- Making Best Use of Police Time
- Valuing the Police Programme – Phase 4
- Undercover Policing (Home Secretary Commission)
- Domestic Abuse (Home Secretary Commission)
- Crime Data Integrity – July 2014
- Child Protection – July 2014

## **Thematic Inspections Commencing in 2014/15**

- Valuing the Police Programme – Phase 5
- Strategic Policing Requirement
- Police Integrity and Leadership (Police Integrity and Corruption)
- Follow up to Mistakes Were Made Report
- Revisit of Stop and Search
- Protecting Vulnerable People Programme: Missing Children
- Police Management of Information
- Police National Database (PND) Audit
- Use of the Police National Computer (PNC) by Non-Police Organisations

## **Proposed Topics for New Thematic Inspections in 2014/15**

- Modern Slavery
- So-Called Honour Based Violence (HBV)
- Cyber Crime.