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This eighteenth bulletin is the latest in a series of regular updates to keep partners and the office of the PCC informed about issues of interest in the police reform landscape following the election of police and crime commissioners. This edition includes:

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1. PCC quarterly meeting

April saw the second scheduled meeting of PCCs and Ministers,, held at the Home Office HQ in London. Several sessions also took place before, including an informative session on the current health reforms.

The meeting was attended by the Home Secretary, Minister of State for Policing and Criminal Justice, and the Minister for Crime Prevention with focussed and positive interaction between Ministers and PCCs on issues of mutual concern. Stage 2 staff transfers, how the police interact with individuals with mental health issues, complaint handling, and force inspections and investigations featured in discussions, along with other topics including transparency and accountability and Regional Organised Crime Units. The next meeting is scheduled for July.

2. Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC)

All police and crime commissioners and police governance bodies in England and Wales have chosen to be members of the Association. A Chairman and Board of Directors were appointed at the AGM held in March and the APCC is now in the process of reviewing its business plan for the year ahead. In summary, the Association will deliver the following:

1. Provide its members with an opportunity to come together, network and have a collective voice
2. Enable and coordinate the collective influence of its members
3. Provide support to its members, helping them to achieve economies of scale through a one-stop-shop for advice and support
4. Provide its members with timely, relevant information
5. Support local partnership working through a Strategic Partnership with the Local Government Association

The APCC will run a programme of events throughout the year, some of which will be open to partners to attend. The next of these events will be held on 20th June on 'Working with the Voluntary Sector'. Please visit the APCC website for further information. For information about the APCC, please contact Tania Eagle at Tania.eagle@apccs.pnn.police.uk

3. Update on funding for police and crime panels

Funding levels for the police and crime panel grant are maintained in 2013-14.

Host authorities can receive funding in 2013-14 to cover the period April 2013 to March 2014:

- £53,300 for costs of administering panels
- £920 for expenses per member (maximum 20 members)
- £5,715 translation costs (Welsh panels)

Grant letters and agreements will be issued to host authorities during May. Payment will be made in arrears in four quarterly payments in 2013-14.

For any enquiries please email pccpartnersenquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

4. Police Custody Healthcare Commissioning Template

The police custody healthcare commissioning template has been funded by the Home Office and jointly produced by Greater Manchester Police and the North West NHS Offender Health Local Area Team. The template can be used to support police forces and NHS commissioners looking to transfer their police custody healthcare and sexual assault referral centre (SARC) provision to the NHS. It can be used as a core document which can be amended and adapted by local partnerships to suit their local requirements and needs. The template and accompanying service specifications will be made available to all police forces in England and Wales and NHS offender health commissioners from May 2013.

We are aware that discussions are ongoing with Welsh Government to agree the approach in Wales, where Health is a devolved matter. The template has been shared with ACPO Cymru

For further information or to request a copy of the template and pre qualification questionnaire (PQQ) then contact Richard Jolley. Richard.jolley@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk or 020 7035 3906

5. Payment by results for drug and alcohol recovery

The Home Office, together with the Ministry of Justice and Department for Health have been piloting if payment by results for drug and alcohol recovery – including outcomes for reduced crime and offending - rather than activity can achieve better outcomes. Eight pilot areas have been live for a year and a full evaluation of them is due to be published in 2014. At the same time we are working closely with other local commissioners who want to use payment by results in this field. We have been sharing the lessons learnt from the development and implementation of the pilots, as well as some of the early findings. We have also held two tools workshops so that local commissioners can start to become familiar with the tools we have developed to turn their local models into payment structures.

On 20th May we will be holding a third workshop in London. This workshop will be specifically focused on those areas who are already implementing payment by results. The day will give central government and local commissioners the chance to learn from each other, and help develop more efficient payment by results models. We will also be looking at drug misusing offenders and showing how commissioners can use the data we will be making available this year to pay providers based on a reduction in proven offending by those in drug and alcohol treatment. We think the workshop would also be of use to PCCs who are interested in commissioning drug treatment services, and would like to find out more about payment by results and how they can use it. If you would like to attend then please contact Gareth Williams in the Crime & Criminal Justice Unit to reserve a space Gareth.Williams81@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk.

6. Safer Future Communities

Home Office funding for Safer Future Communities came to an end on 31st March 2013. The project has worked over the last 18 months to support the development of Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) networks across England and Wales to engage with and influence PCCs. A number of local Safer Future Communities networks have successfully secured funding from their PCC. The final evaluation report of the project has now been published and can be read [here](#).

The project has also produced a film outlining the role of the VCSE in addressing the wide range of community safety needs and the role of local Safer Future Communities networks in supporting these activities. You can view the film [here](#).

National Council for Voluntary Youth Services have collated a series of case studies highlighting good practice of PCCs engaging with young people. These can be found on the PCC [Youth Charter website](#)

Safer Future Communities are producing a guide to ensure commissioning and procurement procedures provide the VCSE with a level playing field to bid for and deliver community safety activities. The guide will be published on Safer Future Communities [webpages](#) in May 2013 and will be presented at the PCC meeting in July.

While Clinks and the Safer Future Communities partners will no longer be specifically delivering this project they will continue to support their members and keep them informed about policy

developments. Anyone can sign up to Light Lunch, Clinks' weekly ebulletin that provides readers with a roundup of news and developments in the CJS. You can [sign up here](#)

7. Community Action Against Crime Innovation Fund

More case studies for the Community Action against Crime: Innovation Fund have been published and are available at:

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/content/funding-programmes/crime-innovation-fund>

8. National Crime Agency

There are now just five months to go until the National Crime Agency goes live in October.

The Crime and Courts Bill, which will provide the legal basis for the NCA, completed its passage through the House of Commons in March and received Royal Assent on Thursday 25 April.

Jeremy Outen has been appointed Director Designate of the NCA's Economic Crime Command. He joins the NCA from KPMG, where he has been a forensic accountant for 21 years, investigating fraud and economic crime cases in the UK and overseas. We expect to appoint the Deputy Director General shortly.

We are moving further in to shadow working to test how the NCA will operate before going fully live, and shadow operations with partners continue to produce real results. We are also testing 'organisational readiness', for example legal and accountability requirements, HR, finance, IT, security and communications.

The UKBA CFI (border) team have moved in to the Home Office on their way to the NCA, and we are in the process of looking at how they will operate in the NCA after go live.

For more information on the NCA and the Bill visit gov.uk

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/crime-and-courts-bill-part-1-national-crime-agency>).

9. Integrated Offender Management survey

The Home Office has developed a short on-line survey which aims to provide a quick snapshot on the spread and reach of Integrated Offender Management (IOM) arrangements across England and Wales.

The survey has been directed through Community Safety Partnerships. Completion is entirely voluntary, and a communication has gone out to all partnerships inviting them to take part.

The survey serves two important functions: firstly, it will improve our collective knowledge of the spread of IOM arrangements across England and Wales; and secondly, it will help to inform the forward approach to support the continued development of IOM in local areas.

The survey is voluntary, but the more partnerships that do take the time to complete it, the greater the value of the findings. The Home Office will share these findings by publishing a short, anonymised summary report on the GOV.UK website.

If you would like more information about the survey then please contact Simon Eglington either by email Simon.Eglington@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk or by phone 020 7035 0578.

10. Home Office Team Wales

The Home Office has taken the decision to expand the role of the Crime and Criminal Justice Team in Wales, to provide wider Home Office representation. This is in recognition of the value placed on this role by partners and benefit brought to the Home Office in ensuring that Wales is accurately represented; supporting policy and operational areas that have senior leads for Wales, but based elsewhere. This role will continue to be held by Joanne Hopkins until the process for a permanent Head of Unit has been completed.

We're sending out regular bulletins for partners and the office of police and crime commissioners. Contact us at PCCPartnersEnquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk to keep you informed of what we are doing, what we plan to do and the opportunities for you to get involved. We will also field any enquiries or questions you have.

Please also send ideas and proposals for content of future bulletins to this address.