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**This nineteenth 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 Event**

The next PCC meeting will take place on 9 July 2013 at the Victory Services Club in London. The event, the third of regular quarterly meetings held between PCCs and Ministers, represents an opportunity for PCCs to discuss with Ministers the issues that are most important to them, and provides invaluable feedback for Ministers on key issues for PCCs.

The next meeting will be on 9 October in London.

## **2. Spending Round**

On 26 July, the Chancellor announced the results from the 2013 Spending Round, the process which sets budgets for the financial year 2015/16. The Home Secretary wrote to Police and Crime Commissioners on the 27th of June providing details of the implications of the announcement for the police; as well as to provide further details about the police funding settlement for 2014/15.

Central government revenue funding to the police will reduce by less than 6 per cent in real terms in 2015/16, equivalent to a 4.9 per cent real terms reduction compared with 2014/15.

It is expected that Police and Crime Commissioners will drive considerable further savings through improving procurement and collaboration across operational areas and support services, on top of the progress already made over the current Spending Review period. An Innovation Fund of up to £50 million will be created from 2014/15 to enable Police and Crime Commissioners to invest in innovative approaches to improve policing and deliver further efficiencies in the future.

## **3. Counter-terrorism policing**

The Security Minister, James Brokenshire MP, has agreed with Tony Lloyd PCC that local policing bodies should be represented on the Police Counter-Terrorism Board, and that there should be seats for the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and two further PCCs. The Board meets quarterly, chaired by James Brokenshire, and is the forum where those with strategic responsibility for counter-terrorism policing keep the effectiveness of the national counter-terrorism policing arrangements, including the police CT Network, under review. Tony Lloyd (Greater Manchester), Nick Alston (Essex), and Martin Surl (Gloucestershire) have been elected by their peers to collectively represent all PCCs on CT policing matters at this strategic level and will share the two PCC seats among themselves, attending meetings on a rotating basis. These new membership arrangements commenced with the meeting on 11 June, which Tony Lloyd and Stephen Greenhalgh were able to attend.

Queries on CT policing and the remit of the Police CT Board should be sent to George Baxter, by e-mail at [George.baxter2@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:George.baxter2@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk) or on 020 7035 3003.

## **4. Raising awareness of human trafficking**

The Home Office is working to raise awareness of human trafficking with the police and other front-line professionals who may encounter victims or perpetrators of human trafficking.

A short briefing paper on human trafficking for PCCs will be published on the Gov.uk website in July.

The briefing highlights that human trafficking is a fast-growing global phenomenon that needs to be tackled at a local, national and international level. Of the 43 police forces in England and Wales, information collated by the UK Human Trafficking Centre shows that human trafficking victims have been identified in at least 39 force areas during 2012. Human trafficking offences are not carried out in isolation. Quite often they are linked with individuals who are involved in a range of other serious and organised crimes.

The briefing provides information on the steps PCCs could consider taking to increase awareness of trafficking in force areas and details of resources available to the police to support them in tackling this crime.

For a copy of the briefing or for more information please contact Helen Cordy either by email [Helen.cordy@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.cordy@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk) or by telephone 020 7035 3341 or David Armour by email [David.armour@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:David.armour@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk) or by telephone 020 7035 4179.

## **5. Update on Integrated Offender Management**

### ***Local intelligence supporting local solutions***

Following the publication of Transforming Rehabilitation: A Strategy for Reform on 9 May, both the Home Office and the Ministry of Justice are running a number of events to engage with colleagues on specific aspects of the Government's reform programme. As part of this, the two departments hosted an event on 17 June specifically focused on crime, the role of Police and Crime Commissioners and Integrated Offender Management. This is being followed by a series of practitioner events to look in more detail at the future opportunities that the Integrated Offender Management approach will offer within the context of Transforming Rehabilitation.

The events provide an opportunity for participants to revisit the existing Integrated Offender Management Key Principles and to discuss their continued applicability within the current context. We will be particularly interested to learn from participants' experience, and to examine the opportunities for continuing to develop innovative local approaches that maximise crime reduction and reducing re-offending outcomes, that are focused on a local assessment of existing and future crime threats, and which are responsive to Police and Crime Commissioners' priorities.

The Transforming Rehabilitation strategy document clearly signals the importance of Integrated Offender Management going forward, and these events provide an opportunity for representatives from the police, probation, prisons, local authorities and the voluntary sector to come together to look at the detail behind this.

The first of these practitioner events was held in London on 24 June and further events will be held in Birmingham (5th July); Stafford (19th July); Durham (26th July) and Wales (30th July).

If you are working locally on Integrated Offender Management and are interested in attending one of these workshops, please contact Subash Sharma by email:

[Subash.Sharma@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Subash.Sharma@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)

## **6. Informal consultation: Allowing contracted staff to work without a Security Industry Authority licence**

This informal consultation invites views on a proposal to remove the requirement for some contracted police staff, i.e. those undertaking certain private security activities, to be licensed by the Security Industry Authority (SIA).

Directly employed police staff are already exempt from SIA licensing because they are Crown servants. Where activities are contracted out, however, individuals may become licensable by the SIA under the Private Security Industry Act 2001.

When contracting out activities, police forces set out their requirements, including the qualifications, training, management and oversight of individuals engaged under the contract. We consider that licensing by the SIA would be an unnecessary additional layer of regulation. We therefore propose to make an exclusion order through secondary legislation, so that some contracted staff will not require an SIA licence.

Under this proposal, it would become the sole responsibility of the PCC or Chief Constable (whoever had signed the contract), to ensure that contracted staff were fit and proper for their role. The SIA and the national policing leads are supportive of this approach.

Views on this proposal are now sought from Police and Crime Commissioners, including in relation to the types of security related activities which you feel might be usefully excluded. Please send your comments by email to David Agnew in the Safeguarding and Public Protection Unit: [david.agnew@homeoffice.gsi.gov](mailto:david.agnew@homeoffice.gsi.gov) by **09 August 2013**.

## **7. Payment by results for drug and alcohol recovery**

In the last PCC Bulletin (issue 18) we updated you on the progress of the Payment by Results (PBR) pilots for drug and alcohol recovery and the offending data that we are making available to drug and alcohol commissioners.

In June the first of ongoing, quarterly reports on offending were issued to drug and alcohol recovery commissioners. The reports tell commissioners how many offences by those in drug treatment have been either saved or gained in their area. The saving/gain is calculated by comparing the actual number of proven offences committed for each period to a predicted number of offences based on a historical baseline. The reports will enable commissioners to pay their providers on the basis of reducing the offending committed by those in drug treatment if they wish to do so.

The reports will be published on the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) and your local drug and alcohol recovery commissioners should be able to make them available to you.

If you would like any further information on the reports and how they are put together, or on payment by results more generally then please contact Gareth Williams in the Crime & Criminal Justice Unit [Gareth.Williams81@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Gareth.Williams81@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)

## **8. Police Custody Healthcare Commissioning Template**

Damian Green, Minister for Policing and Criminal Justice, wrote to Chief Constables on 1 June to promote the police custody healthcare commissioning template, jointly produced by Greater

Manchester Police with the NHS. 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 are all now available on POLKA.**

For further information, contact Richard Jolley: [Richard.jolley@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.jolley@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk) or 020 7035 3906

## 9. National Crime Agency

There are now just three months to go until the National Crime Agency goes live in October. The full senior team is now in place, with the arrival of Phil Gormley as Deputy Director General in June. Version 3.0 of the Blueprint, the key design document for the NCA, has been shared with key partners, including PCCs, and is now locked down until after go-live. 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 continuing to test organisational and operational readiness, to ensure the NCA hits the ground running on day one.

For more information on the NCA visit [gov.uk](http://gov.uk)

## 10. APCC event: Working with the voluntary sector

The APPC held a briefing event on 'Working with the voluntary sector' on 21 June in Manchester which PCCs and VCSE partners attended. The event was chaired by Bob Jones (PCC for West Midlands) and had some excellent keynote speakers, including Michael O'Toole (the Crown representative for the VCSE), Clive Martin (Clinks) and Lord Adebawale (Turning Point). It was also an opportunity for attendees to network and start to establish a mutually beneficial relationship to support the commissioning process and introduce greater innovation and more choice.

More details on the outcome from this event can be obtained from Sara Featherstone: [sara.featherstone@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:sara.featherstone@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)

## 11. Future commissioning of support services for victims' and witnesses of crime - Regional meetings

The Ministry of Justice are holding a series of regional meetings to support the smooth transition to local commissioning of victims' services. The meetings are aimed at PCCs and their representatives and are being held over a three week period in July.

The meetings will focus on the following key areas:

**Local commissioning:** An opportunity for attendees to discuss and pose questions on the overall approach to local commissioning of victims' services including the recently published commissioning framework. To make the best use of the time available the MoJ wish to focus this session on your requirements – you are therefore asked to submit questions and specific topics for discussion in advance.

**The court based Witness Service:** A presentation about the role of the service and MoJ objectives in commissioning this nationally, followed by a discussion on the interaction between nationally and locally commissioned services.

**Referral Mechanism:** A discussion around the options for the referral of victims of crime to support services, including an assessment of their needs. A paper on this topic will be distributed shortly via the APCC.

The meetings will take place on the following dates and locations. All start at 10.30am except where stated and will last around 3.5 hours.

**Wednesday 10th July 2013** – East of England: Cambourne, Cambridgeshire (11am start)

**Thursday 11th July 2013** – West Midlands: Stafford

**Friday 12th July 2013** – North West: Preston (10am start)

**Monday 15th July 2013** – South East and London: Winchester

**Wednesday 17th July 2013** – Yorkshire and Humber: Wakefield

**Thursday 18th July 2013** – North East: Wallsend, Newcastle

**Friday 19th July** – East Midlands: Ripley, Derbyshire

**Monday 22nd July 2013** – South West: Portishead

**Thursday 25th July 2013** – Wales: Cwmbran (12.30pm start)

Please confirm your attendance and submit any questions, in advance, to: [victimservicescommissioning@justice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:victimservicescommissioning@justice.gsi.gov.uk) by 6th July 2013.

We're sending out regular bulletins for partners and the office of police and crime commissioners. Contact us at [PCCPartnersEnquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto: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.