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The Bulletin has been improved for easier on-screen reading. It now summarises new content placed on Epic (<http://npsintranet.probation.gsi.gov.uk/index.htm>) in the previous week and significant messages that have been circulated on the Chief Officer gateway. Articles can now be read by either scrolling down the page or by clicking the titles below:

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## 086/08 ACTION PLAN ON NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE REPORT ON SUPERVISION OF COMMUNITY ORDERS

The National Audit Office (NAO) report examines how well community orders are managed by the National Probation Service, in particular how well they have been implemented and whether they are meeting sentencing objectives. The report is available on Epic. An action plan, as a spreadsheet is also available to download,

A Parliamentary Public Accounts committee hearing will take place on 24 April.

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## 087/08 LAUNCH OF CONSULTATION ON BEST VALUE IN PROBATION

On 9 April, David Hanson MP, Minister of State for Justice, launched a consultation to establish how Probation Boards and Trusts will provide the most cost-effective route to help rehabilitate and punish offenders.

During the passage of the Offender Management Act 2007, the Government signalled a move away from a regime in which probation areas sub-contract a specified proportion of their work. Instead, they will be adopting a system of Best Value similar to that used by local government. Under this model, Probation Boards and Trusts will need to ensure that services are continuously improved by the provider delivering the best value for money from the public, private or voluntary sector.

The Best Value consultation will run until 2 July 2008 to ensure a comprehensive framework is established for all Trusts and Boards to use in the future. Information for probation staff is on Epic.

The consultation document and the form for responses can be found on the Ministry of Justice website at [www.justice.gov.uk/publications/cp0608.htm](http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/cp0608.htm).

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## 088/08 DAVID HANSON'S MINISTER'S BLOG IN GUARDIAN SOCIETY

A copy of the Minister's Blog that was published in the Guardian Society on 9 April 2008; is available on Epic. It is an illustration of government confidence in the Probation Service.

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## 089/08 TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROBATION'S OFFICE

The Director of Probation's office is moving to Cleland House over the period Friday 11 April – Monday 14 April.

The new office address is:

5th Floor  
Cleland House  
Page Street  
London  
SW1P 4LN

Roger Hill's office – Room 505

Roger Hill's support team – Room 503

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## 090/08 ISSUED RECENTLY

### Probation Circulars 2008:

PC05 Determining Unacceptable Absences

Issued 28 March

PC04 Uncompleted Requirements in Community Orders Issued 27 March

**OASys Messages to Areas – Via Epic:**

Message 17 08 Rollback – ARA in Force Issued 10 April

Message 16 08 e-OASys Release 4.2.4a T1, T2 & Production Deployment Issued 28 March

Message 15 08 e-OASys Connectivity Problems Issued 28 March

**NPS Briefings:**

Briefing 41 Email Communication – with NOMS Post Release Section Issued 11 April

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