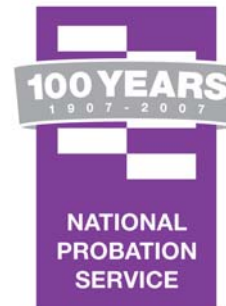


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The Bulletin has been improved for easier on-screen reading. It now summaries new content placed on Epic in the previous week and significant messages that have been circulated on the Chief Officer gateway.

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029/07 COGNITIVE SKILLS PROGRAMME RENEWAL PROJECT

Existing cognitive skills programmes are being renewed. The project covers cognitive skills programmes in community and custodial settings. Stakeholders are being asked for their views at an early stage of the project. A questionnaire is being circulated to practitioners via EPIC

Issued to Chief Officers & Chairs via the NPS Chief Officer Gateway – 26th February 2007

Published on Epic, Navigate from *Home>Service Delivery>Interventions>Programmes>NOMS probation interventions and substance abuse unit>attitude thinking and behaviour team*

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030/07 OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BILL

The Offender Management Bill has now passed through its House of Commons stages and contains Government amendments to the probation provisions. The Bill will now be scrutinised by Peers in the House of Lords, probably in late March. The version of the Bill to be considered by the House of Lords will appear Epic shortly

Home>Support Services>Probation Change Programme>Offender Management Bill

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031/07 GENDER EQUALITY DUTY AND RACE EQUALITY SCHEME

Notification of advice on how to prepare a Gender Equality Scheme has been issued.

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Published on Epic, Navigate from *Home>Support Service>Diversity>Gender Equality Duty Guidance*

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032/07 HOUSE OF LORDS DISMISSAL OF STELLO APPEAL

A note that sets out the actions that Chief Officers need to take in response to a House of Lords ruling handed down on Wednesday 28th February 2007 following a challenge to the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 recall and re-release provisions relating to determinate sentence prisoners, has been issued.

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Guidance and notes published on Epic Navigate from *Home>Service Delivery>Public Protection>Pre & Post Release*

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033/07 SANDVILLE SELF-HELP CENTRE

Concern previously expressed by the South Wales Probation about the Sandville Self-Help centre has been resolved and advice issued to probation areas on 18 August not to use the Centre has been withdrawn.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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034/07 PAROLE BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The annual appointment process for Parole Board members has commenced. Appointments are for three years and the Parole Board actively seeks an input from those with probation and risk management experience.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Information can be downloaded from: www.paroleboardmembers.co.uk

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Probation Circulars 2007:

- PC01 List of Probation Circulars Issued in 2006
- PC02 Risk Management Standard Format (Corporate)
- PC03 Offending Behaviour Programmes: Reduction of Psychometric Assessments

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