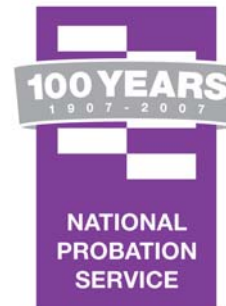


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The Bulletin has been improved for easier on-screen reading. It now summaries new content placed on Epic (<http://npsintranet.probation.gsi.gov.uk/index.htm>) in the previous week and significant messages that have been circulated on the Chief Officer gateway.

Articles can now be read by either scrolling down the page or by clicking the titles below:

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## 049/07 PROBATION AND MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

The National Offender Management Service will join the Department for Constitutional Affairs, currently responsible for court services, in a new Ministry of Justice from May 9. Those people with probation-facing responsibilities in the Home Office (formerly NPD now NOMS HQ units) will continue in their roles and in the same place for the time being. NOMS' business will continue as usual and there should be no detrimental or (in the early days) any noticeable impact for those in local probation areas. There will be no immediate changes in the Ministers responsible for Offender Management and Probation (Baroness Scotland and Gerry Sutcliffe MP).

Relevant details about the programme to implement the changes will be circulated and published as they become available.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Visit [www.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk)

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## 050/07 6/9% REDUCTION IN RE-OFFENDING 1997 – 2004

RDS-NOMS reconviction analysis has been published (29 March). It covers offenders released from prison or who commenced a community penalty in the first quarter of 2004. The reduction in re-offending against the 2000 baseline shows a drop of 2.1% to 55.5% actual re-offending rate in 2004, a progress against target of 5.8%. To quote the report, "if this level of proven re-offending is maintained in the 2006 cohort then the target to reduce re-offending by 5

per cent between 2000 and 2006 will be met". Overall, between 1997 and 2004 there has been a reduction of 6.9% and the target set in the 2000 spending review has therefore been met. Well done probation.

**Further Information:**

Posted on Epic

[http://npsintranet.probation.gsi.gov.uk/index/news\\_and\\_comms/news/reoffending\\_of\\_adults\\_results\\_from\\_the\\_2004\\_cohort\\_published.htm](http://npsintranet.probation.gsi.gov.uk/index/news_and_comms/news/reoffending_of_adults_results_from_the_2004_cohort_published.htm) also available on HO RDS website <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/whatsnew1.html>

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## 051/07 PROBATION CHANGE PROGRAMME – CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Probation Change Programme has now established the Employee Relations Working Group (ERWG) consisting of representatives of all recognised Trade Unions as well as the Probation Boards' Association (PBA). The role of the Employee Relations Group is to ensure that employee relations issues which arise, or are likely to arise at a national level as a consequence of work being done within the Probation Change Programme, are discussed and an acceptable way forward is agreed. The Programme will consult with this group wherever change is planned. This arrangement is in addition to existing negotiating and consultation arrangements.

Issued to Chief Officers, Chairs and Board Treasures via the NPS Chief Officer Gateway – 27 March 2007  
Also published on Epic, navigate from Home>Support Services>Probation Change Programme

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## 052/07 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT 2003 - QUARTERLY UPDATE

Criminal Justice Act 2003 - quarterly update (January 2006 – December 2006 probation workloads)  
Issued to Chief Officers and Chairs via the NPS Chief Officer Gateway – 30 March 2007

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## 053/07 TEMPLATE REPORT FOR THE REQUEST FOR THE REVOCATION OF LICENCE AND REVIEW BY THE PAROLE BOARD

A notice has been issued via chief officers to introduce an updated template Report for the Request for the Revocation of Licence and Review by the Parole Board. The template is available on EPIC from the 2<sup>nd</sup> April onwards. A number of changes have been made to the report for request for revocation of licence, and these are explained in the guidance note, also on Epic.

[http://npsintranet.probation.gsi.gov.uk/index/service\\_delivery/public\\_protection/pre\\_\\_\\_post\\_release.htm](http://npsintranet.probation.gsi.gov.uk/index/service_delivery/public_protection/pre___post_release.htm)

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## 054/07 BUILDING ON PROGRESS: SECURITY, CRIME AND JUSTICE

This is a detailed policy review published by the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2007. It reviews activity that has taken place over the last decade and sets out proposals to be followed in the next.

It is a hundred pages and the substantial part for the National Probation Service is within the section *Detecting Crime and Enforcing the Law* (Chapter 2B). This chapter contains ideas for improving the effectiveness and targeting of non-custodial (sic) sentences and prison rehabilitation programmes.

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## 055/07 TRANSLATED CJA LEAFLETS PUBLISHED

Translations of the Criminal Justice Act leaflets are now available on Epic for use by staff managing offenders whose first language is not English.

The 15 leaflets cover the Order and all 12 requirements. They have been translated into 22 languages and checked for accuracy. We welcome any feedback - please use the Feedback button on Epic.

Navigate from Home>Service Delivery>Criminal Justice Act Sentences>Community Sentencing Provisions>CJA Leaflets

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## 056/07 ISSUED RECENTLY

### Probation Circulars 2007:

- PC05 Post Release Enforcement - Inter-Agency Working, Unlawfully at Large Offenders, and Extradition – Issued 28 March
- PC06 Critical Public Protection Cases (CPPCs) – Issued 29 March 2007
- PC07 Introduction of New Service Level Agreement for 2007-08 between NOMS and Langley House Trust - Issued 30 March

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