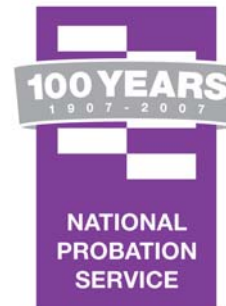


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The Bulletin has been improved for easier on-screen reading. It now summaries new content placed on Epic (<http://npsintranet.probation.gsi.gov.uk/index.htm>) in the previous week and significant messages that have been circulated on the Chief Officer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

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057/07 VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION ACT 2006

Advice about new legislation in Section 62 of the Violent Crime Reduction Act which widens the categories of persons who can be proceeded against under the Mobile Telephones (Re-programming) Act 2002. The Act created a number of criminal offences relating to the electronic identifiers of mobile wireless communications devices.

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058/07 REMAND EFFICIENCIES

A letter from OCJR was sent to all LCJBs on 28 March, its aim is to make the most of potential efficiencies around remands to help reduce the pressure on the prison population. There is a significant focus on CJS agencies working together to increase efficiency around the PSR production process. Efficiency gains here can contribute to reducing pressure on the prison estate

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059/07 LORD FALCONER

Lord Falconer, the lord Chancellor, who will be our first Minister of Justice, has already visited probation headquarters and London Probation Area to get first-hand knowledge of how we work and what we do.

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060/07 MIKE VARAH

We are sad to announce that Mike Varah, former chief officer of Surrey Probation, died on Monday night (2 April) of viral pneumonia after a short illness. He was a long serving chief probation officer, a pioneer for the Service in many ways and a distinguished athlete. There will be a private funeral with a larger memorial service to follow in due course.

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061/07 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
- PC07 Introduction of New Service Level Agreement for 2007-08 between NOMS and Langley House Trust
- Issued 30 March
- PC08 Implementation of Accredited Offending Behaviour Programme Performance Improvement Standards
- Issued 3 April

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