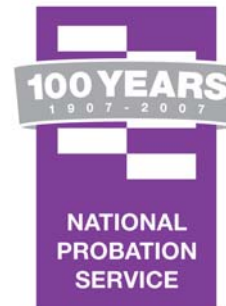


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The Bulletin has been improved for easier on-screen reading. It now summaries new content placed on Epic (<http://npsintranet.probation.gsi.gov.uk/index.htm>) in the previous week and significant messages that have been circulated on the Chief Officer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

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

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062/07 ACCELERATE DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The Accelerate management development programme has been run since 2004 for black and ethnic minority and disabled middle managers in the NPS, (called 'Accelerate 1'). Accelerate enables participants to better use and transfer their skills, knowledge, and understanding, in order to realise their potential and to compete effectively for senior within the criminal justice system.

The programme is made up of three cohorts, who each undertake a two year training programme. The current programme will cease to operate in April 2008, when the third cohort finish their training.

It is the intention of the NPS, along with the Youth Justice Board, to re-tender for a successor programme to be called 'Accelerate To'. This programme is expected to commence in the summer of 2007 and continue through to 2011.

Although no formal undertaking has been entered into, the expectation is for there to be an outreach initiative from late summer 2007 for two months. This will advertise the programme and invite applications from NPS staff.

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063/07 NEW PRE & POST RELEASE UNITS - REPLACING LIFER REVIEW AND RECALL SECTION (LRRS) AND RELEASE AND RECALL SECTION (RRS)

Changes have been made to the Public Protection Unit in NOMS, with effect on 1 April. The changes relate to the old Lifer Review and Recall Section (LRRS), led by Alistair McMurdo, and the Release and Recall Section (RRS), led by Russell A'Court.

From 1 April, a new Pre-Release Section (led by Alistair McMurdo) deals with both indeterminate and determinate sentenced prisoners. A Post-Release Section (led by Russell A'Court) deals with post-release policy and recall of both indeterminate and determinate sentenced prisoners.

Detailed information and up-to-date contacts have been provided to chief officers and will be put on the EPIC directory pages shortly.

EPIC: http://npsintranet.probaton.gsi.gov.uk/index/staff_directory.htm

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064/07 PERFORMANCE

Performance data covering April 2006-Feb 2007 has been published. Figures are available on a national, regional and area level.

EPIC: http://npsintranet.probaton.gsi.gov.uk/index/support_service/performance_information.htm

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065/07 TPO RECRUITMENT

The period for applications for TPO posts closed on Friday 13 March. There were over 57,000 separate visitors to the "Join Us" pages on the national probation website and early indications are that the number of applications is substantially up on last year.

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066/07 GLOUCESTERSHIRE PROBATION AREA HQ - NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS

With effect from **16 April 2007** the telephone numbers for the following offices will change to the numbers indicated:-

Gloucestershire Probation Area Head Office
Bewick House
1 Denmark Road
Gloucester
GL1 3HW

Tel: 01452 389200
Fax: 01452 541155

South West Regional Training Consortium (Martin Smith and Gill Martin)
C/o Gloucestershire Probation Area
Bewick House
1 Denmark Road
Gloucester
GL1 3HW

Tel: 01452 389230
Fax: 01452 527694

Email: Chris.westhead@gloucestershire.probaton.gsi.gov.uk

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067/07 PLANET PAYBACK

A small seminar (26 June) is being arranged to expand the work done by through unpaid work to include more green initiatives, with DEFRA, the government department responsible for environmental protection and addressing global warming. This is currently going under the working title of Planet Payback and the seminar will include presentations from current and potential beneficiaries. Chief Officers have been contacted in order to nominate delegates. Numbers will be very limited.

Email: Jacob.mcclure@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

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068/07 PROLIFIC OFFENDER DVD

Derbyshire Criminal Justice Board has released a DVD following three prolific offenders and featuring probation staff involved in their supervision. The purpose of the DVD is to illustrate to offenders the services available to them and to motivate their participation in the PPO scheme. It can also be used as a training resource for staff.

Email: laura.gurnett@cps.gsi.gov.uk

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069/07 APPOINTMENTS

Linda Hennigan has been appointed Acting Chief Officer of Bedfordshire.

Linda is presently ACO with responsibility for Public Protection at London Probation, having previously run the London boroughs of Camden and Islington. Linda will start in post on 8th May

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070/07 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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