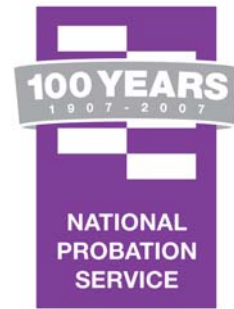


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The Bulletin has been improved for easier on-screen reading. It now summaries new content placed on Epic (<http://npsintranet.probation.gsi.gov.uk/index.htm>) in the previous week and significant messages that have been circulated on the Chief Officer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

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## 071/07 PAROLE RELEASE & LIFER STAFF LISTS

The contact details for the Croydon team have changed and the teams restructured. It is therefore important that you check the fax number for your area to ensure that recall paperwork is sent to the correct team. New staff lists have been posted on Epic.

Also note that the further review work has been moved to Croydon, presenting officers for the Public Protection Advocates Team are in post, and that the post release work for indeterminate offenders (lifers and IPPs) has been moved to come under the Post Release Section umbrella led by Russell A'Court.

The Out of Hours Recall telephone number is 020 7035 4848. Upon calling the number, you will be prompted to press 7 for emergency out of hours calls. Following this instruction will take you to the switchboard operator who will take your details and ensure that an out of hours officer can get in contact with you.

**Epic:** Navigate from *Home>Staff Directory>NOMS Parole, Release and Lifer Staff Lists*

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## 072/07 CENTENARY CONFERENCE AND MULTI-FAITH SERVICE

Areas, via their chief officers, have been asked to nominate delegates for the short conference on 11 June (pm) following the Multifait Service at Westminster Abbey.

Speakers are Roger Hill, Helen Edwards, Ben Page, MD of IPSOS-Mori and leading authority on public perception of crime and justice, Dr Mario Paparozzi, chair of the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at the University of North Carolina. The event will be chaired by the BBC broadcaster Moira Stuart. Nominated delegates should register on-line via EPIC. <https://registrations-online.com/probationcentenary>

Contributors to the Multifaith Service (12 noon) now include Rabbi Jonathan Marriner of Belsize Square Synagogue, North London, Dr Indarjit Singh OBE, editor of the Sikh Messenger, and Dr H V S Shastri, Hindu Faith Adviser to HMPS chaplaincy. Arif Hafeez, a PSO from London Probation's Romford office, will read from the Koran. The Service will be led by the Dean of Westminster Abbey with the Bishop of Worcester.

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### 073/07 OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BILL – PROCEEDING TO HOUSE OF LORDS COMMITTEE STAGE

The Offender Management Bill received its second reading on 17 April. The Hansard of the debate has been added to EPIC. During the debate Baroness Scotland identified some further opportunities to develop local links between Probation Trusts and the wider local stakeholder group by: ensuring that the requirements of local area agreements are included as part of the remit of Trusts; ensuring that Trusts share appropriate and relevant data with the local authority, and; providing a mechanism, through local reporting, for Trusts to be accountable to local communities.

**Epic:** [http://npsintranet.probation.gsi.gov.uk/news/offender\\_management\\_bill](http://npsintranet.probation.gsi.gov.uk/news/offender_management_bill)

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### 074/07 HMI PROBATION PLAN 2007 – 2008

HMI Probation has published its plan for 2007-2008 outlining its approach to split inspection activity between "solely-owned" and "jointly owned" work. The jointly owned work includes offender management, thematic inspections and supporting people. Solely owned work will cover Risk of Harm and SFO reviews. The full document has been posted on the HMIP website. <http://inspectors.homeoffice.gov.uk/hmiprobation/>

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### 075/07 PAROLE BOARD - BUSINESS AND CORPORATE PLAN

The Business Plan (2007-08) and Corporate Plan (2007-2010) detail, among other things, how the Board will manage the transformation of its work towards an increasingly oral-hearing based system. The plan includes caseload projections, including a growth in IIP oral reviews from 500 to 2,150 over three years to 2010. The plans provide direction on meeting the Board's main aim of protecting the public. <http://www.paroleboard.gov.uk>

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## 076/07 PROTECT - NEW PROTECTION MARKING

A new security protective marking "**PROTECT**" was introduced by the Cabinet Office on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007. Until the NPS has identified the areas of work where PROTECT should be applied, documents marked PROTECT should be treated as RESTRICTED.

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## 077/07 MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

NOMS HQ (which includes those units which were formally known as the NPD) will formally separate from the Home Office to join the new Ministry of Justice on its creation on 9 May. Further information will be posted on EPIC or circulated via Chief Officers at time.

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## 078/07 DfES OFFENDERS LEARNING AND SKILLS

The Department for Education and Skills (DfES) April e-newsletter has been published. Regions that have successfully bid to be test-beds to carry forward proposals contained in the Reducing Reoffending Through Skills and Employment – Next Steps document will be announced shortly (possibly next week). The Adult Learning Inspectorate report for the Quality Improvement Agency is also due out shortly and will be published by the QIA's website ([www.qia.org.uk](http://www.qia.org.uk)). The copies of the e-newsletter can be requested from the email below.

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## 079/07 NATIONAL REGISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE INTERPRETERS

The National Register of Public Service Interpreters (NRPSI) website provides NPS staff additional access to professional, qualified and quality assured interpreters. To be registered with the NRPSI, interpreters have achieved professional linguistic competence, are impartial and committed to maintaining confidentiality and are bound by and accountable to a Code of Conduct. This year's licence (2007) was paid by NOMS Probation, and London Probation administers this service on behalf of the NPS. The NRPSI website can be reached via EPIC.

Any comments on the NRPSI and the website should be directed to: NRPSI Ltd t/a National Register of Public Service Interpreters, Saxon House, 48 Southwark Street, London, SE1 1UN

**Tel:** 020 7940 3115 **Fax:** 020 7940 3123

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**080/07 ISSUED RECENTLY**

**Probation Circulars 2007:**

- 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
- PC09 Definition of Programme Completions for Accredited Offending Behaviour Programmes  
- Issued 20 April

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