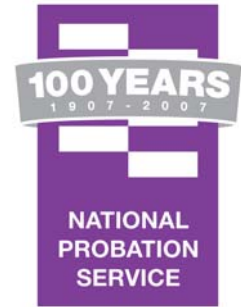


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The Bulletin has been improved for easier on-screen reading. It now summaries new content placed on Epic (<http://npsintranet.probation.gsi.gov.uk/index.htm>) in the previous week and significant messages that have been circulated on the Chief Officer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

- 088/07 [Adult Offenders Perceptions of their Underlying Problems \(RDS Findings 284\)](#)
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## 088/07 ADULT OFFENDERS PERCEPTIONS OF THEIR UNDERLYING PROBLEMS (RDS FINDINGS 284)

RDS has issued Findings no 284 covering the OASys self-assessment questionnaire on adult offenders perceptions of their underlying problems. The research is based on 101,240 SAQ assessments. Of those offenders who thought they were "very likely" to reoffend again, over half (56%) said that they had a problem with drugs, and approximately a quarter (27%) referred to drugs when explaining their likelihood of further reoffending.

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## 089/07 INFORMATION ON PROGRAMMES FOR SENTENCERS

New leaflets for sentencers on specific programmes have been posted onto EPIC. The leaflets appear in the section for each programme, below the programme manuals and above the leaflets for offenders.

**Epic:** Navigate from Home>Service Delivery>Interventions>Programmes

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## 090/07 LORD FALCONER SPEECH NAPO-PROBATION BOARDS' ASSOCIATION

Lord Falconer delivered a speech on 1 May to the Centenary Conference organised NAPO and the Probation Boards' Association. It anticipates the National Probation Service and NOMS move into the Ministry of Justice from 9 May. More detailed, high-level policy announcements for the new department are expected on or around the ninth. Lord Falconer's speech is posted on Epic. Other material about the new Ministry of Justice will be posted on EPIC and circulated to areas via chiefs as it is issued.

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## 091/07 TPO RESEARCH RESOURCES ON EPIC

A back-catalogue of relevant RDS research papers useful to TPOs and others has been loaded onto EPIC.

**Epic:** Navigate from Home>Support Service>Training>Training Probation Officer Resources>RDS Publications

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## 092/07 COMMUNICATIONS TOOLKIT

A communications toolkit to assist those promoting probation activity to local media and stakeholders, based on recent examples of local areas experience of working with a nationally funded PR agency, has been posted on EPIC.

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## 093/07 NATIONAL ALLIANCES CONFERENCE

In concert with Leicestershire and Rutland Probation, a national conference to showcase good practice in local partnership working to help build safer and more inclusive communities is being held in Leicester, Peepul Centre (10:30am – 3:30pm) on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2007. The keynote speakers will be Baroness Scotland and Angela Smith MP.

The conference will showcase good practice from around England and Wales in developing the reducing re-offending alliances with employers, local communities, faith groups and voluntary and community sector organisations.

Applications for places at the conference can be made online at the Local Government East Midlands website ([www.lg-em.gov.uk/Localsolutionsconference](http://www.lg-em.gov.uk/Localsolutionsconference)).

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**094/07 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 (*please see item above on amendments to annexes and changes in deadlines for submitting audit results*). Issued 3 April
- PC09 Definition of Programme Completions for Accredited Offending Behaviour Programmes Issued 20 April

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