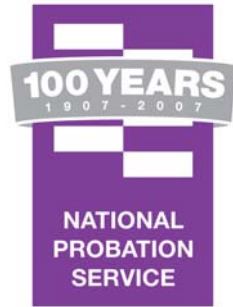


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The Bulletin has been improved for easier on-screen reading. It now summarises new content placed on Epic (<http://npsintranet.probation.gsi.gov.uk/index.htm>) in the previous week and significant messages that have been circulated on the Chief Officer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

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217/07 UPDATES TO OFFENDER MANAGEMENT

Phase 3 training outline

The delivery of Phase 3 training is being rolled out through the training consortia. It is being delivered in two parts. One is a half day briefing to managers so that they are brought up to date quickly and can ensure that their staff have an adequate reminder and grounding in the model; and the second part is a one day event for OM and CA staff in the community and OS and CA staff in prison, covering the detail of the change in processes and an opportunity to practise some of the learning.

The training does introduce significant new procedures, especially covering the replacement of the Lifer Sentence Plan and new arrangements for parole reports. It is therefore important that all relevant staff attend the training.

The expectation is that managers will brief their staff and prepare them for the one day event using the material given in their ½ day briefing so that participants on the full day from prison and probation have a similar base from which to learn and develop. Managers will be given early access to the materials used in the 1 day event so that they are fully aware of the information their staff will be working with: it is up to local areas to decide if managers should attend the full day event as well so that the area can be assured that their staff receive the best support.

It is desirable for this training to be completed by the end of January. However, to minimise the demands on probation areas, we are willing to extend the period to the end of March 2008.

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218/07 JACK STRAW'S SPEECH TO PRISON GOVERNOR'S ASSOCIATION

Jack Straw delivered his first major speech to the Prison Governor's Association on 4th October 2007, on prisons and reoffending. The speech sought to open a debate about the use of prison and sentencing and referred to the review that is currently being conducted by Lord Carter of Coles on options for penal policy. It made specific references to the changes made by the Probation Service since 2001 - when Jack Straw was Home Secretary - from paragraph 33. It is very complimentary to the Probation Service and the change of culture since 2001.

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219/07 ALCOHOL BEST PRACTICE CONFERENCE OCTOBER 2007

The Interventions and Substance Abuse Unit held a conference on 11th October 2007 to launch outputs from the seven alcohol projects funded under Probation Circular 31/2006 to support the implementation of the alcohol strategy, Working with Alcohol Misusing Offenders. The main purpose of the event was to disseminate the best practice learnt from the projects in order to inform the wider development of alcohol provision across the National Probation Service.

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220/07 HMIP REFERENCE & DIVERSITY REPORT PUBLISHED

The HMIP reference report provides, for future reference and record purposes, aggregate results from HMI Probation's Effective Supervision Inspection (ESI) programme, which inspected all 42 probation areas in England and Wales over the period 2003 to 2006. The report includes analyses of results by the diversity characteristics of offenders, and also examples of good diversity practice identified in the course of ESI.

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221/07 WEST MIDLANDS LAUNCHES SHARED DATABASE ON VIOLENT AND SEX OFFENDERS

The West Midlands will become one of the first areas of the country in which police, probation and prison services will share information on offenders using ViSOR (the Violent Offender and Sex Offender Register), a secure database that provides detailed information on dangerous offenders. Previously only the police operated ViSOR but the extension of the system to both probation and prison services will support closer joint working between the three agencies.

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Probation Circulars 2007:

There were no PCs issued this week

OASys Messages to Areas – Via Epic

Message 066 07 Use of apostrophe when entering names on OASys

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