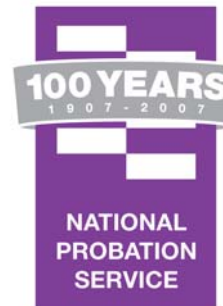


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The Bulletin has been improved for easier on-screen reading. It now summaries new content placed on Epic (<http://npsintranet.probation.gsi.gov.uk/index.htm>) in the previous week and significant messages that have been circulated on the Chief Officer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

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253/07 ANNUAL NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE FOR APPROVED PREMISES OCCUPANCY: 2006-07

A national league table has been circulated to Chief Officers. It shows that 63 Approved premises achieved occupancy levels on or above the 90% target (compared to 81 Approved Premises in the 2005.06 financial year). When adjustments are made the overall average for the year was 90.6% (91.8% in 2005-06). The fact that the target was achieved at the national level is indicative of the continuing hard work of managements and staff and those making referrals. Financial penalties that would normally apply to those Areas failing to reach the target will not be imposed. Occupancy is not cash linked for this year (2007-08).

Any queries about occupancy can be dealt with by Mark Rollason (Tel: 020 217 5216, email: Mark.rollason2@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)

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254/07 LEARNING NEEDS ANALYSIS (LNA) FOR VICTIM LIAISON OFFICERS

A Learning Needs Analysis to managers of Victim Liaison Units to evaluate the role-specific needs of Victim Liaison Officers will be issued shortly.

Information has been sent to chief officers. Further details are available from Felicity Hawksley – Felicity.Hawksley@justice.gsi.gov.uk on 020 7217 0670.

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255/07 ESTATES - NEW PROPERTY VACATION FORM

A new Property Vacation Form is to be used as soon as possible. The form is available from the Home Office General Property Estates Team. Copies of the template can be requested by emailing ETHOPG@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

Areas are required to complete Section 1 of the form and forward to the Home Office Estates Management Team (EM).

Information has been sent to chief officers. Further details are available from Mike Copley on 020 7035 6306.

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256/07 NATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AUDIT REPORT 2007-08

Findings of the recent Health & Safety Audit are now reported. The report is being launched at two events in November and December 2007.

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257/07 DAVID HANSON MP LAUNCHES RE-OFFENDING CONSULTATION

David Hanson MP, Minister of Justice, announced on Tuesday, 27 November 2007, the publication of a consultation document to inform the Strategic Plan for Reducing Re-Offending from 2008-11. The consultation paper seeks views from professionals working in the field on how the Government can capitalise on the successes to date, and continue to reduce re-offending rates. The consultation period runs until 18 February 2008.

Copies of the consultation document and the response form are available online at:

http://www.noms.justice.gov.uk/news-publications-events/publications/consultations/RRSP_2008-2011

Epic: Navigate from Home>News & Comms>News>Consultation events on the Strategic Plan for Reducing Re-offending 2008-11

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258/07 CONSULTATION ON IMPROVING HEALTH AND SUPPORTING JUSTICE

Publication of the document, Improving Health and Supporting Justice signals the start of a consultation process on how health and social care services can be improved for people subject to the criminal justice system. This is a joint initiative between the Department of Health, Department of children, Schools and Families, Ministry of Justice, Youth Justice Board and the Home Office. The deadline for response to this consultation is 4 March 2008.

Copies of the consultation document are available online at:

Offender Health: http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_080816

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259/07 "BELIEVING WE CAN" AND NOMS THIRD SECTOR ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION PAPERS

This plan is designed to build on the achievements of the third sector's work across the country and to break new ground in recognition of the developments that have taken place between Government and the third sector since 2004. It is designed to overcome the challenges of working in partnership with faith based organisations and increase their role in prevention and reducing re-offending.

The Government defines the third sector as non-governmental organisations that are value driven and which principally re-invest their surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives.

Copies of the consultation document and the response form are available online at:

http://noms.justice.gov.uk/news-publications-events/publications/consultations/BWC_third_sector_08

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260/07 APPOINTMENTS – HM COURT SERVICE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Neil Ward, HMCS Chief Operating Officer, has been appointed as the interim Chief Executive from Monday 17 December following Sir Ron De Witt's announcement of his retirement after four years as Chief Executive of HMCS. His last day of service will be Friday 14 December 2007

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261/07 ISSUED RECENTLY

Probation Circulars 2007:

PC38 Introduction of a New Memorandum for Community Service Volunteers (CSV) Pre Release Placements Issued 30 November

A new Memorandum of Understand (MOU) with Community Service Volunteers (CSV) has been agreed. The purpose of MOU is to ensure that all those who are a party to it are aware of and understand the arrangements under which the volunteer placement takes place. The parties are: the prisoner, the placement organisation, CSV, the offender manager and the prison establishment.

OASys Messages to Areas – Via Epic

Message 079 07	Amendment to 'Whats New' document 4.2.3	Issued 29 November
Message 077 07	Failed Merges	Issued 27 November
Message 076 07	Restoration of Helpdesk Telephone Services	Issued 26 November
Message 075 07	eOASys Helpdesk Telephone Number	Issued 26 November

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