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Intro'

This e-bulletin is issued by the Government Office for the South West (GOSW) *Safer and Stronger Communities Directorate (SSCD)*. It aims to keep you up to date with the latest national and regional developments in the Safer and Stronger agendas. You can register to receive future editions or to download this and previous issues here.

The items are listed in date order – newest first.

We are happy to receive any feedback or suggestions as to how this E-bulletin could be improved. Please send any comments to SAFERSTRONGER@gosw.gsi.gov.uk

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Safer & Stronger News

Place Based Survey results update

Our best information so far indicates that the timing of the release of Place Based Survey data will be as follows:

- Individual LAs will get their own data by the end of the first week of February (allowing them to begin discussing targets with their GOs).
- CLG will get national data on 23rd Feb from the Audit Commission, which can be shared with CLG and GOs to enable provisional targets to be set.
- The Audit Commission will publish county-level results on the 9th March.

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'National' data is a series of Excel workbooks which will cover LAA by LAA details on all 18 Place Based Survey National Indicators. It will include the weighted sample size and the percentage answering each question so it should provide all the necessary information to set targets. There is a gap between the individual areas receiving their data and it being passed on to GOs. This is apparently to allow Local Areas to 'check' their weighted data and for the process of compiling the full PBS national data sheets.

Cannabis reclassification

26/01/09 - Cannabis was reclassified from a Class C to a Class B drug. An information and communications toolkit, will be available on http://drugs.homeoffice.gov.uk/ from Wednesday the 28th January which includes posters, a leaflet and a credit card resource. These are intended for distribution to the public to inform them of how the law change will be enforced.

GO Places Handbook launch

14/01/09 - This Handbook which provides access to a range of tools to help manage all aspects of the delivery cycle has been launched. Whilst it was primarily developed as a support tool for GO staff it may well prove of value for external partners and hence it has been made available via the web. It encapsulates material on analysis - what is the problem?; planning - what are we going to do about it?; delivery - how are we going to do it? ; performance - how are we going to know we have done it well?
http://www.gos.gov.uk/placeshandbook/

New Opportunities White Paper

13/01/09 - The Prime Minister launched plans for building fair chances for everyone to succeed in the new economy. The New Opportunities White Paper sets out the Government's agenda for capturing the jobs of the future and investing in families, communities and citizens throughout their lives to help them get on and ahead.
Download: http://www.hmg.gov.uk/media/9102/NewOpportunities.pdf

Crackdown on metal theft

09/01/09 - A new National Metal Theft Crime Unit is being piloted for six weeks to clamp down on rogue scrap metal dealers who are illegally handling metal stolen from church roofs, man-hole covers and even telephone lines. Run by ACPO and the British Transport Police and jointly funded by the Home Office and the Energy Networks Association, the unit will share best practice ideas with police forces throughout England and Wales to highlight the tools and powers available to tackle this problem.
http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=389231&NewsAreaID=2

Effective Practice Database - user survey

The Effective Practice Database was launched just over a year ago to store information on initiatives around the UK which have been delivered to reduce crime and the fear of crime. As part of ongoing development, the Home Office's Partnership Communications Team is keen to gather feedback on the EPD. The EPD survey will be accessible from 19 January until 13 February 2009 via the Effective Practice Database website.
http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/cgi-bin/epd/index.cgi

Tilley Awards 2009 Announced

09/01/09 - This year's Tilley Awards have now been announced. For 2009 there are two award categories, a national award with prizes for the best regional entries and a stand alone category for projects demonstrating a reduction in violence against women. **The deadline for all entries is Thursday 30th April 2009**. Again the Home Office will be offering a pre-marking service for all applications received by the 20th February. For guidance and application forms see -
http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/tilley/tilleyawards2009.htm

Launch of Prison Healthcare Quality and Outcome Framework Toolkit

07/01/09 - The Prison Health Innovation Network has developed a toolkit which offers step by step guidance to implementing QOF in a prison environment which will be of particular interest to commissioners and providers of prison healthcare services. The Quality and Outcome Framework is a recognised and validated measure used in the NHS to support an annual quality improvement cycle. To access this toolkit, first

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register to become a member. As a resisted member, you will then have access to the QOF toolkit and other resources to support your work in a prison healthcare environment.
Website: http://www.healthcareinside.org.uk/ Registration: http://www.healthcareinside.org.uk/register.asp

England and Wales crime maps now available online

6/1/09 - Home Office Minister Vernon Coaker announced that from today the public can now access crime maps on the websites of all 43 police forces to see volume of crime as well as crime trends and comparisons with the rest of the country. The crime maps also allow the public to see how local crime fighting partnerships are impacting on issues of local concern and give people the information they need to dictate local priorities.
Find a police force = http://www.police.uk/forces.htm

Policing Pledge

31/12/08 - Home Secretary Jacqui Smith congratulated all 43 police forces for their outstanding commitment in reaching the momentous milestone of bringing the Policing Pledge to every community across England and Wales. The pledge is a new and clear deal on what the public can expect from police. It gives local people an unprecedented say in how their communities are policed and the opportunity to hold the police to account - to ensure they are getting the service they want.
http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/police-reform/Policing_Pledge.pdf

English Regions Equalities Network & Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnerships

- At the instigation of Equalities South West, the Government Equalities Office have agreed to support the formation of the English Regions Equalities Network which will potentially become a national voice for the regional equalities networks.

- The Regional Resource Centres, originally established to support the wardens schemes will be holding discussions with the Regional Improvement Partnerships over coming months to agree how the CLG funding which Resource Centres have received in recent years will be used when that funding is allocated to the RIEPs during the coming year. The focus will be on supporting community empowerment.

- CLG have decided that Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnerships do not yet have sufficient capacity to take on funding to support the delivery of cohesion policy. This decision will be reviewed during the coming year.

Further information: Dave.DUGGAN@gosw.gsi.gov.uk

Home Office unveil Drink Banning Orders

23/12/08 - A new power targeting offenders who commit crime under the influence of alcohol was unveiled on 23 December 2008. From next summer, drinking banning orders will allow police and local authorities to stop a person entering certain premises if they have been involved in criminal or disorderly conduct under the influence of alcohol. Breach of a drinking banning order, which can last up to two years, could lead to a fine of up to £2,500
http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/New-power-guidance-alcohol-crime

Tackling Violence Action Plan Implementation Guidance published

23/12/08 - The guidance published by the Home Office Violent Crime Unit provides information on tools, processes and structures to assist frontline practitioners to tackle most serious violence. It directs local practitioners to the wealth of guidance that exists for specific crime types and also partnership working within the violence context.
http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/tvap/tvap002.htm

Fund to Manage the Transitional Impacts of Migration

Because migration can bring short term funding pressures on local public services this fund has been set up to help manage these transitional impacts, and to promote innovative ways of managing these pressures. This was trailed in the June launch of Managing the Impacts of Migration: A Cross Government Approach, and announced in broad terms on 14 July in the Home Office's response to the Green paper on the path to Citizenship.

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GOSW, who will be responsible for allocating the fund, will be holding discussions with LSPs in the very near future. All local service providers including the police, local authorities, and Primary Care Trusts will be eligible to benefit. We don't yet have the details about how this fund will operate but will be provided in due course.
Further information: Colleen.CANN@gosw.gsi.gov.uk

Top 50 Alcohol Priority Areas and £1.5m Enforcement campaign announced

10th December - Alan Campbell announced the 50 alcohol priority areas which, in the South West, include Bournemouth, Torbay and Weymouth. In addition £1.5million is being made available in these areas to run enforcement campaigns from January to March 2009.
http://www.alcoholpolicy.net/2009/01/eleven-london-boroughs-will-each-receive-30000-to-tackle-specific-local-troublespots-of-alcohol-related-crime-and-disorder.html

Home Office 'Community Safety eUpdate' launched

December - The first of this new Home Office Direct Communications Unit electronic update notifications was issued. To add your name to the distribution list email Darren.Weale@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk.
Download Issue 1 http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/eupdate0812.htm

Report on CDF Community Empowerment Conference Report

22/10/08 - 170 delegates met in Birmingham for this national conference which gave an opportunity to share the different perspectives on empowerment policy and practice. The link below provides access to case studies, presentations and discussion notes which may be helpful in sharing with our SW Localities in developing their Community Engagement mechanisms.
http://www.cdf.org.uk/POOLED/articles/bf_docart/view.asp?Q=bf_docart_308664

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Diary Dates

2009

- 10th February - **National Pubwatch Conference**, Harrogate. Further information and booking: http://www.nationalpubwatch.org.uk/eventarticle.php?eventid=116
- 11th February - **Tackling Violent Crime Programme workshop** - GOSW, Bristol - A meeting for current TVCP areas to discuss progress to date, the plan for the end of the year and also as a method of gaining feedback on the process this year. Contact Sarah.Connolly@gosw.gsi.gov.uk
- 12th February - **NI 6 and 7 Workshops** - Hatton, London. he IDeA is holding free workshops or authorities which have included one of the indicators linked to the Third Sector in their LAA. The vent is aimed at senior and corporate staff working on the delivery of the cross-agency Third Sector agenda. Further information: zoe.swanson@idea.gov.uk
- 11th & 12th March - **Regional Alcohol Enforcement Skills Development Seminar** - Exeter. 2 x 1 day seminars outlining tools and powers available to tackle alcohol related problems and detailed training on the Licensing Act 2003. To share experience and best practice with each other with the aim of removing barriers to effective enforcement. Further info and booking http://www.alcoholtrainingworkshops.co.uk/
- 19 March - **National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning,** Bristol - The third and final training day for public sector commissioners focused on third sector commissioning. Further information and booking http://livegroup.co.uk/nptsc/
- **Third Sector Capacity Building event** – third in a series of events run by IDeA on strengthening working relationships between public and Third Sectors. Details to follow in later issue.

Distribution

This electronic bulletin has been sent to a wide range of people using the GOSW Safer and Stronger contacts databases. It includes following groups: CDRP/CSP and DAT Chairs, CSOs and managers; ASB, DV, PPO and YOT Coordinators; BCU Commanders; Researchers and many more.
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Audit Commission presentation
Key aspects of the CAA
(141 KB download)

Read the latest Research Development and Statistics Directorate (RDS)

Home Office

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LINK

HubCAPP
Hub of Commissioned Alcohol Projects & Policies

Sharing information on alcohol related projects and interventions

CLiNKS
supporting voluntary organisations that work with offenders and their families

Download 'Light Lunch', Clinks e-bulletin signposting infrastructure and frontline support to strengthen and develop the partnerships between the voluntary and community based organisations and the Prison and Probation services.

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