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Intro'

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

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](mailto:SAFERSTRONGER@gosw.gsi.gov.uk)

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## Safer News

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### Safer Communities Deputy Regional Director – Update

Ian Acheson formally of the Youth Justice Board joins the Safer Communities Directorate as the new Deputy Regional Director on the 16<sup>th</sup> October.

### Integrated Offender Management Conference

This conference took place at the Winter Gardens in Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. A very productive day, well attended by a wider variety of stakeholders keen to get to grips with this new exciting way of working. All the presentations and related documents will shortly be placed on the Criminal Justice Network web page. For more information see the web site link below or speak to Ian Long on 0117 9001991.

<http://www.gos.gov.uk/gosw/commsafety/830174/?a=42496>

### **Data Sharing Guidance for A&E Doctors**

There has been an important announcement from the College of Emergency Medicine - the Royal College for A&E doctors – which has now finalised its guidance on data sharing for violence prevention. This has been put on the College website.

<http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/CEM/Clinical%20Effectiveness%20Committee/Guidelines/Clinical%20Guidelines/default.asp>

### **Tackling Youth Knife Crime**

Tackling Youth Knife Crime - Practical Advice for Police has been written to share effective practice from the Tackling Knives Action Programme (TKAP) force areas so that we can make the greatest impact in reducing teenage knife deaths and serious woundings and, in doing so, increase public confidence. For more information and to download this document see link below.

<http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/youth/youth087.htm>

### **Tackling Violence Action Plan – Re-launched August 09**

This is just in case anyone missed it; the refresh of the Tackling Violence Action Plan was published in August and is available to download from the following link.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/violent-crime-action-plan-08/>

### **Legal Highs Risks Exposed**

A new information campaign highlighting the risks of so-called 'legal highs' has been launched by the Home Secretary. The FRANK campaign highlights the potential danger of these substances, particularly when mixed with alcohol.

The theme is that these are dangerous substances, and you never know what you are taking, or what effect they might have on your body. The campaign, aimed at 18 to 24 year old clubbers, uses the character of 'the crazy chemist' who wants to recruit human lab rats to try his latest batch of noxious concoctions.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/news/legal-highs-campaign>

### **Alcohol Awareness Week**

Alcohol Awareness Week in England and Wales is running from 19-25 October 2009. To help you run activities to support the week, packs have been developed which includes ideas, tips and template materials. It also includes details of Know Your Limits materials available to order. The pack will be available to download from the KYL stakeholder website, see link below.

<http://www.alcoholstakeholders.nhs.uk>

### **Drinking Banning Orders**

The Government has taken the decision to implement Drinking Banning Orders (DBOs) on application. These orders came into force on 31st August 2009 and will be available to practitioners from this date. For more information on DBOs and guidance please see below link.

<http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/dbo001.htm>

### **Not in my Neighbourhood Week 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

This year's Not in My Neighbourhood Week will take place from 2nd to 6th November. This dedicated week of action follows on from last year's highly successful week coordinated by the Home Office. The week provides local agencies including Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships/Community Safety Partnerships, Neighbourhood Policing Teams, and Neighbourhood Watch Groups with a platform to publicise the work they do to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and to highlight the significant efforts that are being made to keep our communities safe. The handbook along with further support material can be found at,

[www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk)

### **Drugs Strategy News Letters**

To find the latest copy of the Drugs Strategy News Letters please follow the link below.

<http://drugs.homeoffice.gov.uk/news-events/newsletter/?view=Standard>

## More support for Hate Crime Victims

The government's new action plan seeks to reduce hate crime, support hate crime victims and bring more perpetrators to justice. See link for more information.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/news/hate-crime-plan-launched>

## 11 Million Takeover Day

Did you know – 6th November 2009 is this year's 11 Million Takeover Day. It's a chance for the 11 million children and young people in England to take over from adults. Last year 17,000 children and young people took over jobs at nearly 700 organisations including schools, police and fire services, government departments, local authorities, businesses, charities and youth groups. Further information on how you may get involved can be found at <http://www.11million.org.uk/>

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## Diary Dates

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- 19-25 Oct - National Alcohol Awareness Week.
- 20<sup>th</sup> October – Home Office PSAs & Communications Regional Event 09 email: [home-office@oxygenlive.co.uk](mailto:home-office@oxygenlive.co.uk)
- 20<sup>th</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Safer & Stronger Communities Event – Securing the Public's Confidence [http://www.insidegovernment.co.uk/communities/safer\\_communities/index.php#agenda](http://www.insidegovernment.co.uk/communities/safer_communities/index.php#agenda)
- 22 October Strengthening Community Cohesion in the UK. <http://www.westminster-briefing.com>
- 2 - 6<sup>th</sup> November – **Not in My Neighbourhood Week.**
- 5 November 2009 – Criminal Justice Network Meeting, GOSW, Bristol.
- 17 November – Future Development of CDRPs Conference <http://www.westminster-briefing.com>

### Distribution

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### Editorial comment

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