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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

Tackling Drugs Saving Lives Awards

10/12/08 – These prestigious awards were announced today. Our congratulations especially go to David Stork, Service User Coordinator at Gloucestershire DAAT, for winning the South West individual winner award, and to the Drugs Specialist Nursing Team at Bristol Royal Infirmary who picked up the winning team award.

<http://drugs.homeoffice.gov.uk/communications-and-campaigns/tackling-drugs/awards/?view=Standard>

ASB Focus Newsletter – Second Issue published

09/12/08 – <http://www.respect.gov.uk/members/article.aspx?id=9848>

Government Response to the Magee Review of Criminality Information

4/12/08 - The Government published their response to [Sir Ian Magee's Review of Criminality Information](#) and a proposed action plan, which sets out how they intend to use those recommendations to improve the handling of criminality information in support of public protection.

<http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/government-response-magee-review>

Pablo the Drug Mule Dog - FRANK Campaign

4/12/08- A new hard-hitting anti-cocaine campaign was launched on national TV to highlight the risks associated with using cocaine.

<http://drugs.homeoffice.gov.uk/news-events/latest-news/pablo-frank-cocaine>

Government response to Irresponsible Drinking in Queen's speech

3/12/08 - New measures to crack down on irresponsible drinking and alcohol-fuelled crime and disorder were announced in the speech. These include a ban on 'all you can drink' promotions, a mandatory code of practice and new funding targeted at priority areas.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/news/crackdown-irresponsible-drinking>

Policing and Crime Bill announced in Queen's speech

3/12/08 - The Bill will increase the effectiveness and public accountability of policing, protect particularly vulnerable members of our society including women and children, prevent crime and disorder from taking root in our communities, reduce crime by improving the recovery of criminal assets and international judicial co-operation and enhance security planning at UK airports.

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/Page17673>

New Equality Bill announced in Queen's speech

3/12/08 - In the Queen's speech to Parliament a Bill to promote equality, tackle discrimination and introduce transparency in the workplace to help address the difference in pay between men and women was announced. The Bill will:

- reduce nine major pieces of legislation, and around 100 statutory instruments, into a single Act,
- promote equality, fight discrimination in all its forms, including age discrimination
- introduce transparency in the workplace which is key to tackling the gender pay gap;
- require public bodies to give due regard to the need to tackle discrimination and promote equality through their purchasing functions.

No 10 link = <http://www.number10.gov.uk/Page17676>

Government Equalities Office = http://www.equalities.gov.uk/equality_bill/index.htm

New Anti-Social Behaviour/Alcohol Enforcement Powers

01/12/08 – New powers come into force under s. 118, Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 which allow enforcement agencies to tackle alcohol related Anti Social Behaviour. The power applies where there is persistent and serious nuisance or disorder and these terms are helpfully defined in the guidance, with examples.

<http://www.respect.gov.uk/members/article.aspx?id=12672>

December HubCAPP e-bulletin released

1/12/08 - The December edition of the Hub of Commissioned Alcohol Projects & Policies e-bulletin is published here:

<http://www.hubcapp.org.uk/ebulletin.php>

NDTMS South West Second quarter report 2008/09

December 2008 - This latest quarterly report from the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) presents key data about the drug misusing population in the South West and quantifies the number of clients receiving structured treatment.

<http://www.swpho.nhs.uk/resource/item.aspx?RID=47046>

Government Response to the Policing Green Paper

28/11/08 - The Home Secretary published the summary of responses and next steps on the Policing Green Paper: From the Neighbourhood to the National, Policing our Communities Together.

<http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/police-reform/green-paper-responses>

New Drug Use figures from Home Office

30/11/08 - The Home Office's 'Drug Misuse Declared: Findings from the 2007/2008 British Crime Survey' suggests that overall drug use in England and Wales is at its lowest level in a decade. The Findings show that 9.3 per cent of 16 to 59 year olds reported using any illicit drug in the last year, compared to 12.1 per cent in 1998. The survey also reported a decline in overall drug use from last year's figures.

http://www.drugscope.org.uk/newsandevents/currentnewspages/BCS_0708_released.htm

Drugs Intervention Programme leaflet updated

Nov 08 - DIP introductory overview leaflet (sometimes referred to as the DIP generic leaflet) has been updated. The leaflet provides a general description of the DIP Programme and its interventions and is intended for use with all audiences. It's a good companion to the DIP DVD "Breaking through" for stakeholders who are new to the topic.

Download and order copies: <http://drugs.homeoffice.gov.uk/publication-search/dip/dip-generic-leaflet>

Perceptions of ASB: Findings of the British Crime Survey

27/11/08 - The Home Office Statistics Unit publish these perceptions of Anti Social Behaviour findings from the 2007/08 British Crime Survey:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs08/hosb1508.pdf>

Identity Cards for Foreign Nationals

From 25 November, UKBA will start issuing identity cards to non-EEA foreign nationals, and their dependants, who are granted further leave to remain in the UK within certain categories (student and marriage / civil partnerships / unmarried couples). All those applying for further leave to remain under the categories above will be required to enrol their biometric details. Successful applicants will then be sent the card by secure delivery. The card will help to confirm a person's immigration status and eligibility to entitlements in the UK. It will also help employers, educational establishments and other public service providers to understand a migrant's immigration status via a single document.

For further information about the Identity Cards for Foreign Nationals and guidance on checking the card:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/managingborders/idcardsforforeignnationals/>

Know Your Limits Christmas stakeholder pack

21/11/08 – NHS website has put together a guide with lots of ideas to help partners promote the Know Your Limits campaign locally over the Christmas period.

http://www.alcoholstakeholders.nhs.uk/stake_units-toolkit.html

Tackling prostitution and protecting vulnerable women

19/11/08 – The Home Office announced new measures to protect vulnerable women and tackle kerb crawlers in response to a six month review on prostitution. The new offence will mean that sex buyers will be liable for prosecution, even if they didn't know that the prostitute was controlled by a pimp or had been trafficked.

<http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/tough-action-protect-women>

Police Foundation Briefing Publication

November 2008 - The Police Foundations is producing a new series of briefing publications to provide an independent assessment of specific aspects of policing in the UK. These should prove useful to practitioners, policy makers, police officers and staff, police authority members, politicians, academics, journalists and the general public. Whilst these will be subject to a subscription charge the first issue is being made available free of charge - download from this page:

<http://www.police-foundation.org.uk/site/police-foundation/latest/the-knowledge-hub/the-briefing-?>

New Bristol and Swindon alcohol arrest referral projects

13/11/08 - The Home Office is providing an additional £1m to police and drug and alcohol teams for the roll-out of nine new alcohol arrest referral projects which in the South West includes both Bristol and Swindon. Under the new schemes, those arrested where alcohol is a factor will have to see an alcohol specialist within one week. The specialist will assess their behaviour and their personal health risk, and then offer help and advice on reducing their alcohol consumption.

<http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/binge-drinkers-confront>

Home Office to support the Design Council's Designing Out Crime programme

6/11/08 - The Home Office announced that it is to provide £1.6 million over 3 years to support a programme run by the Design Council to work on developing solutions to a wide range of crime-related problems, particularly those which affect young people.

<http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/designing-crime-grows>

Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Co-ordinators

4/11/08 – In the South West Bristol has been invited to work in partnership with the Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Group to deliver some of the recommendations from the Casey Review, 'Engaging Communities and Fighting Crime' and to improve public confidence in the Criminal Justice System.

<http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/crime-justice-pioneer-areas>

ASB Focus Newsletter – First Issue launched

28/10/08 – The ASB and Crime Prevention Unit in the Home Office, and the ASB ActionLine launch a new quarterly Anti-Social Behaviour newsletter. To receive future editions contact the ASB ActionLine on 0870 220 2000.

<http://www.respect.gov.uk/members/article.aspx?id=9848>

Wiltshire Group win 'Partnership of the Year' Award

21/10/08 - A Wiltshire Local Public Service Agreement Working Group, which also aims to reduce the impact of domestic violence throughout the county, were recognised for 'going the extra mile' when they won the Partnership of the Year category in the Justice Awards 2008.

Story - <http://lcbj.cjsonline.gov.uk/Wiltshire/2120.html>

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Diary Dates



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- 13&14 January - **Regional Alcohol Enforcement Skills Development Seminar - Liverpool** – another in the series of training seminars run by the Home Office to cover the tools and powers available to tackle alcohol related problems, including detailed training on the Licensing Act 2003. Details and booking:
- 10th February - **National Pubwatch Conference**, Harrogate. Further information and booking: <http://www.nationalpubwatch.org.uk/eventarticle.php?eventid=116>
- **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.

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