

Annual Summary 2024-25



**Leading police information resource
of criminal justice legislation**



Welcome to the PNLD Annual Summary!

PNLD is the leading online information resource of criminal justice legislation for the police forces of England and Wales, law enforcement organisations and wider criminal justice partners. As a national organisation, we are recognised for providing consistent, accurate, timely and reliable criminal law, in support of around 250,000 end users.

Comprising of Acts of Parliament, Common Law, Regulations, Orders and Byelaws, Case Law summaries and, most importantly, the National Standard Offence Wordings and CJS codes (SOW's), PNLD data is pivotal in criminal prosecutions.

PNLD continues to be a critical resource for our customers, providing the essential legislative information necessary for successful investigations, prosecutions and disposals, helping to create positive outcomes for victims of crime.

With zombie-style knives and machetes now included in the list of offensive weapons under the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) Order 1988, PNLD's article and In the Spotlight on the subject proved a timely resource in an area that continues to be of significant focus for policing.

This year, we introduced 'The Briefing Room,' a recap of all legal updates from the past month delivered straight to your inbox, ensuring that our customers don't miss out on important updates.

The Ask the Police website continues to provide the public with comprehensive answers to a range of policing questions, explaining complex law in a clear and simple style. The Blackstone's Operational Handbook also returns for an updated edition later this year.

Your subscriptions cover our ongoing costs, and every effort is made to ensure that our pricing continues to reflect value for money. Any surplus funds are reinvested into the organisation to ensure both the stability and operability of the service, and to innovate and improve services for our customers.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. PNLD is committed to providing a quality service to help police and criminal justice partners keep communities safe and prevent crime. I am pleased to share the culmination of our team's hard work over the past 12 months and look forward to your feedback.

Marnie Ratcliffe
Head of PNLD



Reference, Research & Reassurance

National
Organisation
governed by
West Yorkshire
Police



17 PNLD
employees



7 qualified
Legal Advisers



support
Creators of National
Standard Offence
Wordings & Codes



+250k
end users
43 HO police forces
& CJS partners



Supporting the
Criminal Justice
System



Legislation



National
SOWs



Case Law
Summaries



Guidance
Notes



Points to
Prove



Legal
Updates



Legal
Q&A's

Ask the
Police

PNLD

2024-25



Reduction
in calls

1.6m
page views

Page Views

10.2m
page views

+47k

Total documents
on PNLD

+15k

Standard Offence
Wordings

+102k

Police
registrations



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Added Value



Publications:

- Definitions & Points to Prove Booklet
- Blackstone's Operational Handbook
- Blackstone's Counter Terrorism Handbook



Number of queries received:

Legal 1,785
Public 4,847



Positive feedback:

Legal 100%
Public 97%

Legal Articles & In the Spotlight



A Breakdown of
Dangerous Driving



In the Spotlight: Power
of Arrest



Zombie Style Knives and
Machetes



In the Spotlight: Seizing
Vehicles



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Our Vision

PNLD aspire to be the leading online provider of criminal law information by delivering legal insight and clarity through fresh approaches.

Our Mission

PNLD is a national organisation recognised for providing a consistently accurate, timely and reliable online criminal law resource for the police and its criminal justice partners.

We will continue to guide and inform on essential legal matters in a helpful, educational and cost-effective way, contributing to the overall efficiency of criminal justice.

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