

Annual Summary 2025-26



Leading police information resource  
of criminal justice legislation

## Welcome to the PNLD Annual Summary

The Police National Legal Database (PNLD) continues to play a vital role as the leading national resource for criminal justice legislation, supporting police forces, law enforcement agencies and criminal justice partners across England and Wales. Comprising Acts of Parliament, Common Law, Regulations, Orders and Byelaws, Case Law summaries, and the National Standard Offence Wordings and Codes. PNLD remains fundamental to the application of the law and the successful progression of investigations, prosecutions and disposals.

Our information underpins consistent and confident decision making, helping to achieve positive outcomes for victims and safer communities. During 2025–26, we introduced a new force fee model, designed to be fairer, more transparent and sustainable for our customers. This model, supports clearer financial planning and ensures continued value for money. As always, any surplus funds are reinvested into the organisation to maintain the stability and operability of the service and to support innovation that will benefit our stakeholders.

This year also marked an important step forward in our approach to technology. We have begun to explore how artificial intelligence can be used ethically and responsibly, specifically to allow effective yet controlled access to our data.

We are keen to collaborate with police forces and partners on AI and efficiency focused projects that maximise value, reduce duplication and support operational policing.

Looking ahead, we have launched a new three year strategic plan that will guide our priorities and investment. Our focus will be on improving the customer experience, increasing product awareness and strengthening our customer insights. We will continue to consolidate and build on key stakeholder and strategic relationships. We will drive efficiencies through cost effective technology, increasing the usage and quality of our content, and maximising value through collaboration. Underpinning all of this is our people, we continue to commit to valuing and investing in our people by building a culture of trust and wellbeing.

Thank you for your continued support. I am pleased to share this summary of the work delivered by Team PNLD over the past 12 months. I am excited to hear where the next few years take PNLD in its support of policing and criminal justice.



Marnie Ratcliffe  
Head of PNLD

Reference, Research & Reassurance





**9,365,210**  
Page Views

**108,429**  
Police Registrations



**14,840**  
SOW's

**1,296**  
Legal  
Queries

**3,637**  
Published  
Cases

### Added Value:

- Definitions & Points to Prove Booklet
- Blackstone's Handbooks
- Monthly published Legal Articles
- Quarterly In the Spotlight feature
- The Briefing Room newsletter

### Popular Communications:

- Controlling or Coercive Behaviour
- Nitrous Oxide's Role in Drug Driving
- Search & Seizure
- Crime & Policing Bill



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**Supporting the Criminal Justice System  
& 43 Home Office Police Forces**



**48,640 - Total Documents on PNLD**



**25,485 - In the Spotlight Page Views**



**15,533 - Legal Article Page Views**

## Ask the Police



Answers to a wide variety of policing questions  
frequently asked by the general public

**1,625,703**  
Page Views

**3,412**  
Public Queries



**818 Q&As**

**474 Topics**



**100% Positive  
Feedback**

### Reducing calls to the police - freeing up resources



Someone has parked their car and it is blocking my driveway, what shall I do?



Can I go on a speed awareness course instead of having points on my licence?



Is it illegal to carry a knife around in my pocket?

### 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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