

Annual Summary 2023-24



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



Welcome to the PNLD Annual Summary

The Police National Legal Database (PNLD) uses Microsoft Power Platform technology in its role as the leading resource of criminal justice legislation in England and Wales. Supporting police forces, other law enforcement agencies and partners, the database comprises of Acts of Parliament, Common Law, Regulations, Orders and Byelaws, Case Law summaries and, most importantly, the national Standard Offence Wordings and CJS codes. These are created on behalf of the Ministry of Justice, and without them criminal prosecutions could not take place.

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 stakeholders.

2023 saw some important pieces of legislation come into effect, such as, the Online Safety Act 2023, the Public Order Act 2023, the National Security Act 2023, revised PACE Codes of Practice, and most of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. Nitrous Oxide also became a class C drug.

Team PNLD has worked diligently to ensure that these significant changes were made, translated into meaningful content, and disseminated for timely consumption.

We continue to see high numbers of police users registering for direct access to PNLD, and all subscribers have the option to receive the regular and timely legal updates, including Case Law summaries and legal Q&A's. The popular quarterly feature, 'In the Spotlight' brings focus to legal topics, simplifying complex legislation, improving legal knowledge, and providing a greater understanding of how to apply the law.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We strive to ensure that we provide the best possible products and services to enable police and criminal justice partners to keep communities safe and prevent crime and criminality. I am pleased to share with you the accumulation of the last 12 months of hard work by the team and look forward to hearing your comments.

Marnie Ratcliffe
Head of PNLD



Reference, Research & Reassurance



15 PNLD employees

6 qualified Legal Advisers

Creators of National Standard Offence Wordings & Codes

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

Ask the Police Scotland



2023-24

11.6m page views

+68k

Total documents on PNLD



+15k

Standard Offence Wordings



+160k

Police registrations



Reduction in calls

Page views



Added Value



Blackstone's Operational Handbook: Law



Blackstone's Counter Terrorism Handbook



Definitions & Points to Prove

Number of queries received:
 Legal 1,936
 Public 6,578

Positive feedback:
 Legal 100%
 Public 98%



Legal Articles & In the Spotlight



Public Order Act 2023: A Summary



In the Spotlight: Drink & Drug Driving



'XL Bully' – A Guide to The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991



In the Spotlight: Special Warnings



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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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