

PNLD promotes greater learning for students

PNLD's legal database has long been used to support the training of police officers within their force. An increasing number of students are now choosing to study policing before applying to join the police service.

The policing profession is supported by a growing number of higher education courses leading to a recognised qualification. Police National Legal Database (PNLD) provides the legal foundation for students aspiring to be the next generation of police officers and underpins what they do and how they do it.

Canterbury Christ Church University is one such university that plays a key role in educating the police officers of tomorrow. They work in close collaboration with Kent Police through their BSc (Hons) Policing / Police Studies (Pre-service) course.

This degree prepares students for a police career by developing their knowledge and understanding of policing practices and procedures.

PNLD is a crucial resource that provides students with instant access to current criminal law together with clear explanations and guidance, written in everyday language to assist the reader.

James Nunn is a Lecturer in Policing at Canterbury Christ Church University. He has contributed chapters to the Blackstone's Handbook for Policing Students and is a former police officer who has over 28 years' service with the Metropolitan Police.

James' former career in the force means that he was familiar with PNLD as an information resource when he assumed his post at the university. James has championed its use, as he fully appreciated how it would provide substantial benefits

for students just beginning their journey in policing. James explained: "The amount of material on PNLD is phenomenal. PNLD is the only source for me that really links everything together in a quick and accessible fashion. From a practical perspective it gives you everything you need to know.

Legislation on its own can have many constructs to it but PNLD gives you access to what these constructs are and presents it in a straight-forward, digestible, practical way using plain language.

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The useful thing for our professional policing students is that if they are familiar with PNLD before they join, there will be an expectation that they will use the legal database once they join the police service.

From an academic perspective, if you are running an approved professional policing degree, getting your students to understand and access PNLD effectively, will stand them in good stead for the police service.”

The police service has relied upon PNLD’s legal database for support, training, and advice for over 25 years.

To assist subscribers, PNLD’s team of highly qualified Legal Advisers research the law for changes. They ensure that new legislation and crucial amendments are reflected on the portal immediately. This makes applying the law much more straightforward for police officers and makes life easier for policing students.

One of the features which makes PNLD stand out from other resources is the succinct format of its Case Law Summaries. Rather than simply reproducing transcripts and the judge’s summing up of the case, PNLD condense the circumstances, detail the outcome, and then explain the reasoning behind the Court’s decision. The case citation is also provided to enable further research if required.

Making the PNLD portal available to their students, Canterbury Christ Church University continue to lead the way in meeting its training needs and providing innovative academic and professional courses to support students seeking a career in policing.

Would your university or college like to benefit from the same benefits as Canterbury Christ Church University? If so, contact us!

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At the end of an input on a legal topic, James will ensure his teaching syllabus fairly reflects the ever-changing arena of criminal law legislation.

For example James may draw on individual case summaries on PNLD such as R v Barreto 2019, regarding mobile phone use whilst driving.

James guides his students to the Road Traffic legislation on PNLD’s portal so they become familiar with the system and are able to use it in future research.



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