

PNLD paves the way for Trading Standards

When it comes to upholding the law, the police have a wealth of experience. In recent years, legislation has created, transferred and enabled the sharing of law enforcement responsibility with other organisations.

Police National Legal Database (PNLD) is available on subscription which means we can offer other organisations the same invaluable guidance we have been providing to the Police Service for more than 20 years.

Trading Standards undertake their own investigation and prosecution through the Court system. Whilst a separate public body, they are also subject to the same procedural legislation as the police, for example, PACE (the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984).

Trading Standards have taken out a bespoke national subscription with PNLD to benefit from the same guidance provided to the police and for the convenience of using the national standardised offence orderings, created by PNLD on behalf of the Ministry of Justice.

What do you do when investigating a rogue trader tarmac-ing drives?

Unable to serve a postal summons and need to know the correct codes and wordings at the police station?

Take a look at PNLD!

PNLD update legislation as it comes into force and add relevant case summaries. Trading Standards can be assured that they are acting in accordance with the law under current legislation.

PNLD allows ease of use to navigate quickly between legislation pages, relevant offence wordings and related cases. Trading Standards enforcement officers value the time-savings and increased efficiency generated by using PNLD for their research; rather than browsing through legal manuals.

The well presented and easy to understand database ensures that users are interpreting the law and the powers it contains in a reliable, consistent and legally precise manner. PNLD provides a time efficient and cost effective solution for legal practitioners.



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Building on customer relations

“There are great practical benefits for us; PNLD present TS offences in a format which police are familiar with and can relate to. This certainly enhances joint working”

Legal Affairs Manager

“PNLD’s legal database makes things so much easier. When we are, for example, investigating a counterfeiter and planning a raid to seize the faked goods, we simply can’t afford to get it wrong. An error could prevent a successful prosecution. We use PNLD to research the law and to be reassured that we’ve got it right, that what we plan to do has a sound legal basis.”

Pat Harter, TS Officer, West Yorkshire

“I really like the site and use it quite a bit. One example I can think of relating to practical ‘in the field’ use is that I have been able to print off typical rogue trader offences to give to the police at an incident so they immediately understand what they are dealing with as they are familiar with the PNLD layout. It’s a lot easier than trying to explain our offences to officers, particularly when they have had no previous dealings with TS. I also find the case law extremely useful.”

Lucinda, TS Inspector, Isle of Wight

“We have found the PNLD very useful particularly when charging suspects at a police station. My team had 35 charges for one individual recently and by quoting the offence code to the police they were able to enter the charges in advance saving valuable time in a busy custody suite and keeping our working relationship intact!”

Kath, TS Team Leader, Caerphilly

“On all of the enquiries, prior to arrests, I researched PNLD to identify the potential offences, points to prove and Home Office codes. The addition of Trading Standards offences on the system has proved invaluable to me.”

Bob, SWRET (Scambusters), Bristol

“I have used this for both getting example offence wordings for animal by products offences and also for looking up the Private Security Act and its offences. I find it quite a simple site to use and particularly helpful for example of wordings of offences.”

Sarah, Bucks CC

“I regularly check updates and changes to the Codes of Practice that may impact on our investigations, interviews, detentions and contact with the police. This in turn is invaluable when dealing with solicitors, knowing what we can and perhaps more importantly cannot do, provides confidence when interviewing especially in their presence.”

David, Enforcement Officer



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