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WELCOME 

I'm delighted to open this month's edition of NCA News and share our progress against our economic crime priorities for 2014-16. Our priorities are to lead law enforcement in tackling national and international-scale money laundering, bribery, corruption and sanctions; deploy our investigative capabilities against high priority economic crime threats; and to leverage change in the economic crime environment.

On leveraging change, we've worked with partners in the Financial Sector Forum, including the Home Office and British Bankers Association, to establish

the Joint Money Laundering Intelligence Taskforce. In a pilot kicking off this month, the taskforce will gather, share and collate information concerning high end money laundering through an information-sharing hub made up of law enforcement and banking experts.

We're also creating a new unit within the NCA, combining the expertise of Metropolitan Police and City of London Police units tackling overseas bribery and corruption with the NCA's global investigative and intelligence capabilities. It's a real opportunity to build a UK Centre of Excellence against bribery and corruption.

We've made strong operational progress; NCA assets have supported Serious Fraud Office and Financial Conduct Authority operations. We're developing more operational targets with law enforcement, regulatory and industry partners. Working with partners is the only way we'll tackle the economic crime threats and I'm grateful for colleagues' commitment and enthusiasm.

Nigel Kirby

Deputy Director Economic Crime Command

BREAKING NEWS

We teamed up with the UK's largest shooting organisation, the British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC), on an initiative to help its members protect their firearms from theft.

This comes in response to a recent spike in the number of thefts of firearms from licensed certificate holders. We and the BASC produced advice, Protect Your Firearm, Protect Your Sport, sharing tips on storing and transporting firearms, and on being vigilant when out and about. It also includes the steps to avoid being targeted via social media.

Roy McComb, Deputy Director of the NCA's Organised Crime Command, said:

"Although the level of theft of lawful firearms is very low, one firearm in the

wrong hands is one too many. I'm delighted we're working with BASC to ensure its members and the wider shooting community are given simple advice on security measures."

View the advice on the BASC website: www.basc.org.uk

IN THE PICTURE



Since October 2011, over one million parents and carers across the UK have attended a face-to-face awareness-raising session about how to keep their children safe online. This has been achieved with the support of CEOP's Thinkuknow education network and sponsoring partner Visa Europe. Join the one million parents who now know more about online safety by visiting www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

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Help your children explore the internet safely

We're dedicated to helping you navigate the world of online parenting

Our children are growing up online. Accessing games, social networks and apps through a range of different devices.

- 87% of 5-7 year olds play games on their own
- 1 in 3 (33%) have their own tablet
- 36% of children aged 12-15 use Instagram - the photo-sharing social network app
- 71% of children aged 12-15 have an active Facebook account

The National Crime Agency's Child Protection Command (CEOP) is working in partnership with Visa to inform parents about online safety.

1 million

parents have now received a face-to-face online safety awareness session and can keep their child safer online.

And one million parents now know more about:

- This Visa app and devices their child is using
- How to reduce the risk their child faces online
- How to report anything of concern
- And where to go for further advice and support

It's important for us to continue to help...

- 43% say that their child knows more about the internet than they do
- The average 12-15 year old has never met 3 in 10 of the friends listed on their main social networking profile

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INSIDE STORY

The NCA hosted a partnership Engagement Day for Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and Chief Constables in January. PCCs and attendees discussed a variety of issues relating to partnership working with representatives from across the agency, including Jamie Saunders (Director of the National Cyber Crime Unit), Donald Toon (Director of the Economic Crime Command) and Johnny Gwynne (Director of the CEOP Command).

The Director General, Keith Bristow, opened the day, introducing it as the first of what the NCA proposes will be an annual event, and emphasising the significance of partnerships for the NCA in all aspects of the agency's work, whether with police forces, other government agencies, PCCs, industry or NGOs. He also spoke of the need for a joined up approach, stressing that it is only through this partnership-led approach that law enforcement will continue to stay one step ahead.

Speaking about the day Keith Bristow said: "Engaging with PCCs and Chief Constables is important not just for our partnership working with policing, but also to help us continue developing new and effective ways of cutting serious and organised crime."

SPOTLIGHT ON...

A key priority for the Economic Crime Command (ECC) is leading multi-agency action to combat national and international scale money laundering. One way we are doing this is by focussing action against the small minority of corrupt and negligent professionals enabling the crime.

High end money laundering and serious fraud can often only happen with access to the skills of lawyers, accountants, company formation agents and bankers. The ECC is working closely with sector regulators and supervisors to pursue high risk corrupt professionals. Just before Christmas, the NCA

searched a solicitor's firm and home address in relation to an ongoing multi-million pound money laundering and fraud investigation.

This month, Nigel Kirby, Deputy Director ECC, attended a Law Society Gazette roundtable on money laundering and serious fraud in the legal sector. The discussions covered the risk posed by corrupt and negligent solicitors and current and planned Pursue and Prevent action to tackle the threat. Nigel also presented on this approach at last week's Home Office International Crime and Policing Conference where his focus was *Pursuing the few* (corrupt professional enablers) to underpin the wider message of *Preventing the many*.

NEWS IN BRIEF

An international money-launderer who carried out his six-figure deals from a suite in a five star London hotel has been sentenced to over six years. Rajnesh Sharma was caught by NCA officers following a complex international and national investigation. [More](#)

Paul Scott, formerly one of the NCA's most wanted fugitives, has been jailed for 14 years after pleading guilty to conspiracy to import cocaine. Scott had been on the run since 2010 and was caught in December 2014 when he and his pilot landed a light aircraft on a remote rural strip in Norfolk. Following the sentencing, he was arrested by Merseyside Police on a European Arrest Warrant in connection to a murder in Spain. [More](#)

A prolific drug smuggler has been jailed along with thirteen members of his crime group following an NCA-led operation involving six police forces. Responsible for importing 4.5 tonnes of drugs, the group was jailed for a total of 66 ½ years. [More](#)

COMING UP



Safer Internet Day, the annual event to promote safer use of online technology and mobile phones amongst children and young people, is taking place today, Tuesday 10th February. To mark this, Thinkuknow, the education programme from the NCA's CEOP Command, is releasing a new toolkit of online safety lesson plans for practitioners working with young people. The CEOP Command is also working with the UK Safer Internet Centre and UK police forces to highlight top tips for parents. Find out more by visiting www.saferinternet.org.uk or by following [Click CEOP](#) on Facebook or [@CEOPUK](#) on Twitter.



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