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WELCOME 

**HMIC's recently-published inspection of the NCA reports that we made "a strong start" in our first year and continue to make good progress.**

**Working with our partners has been key to delivering this and is evident in almost all of the NCA's operational activity.**

Through our collaborative, multi-agency partnerships with police, law enforcement, security and intelligence agencies, government, and partners in industry, the private sector and internationally we are delivering results - tackling high-risk individuals, organised crime groups and key threats.

Earlier this month, we signed a formal partnership agreement with Police

Scotland, building on and strengthening our existing partnerships with our Scottish law enforcement colleagues. Additionally, legislation has now been passed enabling the agency to become fully operational in Northern Ireland by the end of May, meaning that the most serious criminals will be pursued wherever they are.

Elsewhere, we are enhancing our existing partnerships - the former Middle Market Drugs Partnership has broadened its remit to become the Organised Crime Partnership, an NCA and MPS collaboration to disrupt organised criminals harming London's communities, and a new joint NCA and GCHQ unit will combine GCHQ's technical skills with our investigatory expertise to tackle child sexual exploitation and cyber crime.

These are important developments, which will ensure a shared endeavour across the UK to fight serious and organised crime in 2015/16 and beyond.

**Caroline Murdoch**

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## **BREAKING NEWS**

Working with our partners in law enforcement, industry and government we coordinated an intensive week of action in March to help businesses and members of the public guard against cyber crime. As a result of our partnership work 57 people were arrested in 25 separate operations relating to a range of cyber criminality including: network intrusion and data theft from multinational companies, Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks, cyber-enabled fraud and malicious software and virus development.

Police forces across the UK visited and contacted around 60 businesses to help them reduce their vulnerability to cyber crime. Using personalised security data reports compiled by the NCA - in partnership with CERT-UK (the UK's Computer Emergency Response Team) and the Shadowserver

Foundation – police officers notified businesses of cyber crime threats on their systems and provided advice on how to manage them. This activity is part of our wider partner engagement programme to tackle crime threats to the UK and help clean up of the UK’s internet infrastructure.

During the week the Association of Chief Police Officers coordinated four cyber-security pop-up shops to give members of the public advice on online security and free ‘digital health checks’ on their machines. The pop-up shops were conducted by police forces, involving a range of experts from law enforcement bodies, banks, cyber security firms and services such as Cyber Streetwise and Get Safe Online and supported by NCA officers. View the full news story on the NCA website: [www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk)



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## IN THE PICTURE

Can you help to locate a wanted fugitive? The NCA, working in partnership with crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers and UK and Spanish law enforcement, has launched its ninth Operation Captura campaign to track down Britain’s most wanted fugitives who are believed to be living in Spain. Since Operation Captura’s launch in 2006, 65 out of 76 fugitives have been successfully brought to justice. Ten new fugitives' profiles were added to the list on 17 March. Visit [Crimestoppers' Most Wanted](#) page for more information.

## INSIDE STORY

At last December's #WeProtect summit, the Prime Minister announced an additional £10 million of funding to the NCA's CEOP Command to help combat the national and international threat from Online Child Sexual Exploitation (OCSE).

Following this announcement work has been underway to scale up our response to OCSE in order to protect more children and to target more offenders. We are dramatically increasing the size and remit of the NCA's CEOP Command and creating new roles and capabilities to identify and rescue abused children, relentlessly disrupt high risk offenders, cut down systems that allow offenders to share images, and develop new capabilities by working with GCHQ to exploit opportunities.

Tackling OCSE is one of the most challenging areas of policing and law enforcement, and we are creating new teams of experts across the agency. In the coming months we will recruit child protection advisers, researchers and operational officers.

**We are currently advertising for Investigators and Intelligence Officers with relevant previous experience to join the agency.**

Partnership working is at the heart of our response to OCSE. We will continue to work with our partners across law enforcement, the charitable sector and industry so together we can enhance the effectiveness of our response.

The deadline for applications for the experienced **Investigators and Intelligence Officer** posts is **Friday 27 March, 8pm** - for more information on the posts and how to apply, visit the [NCA Careers website](#).

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

Pension savers are being urged to 'scamproof their savings' in a campaign launched by The Pensions Regulator, supported by the NCA, ahead of forthcoming changes to the law.

From April 2015, people aged 55 and over will have more freedom over how they access their pension pot. It is usually under-55s who are targeted by scammers enticing them to move their pensions funds into bogus unregulated investment scams or single-member occupational schemes. However, with likely interest in the law changes for over-55s, scammers will look to exploit a new target audience.

The Pension Regulator's scorpion campaign alerts retirement savers to the risks, offering advice on how to spot a scam, and what to do if they have been contacted by a suspect organisation. The campaign also provides guidance for pension scheme trustees, including a check list of scam hallmarks, and signposts to a new code of good practice, including calling on trustees to encourage members to contact Pension Wise, the new Government service aimed at helping those approaching 55 to understand their options.

For more information, visit [The Pension Regulator's website](#).

## NEWS IN BRIEF

An international child sex offender has been brought to justice following an investigation carried out by the NCA and West Mercia Police. Former teacher and charity worker Simon Harris has been sentenced to 17 years and four months for sexual offences against children in Devon and Kenya. [More](#)

Three men who admitted possessing a staggering array of guns and bullets, as well as dangerous chemicals used to make explosives have been jailed. The

NCA worked jointly with South Yorkshire Police to investigate and bring the men to justice. [More](#)

The NCA has worked with law enforcement colleagues in the Netherlands, Italy and Germany, to shut down command and control servers used by a 'botnet' network of infected computers. This activity was part of a major European operation to tackle malicious software (malware) known to have infected tens of thousands of computers in the UK. [More](#)

## ELSEWHERE IN THE NCA

NCA officers were recently honoured at the prestigious Fighting Fraud Awards, nominated in two categories, and winning one. Set up in 2012, the awards recognise individuals and bodies in the public sector who have made significant contributions to combat and prevent fraud. The NCA won the Enforcement Award for its work in tackling economic crime. The agency was also recognised alongside a number of partners, including Derbyshire Police, with a nomination for the Collaboration Award for a joint investigation in to human trafficking.



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