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Dear Colleague

Reform of anti-social behaviour powers: Publication of statutory guidance for frontline professionals and commencement date of the new powers

As you will be aware the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 will introduce six new flexible powers for dealing with anti-social behaviour. This will ensure that, in future, professionals have effective powers that are quick, practical and easy to use, providing better protection for victims and communities and a real deterrent to perpetrators. We are also introducing two measures that give victims a greater say in the way their complaints of anti-social behaviour are dealt with: the Community Trigger and the Community Remedy.

Certain provisions in the Act came into force on 13 May 2014 relating to the community remedy and community trigger. These provisions were commenced to enable professionals to start putting review procedures in place for their Community Trigger and to enable Police and Crime Commissioners to prepare their Community Remedy documents. I am pleased to announce that the six new powers with the Community Trigger and the Community Remedy will **commence on 20 October**.

In order to help professionals understand the new powers, we published draft guidance in October last year. Since then, the guidance has been amended to reflect the changes made during the passage of the Act through Parliament, including making the guidance statutory. It also incorporates feedback that Home Office officials have received from professionals, including police, social landlords and local councils in workshops that have been run across the country. The statutory guidance has been published today on GOV.UK and can be found using the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/332839/StatutoryGuidanceFrontline.pdf.

To further assist understanding, the College of Policing is developing an e-learning package to support the introduction of the new anti-social behaviour powers. This e-learning package will be available for use by all partners who have responsibility for dealing with complaints of anti-social behaviour. The College of Policing expect the training to be available in September and more details on how to access it will be available later in the summer.

I am also copying this letter to the Welsh Government.

Yours sincerely

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