



Prison and Probation Reform: Closing the 'Revolving Door' in Offender Management

A Public Policy Exchange Symposium

Tuesday 5th March 2013

10:15am – 4:30pm

Central London

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Overview

Over the last ten years the prison population in the UK has almost doubled to around 82,000 and now sits at maximum capacity, with each prisoner costing the UK taxpayer approximately £50,000 per year. Nearly half of all offenders sent to prison are reconvicted within a year at a cost of between £7bn and £10bn.

In order to urgently address the current failings of our prison system, decrease the prison population by 3,000 and reduce public spending by £2bn by 2014, the Government has sought a more constructive, transparent and intelligent approach to sentencing in the UK. The Government has outlined a number of changes to sentencing, including simplifying the framework to make it more comprehensible to the public, enhancing judicial discretion, reforming the indeterminate sentence of IPP and strengthening community sentences. Greater emphasis is being placed on restorative justice, whilst an extension of the 'Victim Surcharge' will force offenders to pay towards supporting victims of crime.

Championing a 'rehabilitation revolution', the Government has committed to transforming the delivery of rehabilitation services by 2015 through harnessing the expertise and innovation of the third and private sectors via cost-effective payment by results schemes. Drug and alcohol rehabilitation programmes will be strengthened in prison, whilst offenders' education and employment in prison will be improved. The Government also envisages that all offenders serving less than 12 months, and therefore at highest risk of reoffending, will receive tailored support 'through the gates' to change their behaviour with an ex-offender providing mentoring, housing and employment assistance upon release.

This special symposium offers an invaluable opportunity for practitioners from across the police, prison and probation services and key stakeholders from the private and third sector to examine the latest developments in the Government's transformative programme for the offender management system and consider the next steps to deliver the 'rehabilitation revolution'.

“ Almost half of all adult offenders reoffend within a year of leaving custody... That is why the Government has embarked on wholesale reform – beginning with prisons becoming places of meaningful work and training, not idleness, where many more prisoners will work a full working week, and the extension of payment by results, so that the taxpayer only funds rehabilitation services that work.”

- Punishment and Reform: Effective Probation Services, March 2012

“ My vision is very simple. When someone leaves prison, I want them already to have a mentor in place to help them get their lives back together. I want them to be met at the prison gate, to have a place to live sorted out, and above all someone who know where they are, what they are doing, and can be a wise friend to prevent them from reoffending. And also to have training or rehab lined up – because this Government is determined to do more to address the root causes of offending: to get drug and alcohol users into recovery, and to address mental health needs.”

- Justice Secretary, November 2012

Accommodation

Through our partnership with HotelMap, we are able to offer our delegates heavily discounted hotel rates at a wide range of London hotels. To view hotel availability and rates and to book online, visit www.HotelMap.com/M5NUZ/

Alternatively, if you would like to book your accommodation by phone, you can call **Daniel Spinner at HotelMap**, on **020 7292 2335** quoting **Special Reference Code M5NUZ**.



Why Attend?

- ✓ **Analyse the latest policy changes to the UK's offender management system and examine the next steps in delivering prison reform**
- ✓ **Explore changes to sentencing to strengthen punishment and payback and restore public confidence in the CJS**
- ✓ **Consider how to utilise the expertise of the third and private sector through the expansion of payment by results schemes**
- ✓ **Assess how to deliver effective alcohol and drug rehabilitation in prisons and a tailored approach to female offenders**
- ✓ **Discuss how to improve offenders' access to education, training and employment opportunities in prison and once released**

Who Should Attend?

- Offender Management Training Teams
- Probation Officers
- Crown Prosecution Service
- Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships
- Community Safety Partnerships
- Third Sector Practitioners
- Drug and Alcohol Action Teams
- Criminal Justice Practitioners
- Judges and Magistrates
- Legal Professionals
- Health Service Professionals
- Victim Support Representatives
- Mental Health Practitioners
- Social Workers and Social Services Officers
- Police Service, Police Authorities and Fire Services
- Young Offenders Institutes
- Licensing Enforcement Officers
- Community Cohesion and Development Organisations
- Community Support Officers
- Local Authority Officers and Councillors
- Central Government Departments and Agencies
- Children and Youth Services
- Training, Skills and Employment Providers
- Domestic Violence Co-ordinators
- Families Services Officers
- Sure Start
- Equality and Diversity Practitioners
- Academics and Researchers

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Programme

09:30	Registration and Morning Refreshments
10:15	Chair's Welcome and Introduction
10:30	Panel Session One: Driving Forward Reform – Delivering Effective Punishment, Rehabilitation and Sentencing of Offenders <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sentencing Reform – Delivering a Simpler, More Intelligent Sentencing Framework; Strengthening Community Sentences to Meet the Needs of the Public• Improving Payback – Increasing Offenders' Financial Reparation to Victims, Expanding Restorative Justice• Local Integrated Offender Management – Improving Partnership Working and Information Sharing to Reduce Re-offending• Expanding Payment by Results – Harnessing the Expertise, Innovation and Diversity of the Private and Third Sector, Incentivising Results and Cost-Effectiveness• Working with Communities to Reduce Crime – Ensuring Courts Provide Efficient and Effective Justice and that Services are Accountable, Transparent and Flexible
11:15	Morning Refreshments
11:30	Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel One
12:30	Networking Lunch
13:30	Panel Session Two: Closing the 'Revolving Door' – The Next Steps in the 'Rehabilitation Revolution' <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extending and Strengthening Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Programmes within Prison and Upon Release• Diverting Prisoners with Mental Illness to Health Facilities and Addressing their Needs• Developing a Tailored Approach to Women Offenders and Those with Multiple Needs• Up-skilling Offenders – Increasing Discipline in Prison and Improving Education, Training and Employment Opportunities in Prison and Following Release• Providing Support 'Through the Gate' – Ensuring Every Offender Receives Housing, Employment and Financial Advice and Assistance by Mentors Once Released
14:15	Afternoon Refreshments
14:30	Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel Two
15:30	Chair's Summary and Closing Comments
15:40	Networking Reception
16:30	Close

Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice

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Forthcoming Events

Responding to the Needs of Girls and Young Women in the Penal System
11th December 2012

Fit for the Future: The New Role of Local Authorities in Public Health
12th December 2012



Child and Adolescent Health and Well-Being: Addressing the Hidden Harm Caused by Parental Alcohol Misuse
13th December 2012

Strengthening the Role of Careers Guidance in Schools and Colleges
22nd January 2013

Fair Game? Working in Partnership to Tackle Discrimination in Sport
24th January 2013

Raising Animal Welfare Standards at the Time of Slaughter or Killing
29th January 2013

Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Well-being: Transforming Service Delivery
30th January 2013

Smarter and Greener: The Future Direction of Local Transport Policy
31st January 2013

Domestic Violence and Young People: Tackling Teenage Relationship Abuse
5th February 2013

Local Authorities and Shared Services: Boosting Quality, Efficiency and Value through Innovation
6th February 2013

International Student Recruitment: Understanding and Complying with the Points Based Immigration System
7th February 2013

The New Framework for School Inspections
27th February 2013