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Commenting on today's budget, Roma Hooper, Director of Make Justice Work, said:

"There is a real risk that swingeing budget cuts will cause a rise in reoffending.

"The Government's plans to reduce prison numbers must be coupled with investment in robust community alternatives. If offenders are not re-directed to effective community programmes there is a genuine risk that they will simply go on to reoffend.

"These budget cuts are totally counter-intuitive to the Government's aim to cut crime in a more cost-effective way."

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