

Make Justice Work June Newsletter



Dear Sir/Madam,

As we await the response to the Green Paper Consultation, pressure has been building on Ken Clarke's intended reforms which may or may not threaten some of his bold intentions to reduce the numbers in prison.

Make Justice Work has been able to robustly respond to some of the sometimes unhelpful media coverage

National Commission of Enquiry.

Our final enquiry, focusing on mental health, is in London on 11th July. Thanks to the generosity of the City Bridge Trust, the event will be held in the Livery Hall at the Guildhall in the afternoon. If you would like an invitation and have not received one please contact lulucane@makejusticework.org.uk

This promises to be a lively and interesting event with Lord Bradley opening the afternoon debate and as we anticipated it is already proving very popular.

We shall then be concentrating on writing up the final report which will be launched in early September and disseminated throughout a series of roundtable seminars at the Party Conferences.

The Media

We have had a busy two months including coverage in [The Daily Express](#), [The Daily Telegraph](#), [BBC News](#) and [Radio Five Live](#).

Following some uncomfortable press coverage around Ken Clarke's suggested sentencing policies MJW received considerable media coverage:

Women's prisons: I was quoted by the [Press Association](#), and covered by the [Daily Mail](#), [the Financial Times](#) and [BBC News](#) in very positive coverage.

Ken Clarke: I was on [LBC](#) following Boris, where Victim Support and I were successful in making the presenters agree that "there's more support in the country for Ken Clarke than there is in his own party". I was also on the Adam Boulton show on [Sky News](#), one of the prime daily political show and offered a strong riposte to Phillip Davies.

Who we are talking to:

I have attended a range of meeting with MPs, members of the Shadow Cabinet, the MOJ Statisticians, the Youth Justice Board, Centre for Policy Studies, Magistrates Association, the private sector and many others.

MJW in the media...

08.06.11 | LBC with Andy Pierce
Roma Hooper LBC discussing the Justice Minister's recent changes to sentencing
[Read more here>>](#)

10.06.11 | Five live Drive
Roma Hooper on 5 live Drive discussing short term prison sentences
[Read more here>>](#)

11.05.11 | The Daily Express
Offenders commit fewer crimes when released from short term sentences
[Read more here>>](#)

10.05.11 | The Telegraph
Ministry of Justice research shows that short term sentences are ineffective
[Read more here>>](#)

10.05.11 | BBC News
Research has found that the longer the prison sentences reduce the chance of reoffending
[Read more here>>](#)

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We met with the Policy Unit at no. 10. This was a useful and informative meeting and enabled MJW to talk in more detail about its work and future plans.

MJW continues to develop its network and range of partners - networking continues to be invaluable for the campaign and a very effective tool to get our message across.

I visited Styal Prison as the guest of the Governor and Independent Monitoring Board. The staff there are dealing with some extraordinarily complex and often ill women and should be applauded. The visit also gave me the opportunity to visit the radio station there which is now an integral part of the national prison radio station. (The Prison Radio Association won a Sony Silver this year).

New Website

Our [new website](#) was unveiled in May and we have a lot of new features so do take a look. Any comments would be gratefully received!

Roma's Blog

I have been blogging! Take a look at the latest on the [website](#).

Twitter

MJW is on Twitter. Take a look at our page and follow us [@justicecampaign](#)

Best wishes,

Roma Hooper

Director, Make Justice Work

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