

MJW July Newsletter



Dear Sir/Madam,

With the draft Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill and White Paper now out, pressure continues to build on Ken Clarke's intended reforms. The recent u-turns will make it more difficult to give reality to his bold intentions to reduce the numbers in prison, but there remains much in the White Paper which we commend and hope to build on.

Make Justice Work has responded robustly to some of the unhelpful media coverage. At the same time we are working hard to ensure that much better use is made of robust community sentences for lower level offenders.

National Commission of Enquiry

Our final enquiry, focusing on mental health, was held in London on 11th July. Thanks to the generosity of the City Bridge Trust, the event was held in grand setting of the Livery Hall at the Guildhall.

Lord Bradley gave the opening speech at the afternoon session, and there was a lively and informative debate in which the audience of over 130 people took an active part.

We are now writing the final report which will be launched in September and discussed at a series of roundtable seminars at the Party Conferences. To find out more about our National Commission of Enquiry and read our recent report on the Criminal Justice Drugs Team in Leicester, please go to www.communityorcustody.com.

The Media

We have had a busy few months

May/June

[Daily Express](#)

Proof that tough justice does put crooks off crime

[Daily Telegraph](#)

Longer prison sentences deter re-offending, study shows

[BBC News](#)

The longer the prison sentence the less likely an offender is to commit a further crime, according to research

[BBC Five Live](#)

I was on BBC five live to discuss the ineffectiveness of short term sentences

MJW in the media...

08.06.11 | [The Guardian](#)

We must not miss the opportunity for a rehabilitation revolution

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21.06.11 | [The Telegraph](#)

Reaction to sentencing U-turn: Damilola Taylor's father calls for the PM to sack Clarke

[Read more here>>](#)

11.05.11 | [The Telegraph](#)

Probation works: Roma's letter to the Telegraph

[Read more here>>](#)

08.06.11 | [LBC with Andy Pierce](#)

Roma Hooper on LBC discussing the Justice Minister's recent changes to sentencing

[Read more here>>](#)

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Week beginning 6th June:

Women's prisons: My quote was featured 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 Johnson, where Victim Support and I got the presenters to agree "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](#), the prime daily political show, opposite Phillip Davies MP.

Week beginning 11th July:

I was interviewed by Gaby Roslin on [BBC Radio London](#).

Who we are talking to:

We have had meetings with the Policy Unit at 10 Downing Street, a number of MPs including Jacob Rees-Mogg, Shaun Woodward, Stephen Gilbert and Tom Brake, the Youth Justice Board and the Centre for Policy Studies. We continue to work closely with the Magistrates Association.

How to keep track of what we are doing:

Our website is updated frequently and I am tweeting and blogging as often as I can!

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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