

MEDIA RELEASE

Response from Make Justice Work to the speech by the Justice Secretary, The Rt. Hon. Chris Grayling MP at the Conservative Party Conference in Birmingham, 2012.

Roma Hooper, Director of Make Justice Work said: "Quite rightly victims should expect an element of punishment within community sentences, but the evidence we have gathered from victims of lower level crimes in a recent collaboration with Victim Support confirms that they also see rehabilitation as the other key to making sure that the crime does not happen again. Robust community sentences must demand offenders deal with the drivers behind their offending behaviour and only then can they be effective at reducing crime and re-offending.

"The extension of Payment by Results (PbR) processes in the criminal justice system must also be very carefully managed. There are key concerns which need to be dealt with first, not least when such a scheme will be rolled out and how success will be measured. It is also clear that lessons must be learnt from the DWP's Work Programme where the jury is still out as to its success."

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