

Merry Christmas from Make Justice Work



This year has been extremely busy and fruitful for Make Justice Work. With the support of our many friends and colleagues, we have shone a spotlight not only on the voice of the victim and their views of community sentencing but very importantly on the new world of payment by results. MJW remains totally committed to the efficacy of community sentences against short term prison sentences, and with the Matrix report, has highlighted the cost benefit of keeping lower level offenders out of prison.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my team, Peter, Sarah and Lulu, my chair, David Barrie and our board, our very supportive small group of funders, our amazing ambassadors and all those who have made a real contribution to our work over the last twelve months. Thank you for your continued support and best wishes for 2013.

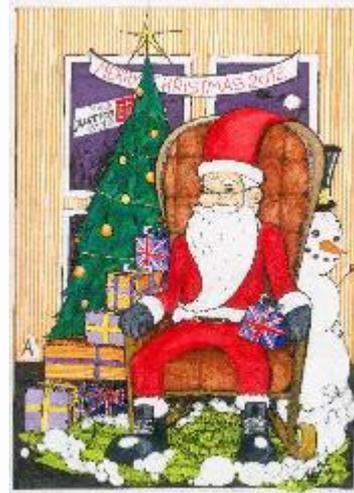
Just Results

In May 2012 MJW brought together 30 leading experts to explore in an open-minded and constructive spirit the challenges of applying PbR to the delivery of community sentences. Participants also focused on ways in which such challenges could be overcome. *Just Results* captured the outcomes of the event – facilitated by independent public service experts - and identified nine key operating principles which must be in place if PbR is to be a success.

MJW outlined serious concerns about the use of PbR in community sentencing.

1. The MOJ had not given themselves enough time to run the pilots (these have since been cancelled completely).

Merry Christmas!



Make Justice Work commissioned [Art-Alive](#) to create our Christmas Card this year and this was created by Romain Neist, so a massive thanks to Art Alive!

[Art-Alive Arts Trust](#) is a registered charity (no.1088773) working with young vulnerable adults. They believe in the therapeutic and educational benefits of the Arts, delivering innovative and engaging projects in London, assisting local education authorities and the community in motivating and supporting the youth with challenging and difficult behaviour. "Art can bring a balance to young peoples' lives, provide previously untapped self-confidence and self-esteem, and ultimately help to build new citizens".

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2. Rehabilitation is complex process and offenders differ greatly so we should not rely on a single binary measure to assess outcome.
3. Existing and new providers may not be able to compete in a new market because of access to limited capital budget constraints.

[You can read 'Just Results' on the MJW website.](#)

Out in the Open

In June 2012 MJW and [Victim Support](#) set out to examine victims' awareness and perceptions of community alternatives to custody, and to test how they respond to knowing more about them.

The report was released in September 2012, MJW and [Victim Support](#) found that if victims are given more information about community sentences then they become more confident in their effectiveness. You can read the report '[Out in the Open: what victims really think about community sentences](#)' on our website.

MJW and Victim Support also jointly presented reports at all three Party Conferences.

Right on Crime

In August 2012 MJW gave a grant journalist Ian Birrell to travel to the United States to investigate the '[Right on Crime](#)' movement, which originated in Texas and is now spreading across America.

Some prominent US conservatives have declared prison a failure. It is expensive and has few - if any - positive outcomes for lower level, repeat offenders particularly those who have drug and alcohol issues.

The Observer article revealed that investing in rehabilitation (which costs less than prison), effective sentencing and support for offenders has had a dramatic effect on reoffending rates in Texas and has already led to the closure

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MJW Videos

Perspectives - Prison and short term sentences

The first short film from Make Justice Work and Tall Wall Media's 'Perspectives' series. This film talks to previous offenders about their experience of prison and short term sentences.



Perspectives - Alternatives; effective sanctions delivered in the community

The second short film from Make Justice Work and Tall Wall Media's 'Perspectives' series. This film talks to previous offenders about their rehabilitation and the effectiveness of peer mentoring schemes.



Future - Making the right change

The third and final short film from Make Justice Work and Tall Wall Media's 'Perspectives' series. This film talks to previous offenders about their future plans and how a community sentence helped to turn their lives around.

of some prisons.

[You can read the article on the MJW website.](#)

Matrix

In June 2012 research commissioned by Make Justice Work into the economic benefits of providing Intensive Alternatives to Custody (IAC order) instead of short term custodial sentences revealed they could save up to £500 million over five years. These total savings are broken down as follows: £177 million in reduced intervention costs, £69 million in reduced costs to the criminal justice system of dealing with crimes, £29 million in reduced costs to the NHS of dealing with crimes and £225 million in reduced costs to the victims of crimes.

Research practice at [Matrix Knowledge Group](#) conducted the research using the example of IAC orders in two pilot sites in Manchester and Bradford.

[You can read the report 'An economic analysis of alternatives to short term custody' on our website'.](#)

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Best wishes,



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