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MJW April Newsletter



All of us involved with criminal justice have been waiting for the results of the [Probation and Community Sentence](#) review which finally came out last Tuesday. There were no real surprises as some of the content had been leaked a few weeks ago but this is a consultation process and it is incumbent on us all to ensure that we provide the most constructive and dynamic feedback that we can.

MJW Staff

We are delighted to announce that MJW has appointed its first deputy director. Peter Hand will be joining us from Mencap on the 23rd April. Peter has been working with Mencap as their senior parliamentary affairs officer since 2009 and has a wealth of experience and knowledge. His email address will be peterhand@makejusticework.org.uk

Lulu Cane, Head of Operations, is going on maternity leave as from 23rd April. Lulu's maternity leave will be covered by our former intern Sarah Pollard who will act as office manager from 2nd April. Her email address is sarah.pollard@makejusticework.org.uk

Payment by Results: Just Results - 25th of May

Make Justice Work is hosting *Just Results*, a special gathering of experts to consider how the PbR system might work and how key issues can be addressed. We plan to use panel discussion of hypothetical situations to create an initial common understanding of the expected future operation, finance, benefits and risks of the new policy. Participants will then consider the capacities of current services to successfully implement PbR and to analyse future opportunities and threats, and work in small groups to design a system of PbR in community sentencing that simultaneously meets the policy's multiple objectives and produces benefits for all stakeholders. Our goal is to create a set of key operating principles that should guide

Latest News

Miliband launches local election bid and backs Restorative Justice - Politics.co.uk 02/04/2012

Women's prisons in desperate need of reform, says former governor - [Islington Gazette](#) 29/03/2012

New borough scheme to get offenders to face victims of crime- [Fulham and Hammersmith Chronicle](#) 28/03/2012

David Cameron is wrong about 'soft' community sentences- [The Guardian](#) 28/03/2012

Community sentences to be 'toughened up' for offenders - [BBC News](#) 27/03/2012

MJW Videos

Perspectives - Prison and short term sentences

The first short film from

development and implementation of the new system of PbR in community sentencing.

Victim Support

Make Justice Work and Victim Support want to examine victims' awareness and perceptions of community alternatives to custody, test what effect a greater awareness and understanding has on their attitudes, and explore what kind of community alternatives to custody they want to see. We are interested to discover whether victims share common views about which aspects of community alternatives to custody they approve of and which they are concerned about.

The research aims to further our understanding of these issues and to suggest how the concerns or barriers that emerge might be overcome. This may relate, for example, to the activities that offenders undertake on community alternatives to custody, the extent of victims' involvement and engagement, and/or the way in which information on community alternatives to custody is communicated more widely.

This work will supplement Make Justice Work's national enquiry '[Community or Custody – which works best?](#)' which reported in September 2011. It comes within the context of the far-reaching re-examination of the nature, place and operation of community alternatives to custody in England & Wales, that the government is now undertaking - for example, through the [Probation Review](#), [Community Sentencing Review](#), Payment by Results pilots, [Legal Aid, Punishment and Sentencing of Offenders Bill](#).

The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill - Amendments

Thanks to the support of Tom Brake MP, Baroness Linklater and Lord Thomas, our amendment for a presumption against short-term prison sentences was tabled. Although the amendment has now been withdrawn it did provide an excellent opportunity to raise the issue in both the House of Commons and House of Lords.

Networking

I continue to meet with MPs, journalists and relevant organisations and individuals to further our campaign message.

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'

I was recently invited to a private roundtable seminar on criminal justice hosted by Ed Miliband. I then attended a further roundtable seminar the following week hosted by Sadiq Khan.

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series. This film talks to previous offenders about their future plans and how a community sentence helped to turn their lives around.



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