

The Bradley Report

Lord Bradley's review of people with
mental health problems or learning
disabilities in the criminal justice
system

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Terms of Reference

- *to examine the extent to which offenders with mental health problems or learning disabilities could, in appropriate cases, be diverted from prison to other services and the barriers to such diversion;*
and
- *to make recommendations to government, in particular on the organisation of effective court liaison and diversion arrangements and the services needed to support them.*

Methodology

In undertaking this review I have taken the opportunity to seek contributions from a large number of individuals and organisations:

- *Literature reviews,*
- *Individual meetings*
- *Focus Groups*
- *Visits*
- *A National call for evidence*
- *A call for evidence to both members of Parliament*
- *Commissioning a preliminary cost/benefit analysis.*

What the Review found

General findings:

- *Lack of agreement on important definitions e.g. what diversion means*
- *Importance of service user/carer experience*
- *Emphasis on diversion often too late in system*
- *Lack of adequate assessment and identification of problems at an early stage*
- *Poor continuity of care*
- *Poor information and information sharing*
- *Lack of joined up services for those with dual diagnosis*
- *People working in 'silos', both at national and local level*
- *Poor use of existing 'disposals' due to lack of awareness and information e.g. community orders*
- *Need for training, for both health and criminal justice sectors*

My Key Recommendations

- **82 Recommendations, accepted by Government**
- **Early Identification and Assessment of mental health problems or learning disabilities**
- **Reviewing responsibility for health services in police custody**
- **Section 135/136 - Places of Safety**
- **Criminal Justice Mental Health Teams to ensure continuity of care**
- **Common Assessment Tools**
- **Improved data collection and sharing of information**
- **Commissioning and Planning of services**
- **Further investment in Prison health care**
- **Improved training at every stage of the Criminal Justice System**
- **A National, joined-up approach with the establishment of a National Programme Board and National Advisory Group**
- **Regional and Local Partnerships**
- **Better use of existing resources**
- **Leadership**

The New Environment

- *NHS White Paper*
 - *Commissioning*
 - *GPs*
 - *National Commissioning Board*
 - *Role of Local Authorities*
 - *Strategic Needs Assessment*
 - *Director of Public Health*
 - *Outcomes Framework*

- *Ministry of Justice Green Paper*

Questions?

Thank you

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