Liaison and diversion schemes

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Offenders with mental health needs

- Among least healthy and socially excluded groups
- Addressing health inequalities can have positive impact on reducing re-offending, reducing social exclusion and increasing public safety
- Managing the interface between CJS and health & social care complex
- CJLS can make significant difference
What do schemes do?

- Facilitate early identification and intervention
- Ensure speedy and appropriate mental health assessments
- Facilitate a multi-agency approach
- Liaise with a range of service providers
- Assist with and facilitate disposal options
About schemes

- History – from 66/90 to Bradley
- Models and functions
- Sites of operation
- Staffing
- Governance
- Funding
- Recording and monitoring
What do we want?

- Fully commissioned
- Along Offender Healthcare Pathway
- Pro-active screening and referrals
- Range of functions
- Meet the needs of all
- Multi-disciplinary staff and admin support
- Clear and robust governance
- Links and networks
- Meaningful recording and monitoring