Bradley and dual diagnosis
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‘Improved services for prisoners who have a dual diagnosis of mental health and drugs/alcohol problems should be urgently developed’.

• drug and poly-substance problems are relatively well served in prisons, while alcohol-only services are uncommon

• Potential pathways should be presented to the Prison Drug Treatment Strategy Review Group, The IDTS Programme Board and the National HCJ Programme Board
Development of voluntary sector

- The Department of Health. NHS and other relevant government departments must work with voluntary organisations to ensure the adequate provision of alcohol and mental health treatment services across the country.
Joint care planning between mental health services and drug and alcohol services, should take place for prisoners on release.
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In-reach ‘examination’

• ‘The Department of Health should examine the current role of mental health in-reach teams and explore how they can be refocused on providing services for those with severe mental illness. This should include the development of liaison and diversion services to undertake some of the current non-clinical activities’.

• DH 2009 prisons dual diagnosis guidance distinguishes between serious mental illness, which is the responsibility of mental health in-reach teams, and a mild-to-moderate mental health problem, which should be regarded as a primary mental healthcare responsibility.
Courts 1

• ‘HM Courts Service and the Department of Health should investigate how defendants with a dual diagnosis of mental ill health and drugs/alcohol are currently served by all courts, including specialist courts’.

  “Given the high prevalence of dual diagnosis (mental health problems combined with drug and/or alcohol problems) in offenders, careful consideration must be given as to how both issues can successfully be dealt with in drug and mental health courts. The holistic approach of domestic violence and community courts seems to better address the typically multiple needs of offenders.”
Courts 2

• ‘The Ministry of Justice should examine how individuals with a dual diagnosis are served in drugs courts’.