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# Improving Health, Supporting Justice

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# Offender Health

Partnership between Ministry of Justice and Department of Health, working with NHS, social care and criminal justice system organisations to improve the standard of health and social care for offenders.



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# Context

- ▶ Health inequalities
- ▶ Disadvantaged backgrounds and communities
- ▶ Personal, social and economic impacts
- ▶ Difficulties in accessing appropriate primary and secondary care services for offenders in the community
- ▶ Lack of continuity of care
- ▶ Increased risk of self-harm / suicide

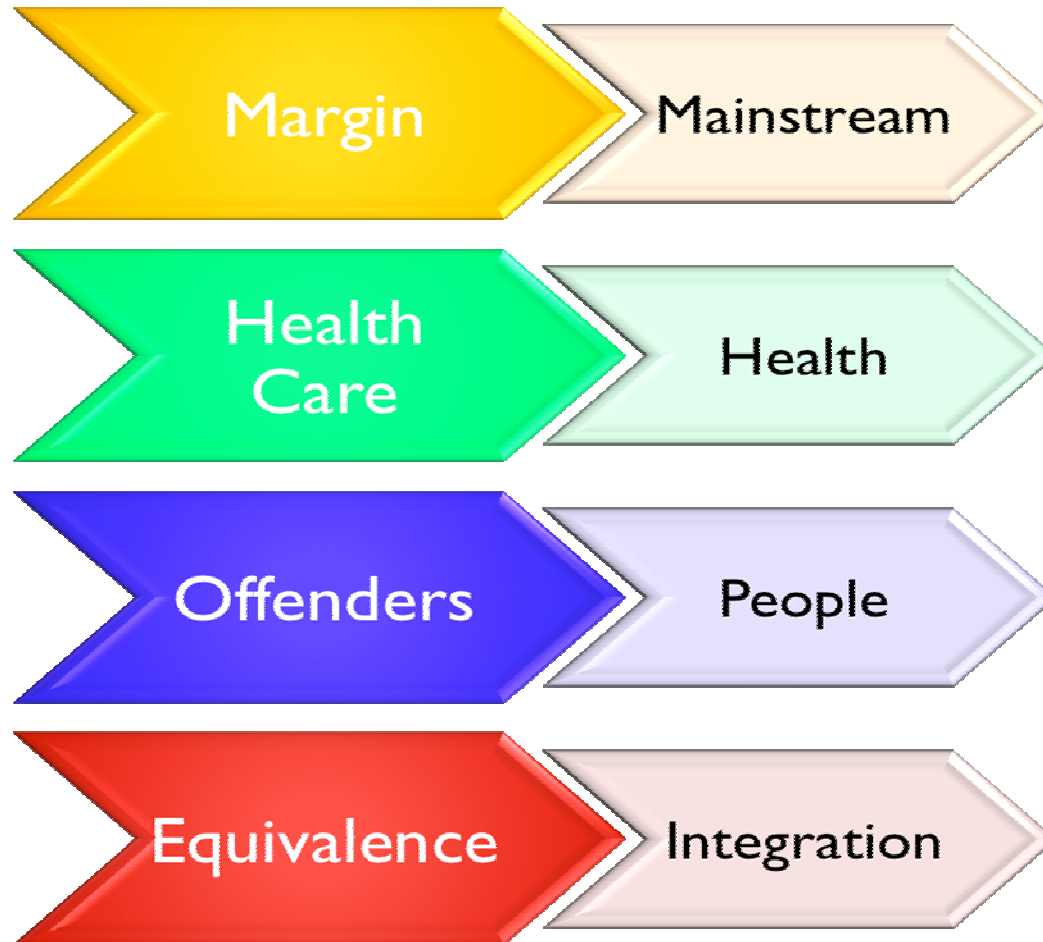


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# Approach





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# Progress to date

- Mental health transfer wait
- Integrated Drug Treatment System
- Complaints handling
- Escorts and Bedwatches
- Performance Management
- Women's programme
- Clinical IT system
- Strategic Health Authority / Primary Care Trust involvement
- Private prisons
- Increased resources
- Commissioning improvements
- Public health (TB, sexual health, BBV, Swine flu)
- Health trainers



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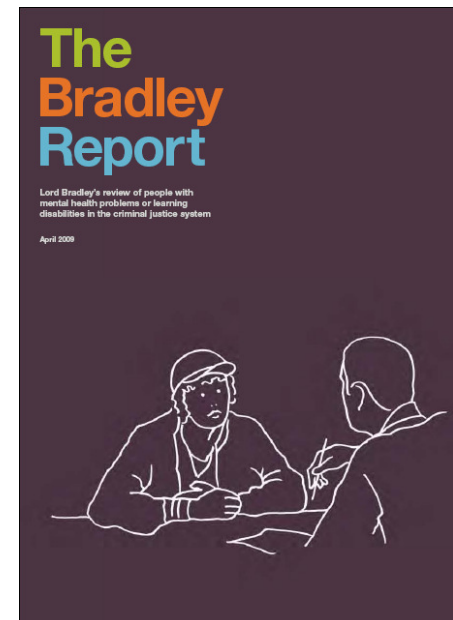
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# Bradley Review



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- Published 30 April 09
- Key recommendations focus on:
  - early intervention
  - better information sharing
  - more joined-up approach between criminal justice and NHS
  - creation of National health and Criminal Justice Programme Board / National Advisory Group



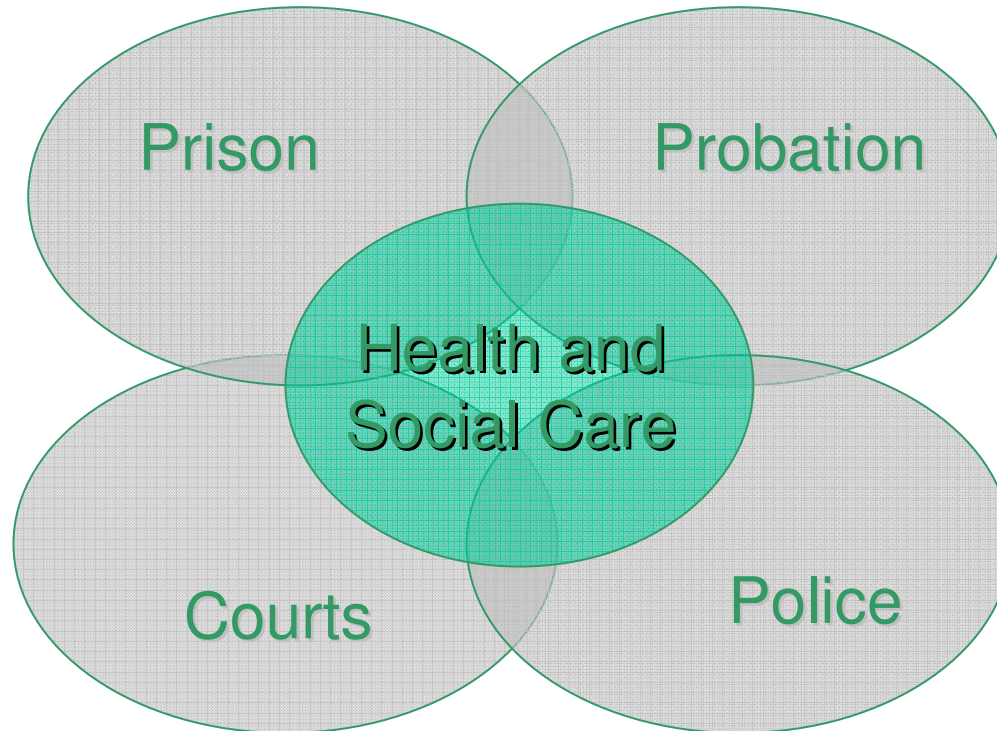


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# Health and Criminal Justice Programme





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# Areas of focus

- ▶ Improving assessment
- ▶ Integrated care planning
- ▶ Discharge and resettlement planning
- ▶ Commissioning
- ▶ Prevention and health promotion
- ▶ Older adults
- ▶ Women / Corston Review
- ▶ Children and young people
- ▶ Learning disabilities
- ▶ Black Minority Ethnic and other diverse groups
- ▶ Mental health
- ▶ Alcohol
- ▶ Patel Review - Drugs
- ▶ Training
- ▶ Improving family support
- ▶ Role of third sector





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# Structure

- Health and Criminal Justice **National Programme Board** established, bringing together relevant departments for health, social care and criminal justice, for children and adults
- **David Behan** (Department of Health, Director General of Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships) appointed as chair
- **National Advisory Group** being established, ensuring wider involvement from interested organisations

# Challenges and opportunities

- Enhancing Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Commissioning – demand and quality
- Sound financial investments, prioritised according to need, service requirement and value
- Partnership working
- Mainstream provision / competing priorities
- Resources and knowledge management
- Performance management
- Information sharing across the criminal justice system (inc. GP registration)



# Role of Offender Health Research Network

- ▶ Improving **quantity** and **quality** of service relevant healthcare research and development
- ▶ Increasing research **capabilities** in frontline clinical and criminal justice **staff**
- ▶ **Facilitating** research once funding available



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## Next steps

- Health and Criminal Justice Strategic Delivery Plan to be published by end of October, drawing on:
  - Bradley Review and analysis of recommendations
  - Earlier consultation on *Improving Health, Supporting Justice*
  - Other policy initiatives not covered by above
- Implementation event to be held in November 2009 for key national and regional stakeholders (closed invitation list)



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# Questions?

Further information:

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Offenderhealth/index.htm>