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

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 Houses 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 under Coalition Government

- **National Health Service Reforms**
  - NHS mandate
  - Commissioning
    - NHS England
    - Clinical Commissioning Groups
    - Public Health and Health & Wellbeing Boards

- **Ministry of Justice and Home Office Reforms**
  - Police and Crime Commissioners
  - Offender Rehabilitation
    (short sentences, probation, community sentences)

- **Economic Climate**
  - Budget for Liaison and Diversion services and National Roll Out
Questions?
Thank you

The Bradley Report

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