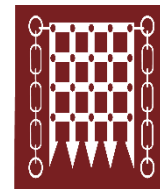


Westminster Legal Policy Forum conference:

Priorities for probation, rehabilitation and preparation for prisoner release in England and Wales

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Key developments in release policy, rehabilitation and resettlement - implications for prisons, probation and the wider community**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Prison conditions, safety and rehabilitation - inspection findings and priorities for improvement**
Senior representative, inspection
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 **Leadership and operational delivery - managing regimes, sentence progression and readiness for release**
Senior representative, prison governors
- 10.00 **Preparing for release from custody - rehabilitation, resettlement and transition into the community**
changing release arrangements and implications for prison capacity, population management and sentence progression / prison conditions affecting preparation for release / violence, illicit drugs and drug-recovery provision / staffing and safety regimes / access to education, work, treatment and purposeful activity / resettlement planning as release dates change / assessment of need and preparation for accommodation, health, employment and family support / information handover to probation and partner services / preparing people with complex needs, women and those released following recall or remand / implications of the Independent Review of the Prison System for leadership, the estate, workforce and rehabilitation
Senior representative, workforce
Senior representative, rehabilitation
Senior representative, community
Senior commentator
- 10.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 **Public protection and professional practice - inspection findings on supervision and quality**
Martin Jones, Chief Inspector, Probation, HM Inspectorate of Probation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Workforce priorities - safety, professional confidence and the working environment**
Ian Lawrence, General Secretary, NAPO
- 11.35 **Probation delivery and reintegration after release - capacity, supervision and continuity of support**
capability and infrastructure for increased community supervision / caseloads, recruitment, retention and professional practice / risk assessment, public protection, victim notification and licence arrangements / court confidence in community sentences and supervision / information-sharing and multi-agency working across probation, health, housing, employment and voluntary services / accommodation, health and substance abuse support on release / education, skills and pathways into employment / continuity of support and implications for licence compliance and recall / professional standards, regulation and digital tools / tailored support for women, people with complex needs and those returning after recall
Senior representative, judiciary
Senior representative, community rehabilitation
Senior representative, local government
Senior representative, health
Senior representative, employment
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 **Next steps for prisons and probation services**
Kim Thornden-Edwards, Chief Probation Officer, England and Wales, HM Prison and Probation Service
Senior representative, prison system
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster Legal Policy Forum