

**Westminster Legal Policy Forum keynote seminar:
Next steps for the probation system in England and Wales**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 29th January 2024

*****Taking place online*****



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede, Shadow Spokesperson, Ministry of Justice; and Shadow Spokesperson, Home Office
- 9.05 **Reunification of the probation system - assessing current progress and priorities moving forward**
Phil Bowen, Director, Centre for Justice Innovation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Priorities for the probation workforce**
Ian Lawrence, General Secretary, Trade Union and Professional Association for Probation and Family Court Staff, Napo
- 9.45 **Assessing key issues for probation system recruitment and staffing - legislative and policy changes, prisoner numbers, pay and conditions, workload, and priorities for supporting current and new staff**
Professor Harry Annison, University of Southampton; Co-I ESRC, 'Rehabilitating Probation' project
Dr Laura Janes, Consultant Solicitor, GT Stewart and Advocates, and Scott-Moncrieff and Associates
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **'Resettlement for prison leavers - recent progress and future challenges'**
Jenny George, Director, Justice Value-For-Money Studies, National Audit Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede, Shadow Spokesperson, Ministry of Justice; and Shadow Spokesperson, Home Office
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sir Bob Neill MP, Chair, Justice Committee
- 11.10 **Supporting rehabilitation and reducing reoffending - exploring collaborative approaches, improving voluntary sector partnerships, community reintegration, risk management, and public protection**
Angela Lucas, Head of Support and Development, Clinks
Helen Schofield, Chief Executive, Probation Institute
Shirley Riley, Director, Bounce Back
Kingsley Bempah, Chief Executive, ARK Resettlement Services
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **Local commissioning and solutions - exploring devolved offender management, proposed Area Model, increased localisation, and opportunities for building partnership**
Dr Jake Phillips, Reader in Criminology, Sheffield Hallam University
Andrew Cass, Head of Community Criminal Justice and Probation Services, Change Grow Live
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for the probation service**
Kim Thornden-Edwards, Chief Probation Officer, HM Prison and Probation Service, Ministry of Justice
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Sir Bob Neill MP, Chair, Justice Committee
Alice Burgess, Senior Researcher, Westminster Legal Policy Forum