

The Bradley Report

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

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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 members 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***

Questions?

Thank you

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