

# 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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