

‘Framework for supporting positive change for those at risk of offending in Wales’

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A Framework to support positive change for those at risk of offending in Wales



- Collaborative working to safeguard communities and provide support for all
- Evolving priorities to reflect emerging trends
- Developed following extensive consultation with partners in Wales

Six Priority Areas



- Women in the Criminal Justice System
- Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Ex-Armed Forces Personnel
- Young Adults/Carers Leavers
- Offenders Families
- Black Asian and Minority Ethnic Groups

Why these priority areas?

- **Women in the Criminal Justice System**
 - Corston Report
 - Need for women-centred approach which addresses distinct need of women in CJS
- **Domestic Abuse Perpetrators**
 - Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015
 - Focus on prevention as well as on victims of and children affected by violence and abuse
- **Ex-Armed Forces Personnel**
 - Improve identification of ex-ASP within the CJS and increase partnership working to provide better support
- **Young Adults/Carers Leavers**
 - Offenders who have spent time in care are more likely to be reconvicted within 12 months than those who have not
- **Offenders Families**
 - Lord Farmer Review (2017)
 - Ensure key relationships are maintained to support desistance from crime
 - Reduce adverse effect imprisonment can have on offender families
- **Black Asian and Minority Ethnic Groups**
 - Lammy Review (2017)
 - Disproportionate number of BAME individuals in the CJS

Integrated Working & Senior Responsible Owners



1. Women in the Criminal Justice System – SRO, Emma Wools, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (SWOPCC)
2. Ex-Armed Services Personnel – SRO, Leeanne Plechowicz, Deputy Head of Gwent Local Delivery Unit (HMPPS)
3. Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence– SRO, Cerys Miles, Cluster Lead Psychologist (HMPPS/WG)
4. Offender Families – SRO, Sarah Cooper, Head of Crime and Justice Team (WG)
5. Young Adults and Care leavers – SRO, Dawn Blower, Chief Officer (Wales Probation Service)/Hannah Williams, LDU Head (HMPPS)
6. Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Groups – SRO, Edward Ough, Superintendent (SWP)
7. High Risk of Reoffending/Volume Crime – SRO, Ross Evans, Detective Superintendent (DPP)

Women in the Criminal Justice System



- A minority of the prison population
- BUT
- Have a range of complex & entrenched needs:
 - Physical and/or sexual abuse
 - Victimization as children
 - Poor mental & physical health
 - Substance misuse
 - Homelessness
 - All of which can lead to criminal behaviour

Women in the Criminal Justice System



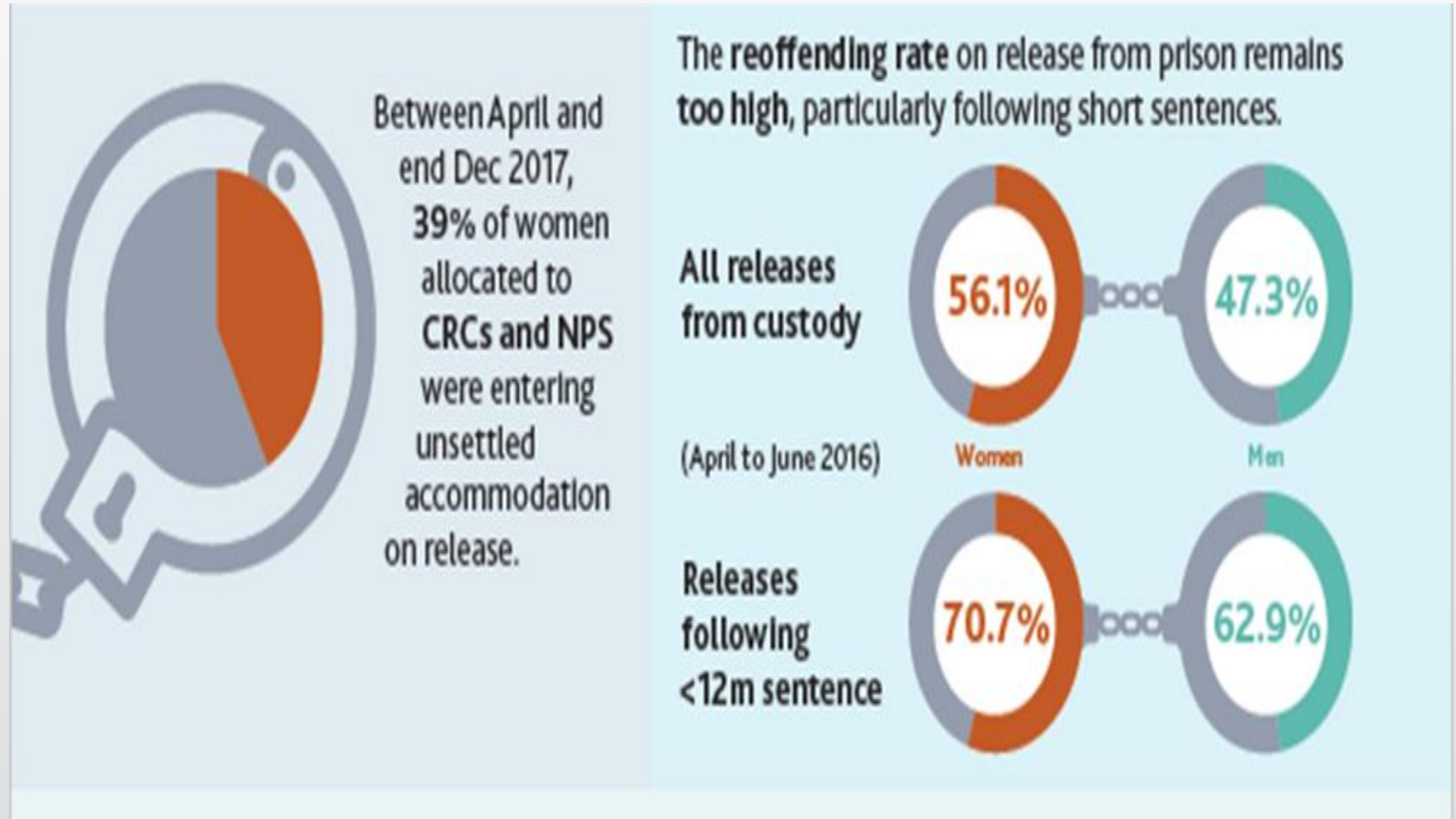
- Access to suitable housing can be crucial in breaking the cycle
- Lack of housing on release can have a detrimental effect on critical areas such as employment, training, welfare & making connections with children & family
- Corston Report found that housing is probably the most significant resettlement need for women in the CJS
- Farmer Report identified family ties as 'the golden thread' to reducing reoffending.

Women in the Criminal Justice System



- Prison Reform Trust (2016) found that 60% of women will declare themselves homeless on release from prison
- Reid Howie (2015) report 'Housing & reoffending' those surveyed committed offences due to their housing conditions, with many doing so simply to return to prison
- MOJ figures (2017) show that 45% of women are reconvicted within 12 months

Women in the Criminal Justice System



Women in the Criminal Justice System



- Wales is one of the leading areas of good practice in working with women in the Justice System.
- IOM Cymru Women's Pathfinder Programme
- Women in Justice group – taking forward the agenda for work with women across Wales on a multi agency basis.
- Work converged into transformational Women in Justice Programme

Accommodation



- **Regional accommodation meetings** established and in operation to prioritise and implement Glyndwr pathway recommendations & estd. best practice
- **Accommodation Pathway Coordinators** - build relationships between key stakeholders, embedding the pathway in to day-to-day practice.
- **WISDOM Project** – accommodation & support for offenders posing a high risk of harm to the public
- **Review of MAPAA Accommodation guidelines** – Task & Finish group established by Welsh Government.
- **Secondment to Welsh Government** - Criminal Justice Lead within the Homelessness Prevention Team
- **Data Quality** – improve recording of housing outcomes

Accommodation – Key Partners



HMPPS in Wales recognise that the following stakeholders and partners are key to our success:

- Welsh Government
- Prison and Probation
- Local Authorities
- Local Police Forces
- Third Sector Partners
- Housing & RSL Partners
- PRS Landlords
- DWP (Universal Credit)