

# National policy changes and how they affect you

Dorset Criminal Justice Forum

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Supporting voluntary organisations that work with offenders and their families

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# About Clinks

- National membership body for Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise organisations working in criminal justice
- 600 members (costs £0-75)
- Light Lunch weekly newsletter going to 9000 criminal justice professionals [www.clinks.org/subscribe](http://www.clinks.org/subscribe)
- In South West we support networks, run projects like T2A and gather info to inform national policy (eg commissioning and women's services)

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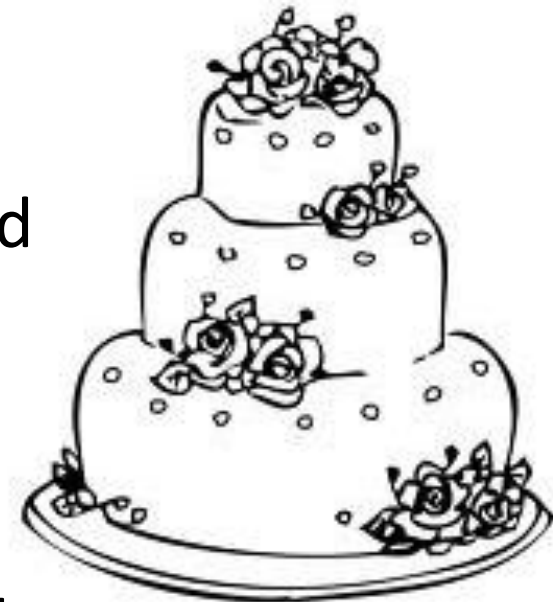
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# Overview

- What's happening and what you can do...
- Transforming Rehabilitation
- Prisons
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# Transforming rehabilitation – what's happening

- Rehabilitation of 333,000 people transferred to new companies
- More services, 20% less money, limited funding opportunity
- Tiers: 1 – prime    2 – contracts  
3 – grants from the prime
- Affects you if you work in prison or get funding from probation



# Transforming rehabilitation – what can you do?

- Register with Ministry of Justice  
<https://consult.justice.gov.uk/digital-communications/931f5f69>
- Know your ‘unit cost’  
<http://www.clinks.org/support/commissioning>
- Show how you reduce re-offending – get support from Improving Your Evidence  
<http://www.clinks.org/support/evaluation-and-effectiveness>
- Keep up to date [www.clinks.org](http://www.clinks.org)

# Prisons – what's happening

- Resettlement prisons – 45,000 prisoners
- Reorganisation
- Closure (Dorchester)
- Superprisons
- Women's prisons – awaiting women's custodial review

# Prisons – what can you do?

- Register with Ministry of Justice if you work/want to work in prisons (funded or not)  
<https://consult.justice.gov.uk/digital-communications/931f5f69>
- Maintain links with key staff as far as possible during period of change

# Police & Crime Commissioners – what's happening

- Commissioning plans / strategies
- Some PCCs have grants schemes (Devon/Cornwall)
- Community Safety Fund ring-fence being removed – risk of redirection to core policing
- Role in informing Transforming Rehabilitation, health commissioning etc





# Police & Crime Commissioners – what can you do?

- Make contact with the PCC's Community Engagement Officer (Susan Bickle) and Commissioning and Partnerships Officer (Siobhan Hann)
- Find the voluntary sector reps on community safety partnerships

# Health – what’s happening

- Public Health - local authorities responsible for “promotion of community safety, violence prevention and response”
- Duty to tackle health inequality
- Health & Wellbeing Boards – strategy & co-ordination
- Clinical Commissioning Groups – local commissioning
- NHS Commissioning Board – [Wessex Local Area Team](#)



# Health – what can you do?

- Consider how you improve health and wellbeing, and tackle health inequality
- Offer evidence of local need, and services to meet that need
- Contact your reps on the Health & Wellbeing Board – Dorset Community Action & Healthwatch

# Overall trends

- Localism / Nationalism = ???
- Change, re-organisation & outsourcing
- Payment by results
- Austerity, welfare reform
- Maintain prison population, reduce re-offending
- Criminal justice policy unlikely to change radically

# How you can respond

- Stay up to date
- Advocate for your service users through the changes, especially marginalised groups
- If you want to be commissioned, know your costs, evidence your impact & promote yourself
- Keep networking – Criminal Justice Forum

# Further info & support

- Light Lunch – [www.clinks.org/subscribe](http://www.clinks.org/subscribe)
- [Transforming Rehabilitation webpage](#)
- Register with [Ministry of Justice](#)
- Register on Clinks [Partnership Finder](#)
- [Improving Your Evidence](#) project
- Contact Clinks [isabel.livingstone@clinks.org](mailto:isabel.livingstone@clinks.org)

# Services & Products



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Transforming Rehabilitation slides follow...

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# Sub contracting...

- Tier 1 receive fee for service for resettlement in prison and court sentence
- PbR top up if reoffending reduced
- Unclear how passed on to T2 & 3
- Ban on exclusivity
- Standard partnership agreement
- Incorporation of COMPACT

# If you have contracts with probation...

- All rehabilitation and supervision services going to market
- Current probation trusts replaced with 21 contracts which will be won by Tier 1s
- Supervision and support introduced for those with sentences of less than 12 months
- But no extra £, 20% reduction in overall budget

# If you work in prisons...

- 70+ resettlement prisons:
  - ❖ All adult male local prisons
  - ❖ All adult male open prisons
  - ❖ Cat C training prisons
- Community rehabilitation companies will have responsibility for **all** resettlement services delivered in these prisons
- Non resettlement prisons will not have such services but mainstream and co-commissioned services will remain

# Local arrangements...

- Will work in partnership with Community Safety Partnerships, PCCs, IOM
- Local commissioners and other govt departments can commission additional services from Tier 1

# Equalities and service user involvement...

- No specific mention of needs of BAME offenders
- Clinks have called for specific mention in contracts
- Women's estate proposals out soon
- Foreign nationals remain responsibility of national probation service
- Flexibility for service users to be volunteers and employed at T2 and 3

# What we know... timescale

- Summer: 'design' phase, consultation on payment models etc. Register with MoJ
- September 2013: Invitation for Expression of Interest in being a supplier.
- October: Contract and payment mechanism published
- Spring 2014: Probation Trusts → Community rehabilitation companies
- Summer 2014: Prime contractors selected, National Probation Service established
- Autumn 2014/Spring 2015: new services go live
- After that: tier 2/3 and specialist services subcontracted by primes?

# Do I want to be part of this?

- Receive funding from Probation, work in prison? Take action now.
- If not, consider whether this is worth the work it requires
- Total funding reduction of 20%, increase in offenders, few additional services
- Independence



# What can I do?

- REGISTER (you have nothing to lose) at:  
<https://consult.justice.gov.uk/digital-communications/931f5f69>
- Register on Clinks [Partnership Finder](#)
- Talk to prime providers
- Know how you reduce re-offending  
(Clinks [Improving Your Evidence project](#),  
MoJ [Justice Data Lab](#))
- Know how much your service costs

# Clinks Partnership Finder

- Supplements Ministry of Justice registration
- Funded by Cabinet Office
- Way for primes to find VCSE suppliers
- Builds on Working With Offenders / Directory of Offender Services
- Easier than full Expression of Interest
- Contact [hazel.alcraft@clinks.org](mailto:hazel.alcraft@clinks.org)

# What can I do? (continued)

- Look for funding/contracts from other sources: health, local authority, Work Programme, trusts, trading
- Influence on behalf of service users to improve the system (very little voice so far)
- Light Lunch: [www.clinks.org/subscribe](http://www.clinks.org/subscribe)

# Group discussion

- What does this mean for your organisation?
- What does this mean for your service users?
- What could be done by MoJ, commissioners, the VCSE Sector to overcome some of the challenges?