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Strengthening probation, building confidence

Probation reform and what it means to our partners and communities we work in

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Probation reform

- The then Justice Secretary, David Gauke set out a blueprint for the future of probation (6 May 2019). This was widely communicated in the media.
- The case management of all offenders/services users on Community Orders, Licence release from Custody and Serving Prisoners will move back to the public sector and be delivered by the NPS.
- Programmes, unpaid work and other interventions will be put out for tender to both private and public sectors with the voluntary and charitable sector encouraged to bid.
- The proposals will now be finalised and the new model developed to come into effect in Spring 2021.

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A new model for probation services – what happens now?

What will happen in the future?

•The **NPS will continue to deliver advice to court** for all offenders and will continue to deliver some Accredited Programmes, including those which address sexual offending.

•In 2021 the **NPS will become responsible for all offender management services –for low, medium and high risk offenders**.

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Developing an innovative mixed market

- **Unpaid Work and Accredited Programmes**

We intend to run a competitive process to contract suppliers to deliver these services in England and in Wales.

Unpaid Work requirements require offenders to make direct reparation to the community for their crime by undertaking work which provides benefits to local residents. In 2018, 57,200 unpaid work orders were commenced.

Accredited Programmes are structured programmes which address key behaviours that are associated with offending. In 2018, 14,700 accredited programmes were commenced.

- **Resettlement and Rehabilitative Interventions**

The sourcing route for these will be a Dynamic Framework which will allow us to buy services in a way that is responsive to the needs of local areas and service users in England and in Wales.

Resettlement services are delivered to offenders while in custody to help them prepare for release and resettle post-release

Rehabilitative interventions are intended to support offenders to re-integrate in the community and reduce re-offending by addressing a range of needs such as education, self-reliance, and accommodation.

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Our plans for the future

- There will be 12 probation areas across England and Wales. This will include the introduction of 11 new probation areas in England with existing arrangements remaining unchanged in Wales.
- In England, each of the areas will be overseen by new dedicated regional probation directors who will provide leadership, be responsible for delivery and commissioning of services. They, along with the NPS Director in Wales, will ensure effective delivery from pre-sentence stage in court, on release from prison, and in the community.
- The Ministry of Justice will seek to implement an independent statutory register for probation professionals alongside changes to support continuous professional development.

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London NPS and CRC joint message to our partners

- While proposals for a new probation operating model are being finalised, it will be business as usual for both organisations as we continue to support our service users across London.
- We know all case management will move back to the public sector but there is an 18 months transition period to work through.
- London CRC and London NPS are committed to making it work and employees in both organisations are being fully supported over this time.
- We will keep you updated on any progress and developments.

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Our commitment to transforming lives

London Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) and the National Probation Services (NPS) in London will continue to work collaboratively to make sure we continue to support and transform the lives of our service users.

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Any Questions?