

napo Key Manifesto Pledges

Labour

- End public sector pay cap to increase recruitment and retention in prisons and probation.

Probation & Prison

- Publish prisoner/staff ratio reports on an annual basis to maintain safety and end overcrowding.
- Recruit 3000 prison officers and review training.
- Personal rehabilitation plans for all prisoners.
- Embed the belief that prison should be the last resort.
- Review mental health provision in prisons.
- No new private prisons.
- Embed restorative justice in Youth Offender Institutions.
- Review the role of Community Rehabilitation Companies and part privatisation has failed.

Justice

- Appoint a commissioner to set new standards for tackling domestic violence and sexual violence.
- Create a national refuge fund.
- Strengthen the law banning community resolutions for domestic violence.
- Review the PREVENT programme – Its effectiveness and potential to alienate communities.
- Keep the Human Rights Act
- Launch an inquiry into Orgreave and black listing.
- Re-establish early advice entitlements in Family Court.
- Remove the requirement for domestic violence victims to pay for a doctor's certificate.
- Legislate to prohibit cross examination of domestic violence victims by perpetrators.
- Re-introduce the funding for the preparation of Judicial Reviews.
- Review legal aid means testing including capital test for those on income related benefits.
- Consider reinstatement of other legal aid following the recommendations from Lord Bach's report.
- Introduce no fault divorce procedure.

Equality

- Gender audit all policy and legislation to assess the impact on women.
- Work with the Assembly to extend rights to abortion to Northern Ireland.
- Reverse employment tribunal fees.
- Extend the time period for applying for maternity discrimination to 6 months.
- Work with the Health and Safety Executive to introduce mandatory workplace risk assessments for pregnant women.
- Review support for women who miscarry.

Conservative

Probation & Prison

- Prisons should be places of safety, discipline and hard work. 'We will help prisoners to learn English and math and work skills'.
- Invest £1 billion to modernise prison estates. Replacing old prisons and creating 10,000 new prison places in modern prisons.
- Community punishments don't do enough to prevent crime or break the cycle of crime. 'We will create a community sentencing framework with a view to punishing offenders and focus on measure that turn lives around e.g. curfews, drug/alcohol orders'.
- Dedicated provision for women offenders.
- Reduce disproportionate use of violence and force against BAME people in prison, YOIs and mental health institutes.

Justice

- Widen the role of Police and Crime Commissioners to sit on health and well being boards to assist with drug and alcohol crime prevention.
- Greater devolution of the Criminal Justice System.
- Explore ways to improve family court justice. Family Courts need to be doing more to support families.
- Introduce a Domestic Violence and Abuse Bill – Legislate to define domestic violence in law and review funding for domestic violence refuges.
- Remain signed up to the European Court of Human Rights for the duration of this parliament.

Equality

- Take measures to close the gender pay gap.
- Improve take up of shared parental leave and encourage flexible work environments to help mothers and fathers share parenting.
- Support companies to take on parents and carers returning to work.

Other

- Introduce the requirement to show photo ID to vote.

Liberal Democrats

Probation & Prison

- Introduce a presumption against short term prison sentences.
- Increase tough non-custodial sentences – weekend and evening custody, curfews, community service and GPS tagging.
- Transform prisons into places of rehabilitation – Education, work, treatment and ensure courses that are started in prison continue in the community.
- Ensure transgender people are in the prison that reflects their gender identity not their birth gender.

Justice

- Reduce over representation of BAME people in the justice system.
 - Secure further funding for legal aid (not from the tax payer) through company insurance, company directors and changes to restraint orders.
 - Promote community justice panels and restorative justice.
 - Extend Youth Justice Boards to 21 year olds.
 - Establish Women's Justice Boards.
 - Review investigation, prosecution, procedures and rules of evidence in sexual offences and domestic violence.
 - Retain international jurisdiction for family cases.
 - Comprehensive review of legal aid – access to justice for welfare appeals and domestic violence cases.
 - Reverse court and tribunal fees.
 - Modernise and simplify the court procedure.
 - Protect the system of Judicial Review.
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Plaid Cymru

- Reverse cuts to legal aid.
 - New laws to protect victims of domestic violence and rape to enable them to give evidence without intimidation.
 - Block the super prison being proposed in Port Talbot and create much needed space for women and young offenders.
 - Create a Welsh jurisdiction and justice system to reflect Welsh needs.
 - Create a Human Rights Charter for Wales
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Green Party

- Implement UK wide strategy to tackle gender based violence – domestic violence, rape, sexual abuse, FGM and trafficking.
- Revive role of democratic trade unions.
- Defend the Human Rights Act.