Don't sell off Probation Again!

HM Inspector for Probation and the Justice Select Committee have called the privatisation of probation a failure, yet the Ministry of Justice plans to continue its "marketisation" of probation only this time with bigger contracts.

The plan to move from 21 community rehabilitation companies and continue with the privatisation goes against all the evidence presented to government and shows that they are still wedded to the marketisation of probation despite its failings.

Good money after bad!

Half a billion pounds just to keep CRCs afloat for another 2 years!

- Where is the value for money?
- Where is this money coming from?
- Where is the evidence that this model will work any better?

All the evidence suggests that it is the split between providers that has caused the greatest issues. To continue this will not rectify the situation or improve service delivery. The Justice Select Committee has said: "We are unconvinced that Transforming Rehabilitation can deliver an effective or viable probation service". "Staff morale is at an all-time low"

Further changes in terms and conditions, employers and delivery models will erode this even further.

HMI Probation has published numerous damming reports. Its new professional standards focus on quality of service but are at odds with the MoJ contract management targets.

BIDDERS BEWARE!

Any prospective bidders should also be aware of the commitment from the Labour Party to rescind private contracts if they should form the next government.

- Bring Probation back into public ownership.
- Develop local probation services that can function as a non-departmental body and respond with flexibility to local needs.
- Increase the use of third sector organisations to make available local services

