

# PROBATION

**Stop the sell off**

**Keep communities safe**

The Probation Service is one of the best performing public services. It helps to rehabilitate offenders, protects victims and keeps communities safe. It is also a local service, trusted by local people and close to those it seeks to help.

But the Government plans to break up this award winning service so that it can sell off large parts of it to private companies.

From 1 June your local Probation Service will be abolished and staff will transfer to either the National Probation Service or one of 21 'shadow' Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRCs).

These reforms are unnecessary, costly, bureaucratic and unsafe. They are already causing chaos and demoralisation among probation staff and are creating barriers to public protection.

But worse is to come! In the autumn, the Government wants to sell off the CRCs to the private sector and let them run the service for a profit. None of the companies who are bidding has a track record in running probation and the Ministry of Justice has a terrible reputation for managing private sector providers. This all adds up to a recipe for disaster.

Napo, UNISON and the GMB are the trade unions representing the probation workforce. We are campaigning to stop the privatisation and keep probation as a local accountable service. Community safety is at real risk if the sell-off cannot be stopped.

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