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## 102/09 PROBATION FUNDING 2010-11

Secretary of State for Justice Jack Straw has announced that the confirmed probation funding allocation for 2010/11 will be £870 million, £26 million more than the original indicative budget.

Justice Minister Maria Eagle Said: "This is an excellent settlement for the probation service, a part of the criminal justice system which is highly valued. Probation officers work with some of society's most difficult individuals and do a superb job in often very demanding circumstances. The funding we are announcing today will provide an extra £26m above original planning assumptions and equates to 625 Probation Officers. It is for Directors of Offender Management to allocate funding appropriately.

"There has been a sustained increase in National Probation Service (NPS) funding since 1997. Total funding for probation rose by 70% in real terms between 1997 and 2007, and the number of staff employed by the NPS over the same period rose by almost 50%. This includes an increase of 54% of frontline staff, whose numbers have grown at a faster rate than the national caseload of offenders."

NOMS Chief Operating Officer Michael Spurr has written to Probation Chief Officer and Executives to confirm that Directors of Offender Management will work with them to finalise individual allocations.

### Further Information:

The Written Ministerial Statement can be downloaded from Epic

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[http://npsintranet/index/news\\_and\\_comms/news/probation\\_funding\\_2010-11.htm](http://npsintranet/index/news_and_comms/news/probation_funding_2010-11.htm)

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## 103/09 PROBATION AWARDS 2009 FINALISTS AND TEAM OF THE YEAR WINNER ANNOUNCED

The category finalists in the Probation Awards 2009 have been decided after a full day of deliberation by the judges, Chaired by Chief Executive John Crawforth, Greater Manchester Trust. And the Education, Training & Employment Team, from Avon & Somerset Probation Board have been announced as the winner of the Team of the Year award.

John said: "These are the first ever national awards to honour members of staff who are consistently achieving an exceptional standard of work. It's great that we had a high number of strong nominations which made the judging challenging but rewarding."

The winner for each category will be selected from the three finalists. From the winners of each of the individual categories, the overall winner, Probation Champion of the Year 2009, will be chosen by Phil Wheatley, NOMS Director General. Both the category winners and the overall winner will be announced at the awards ceremony in November.

### Winning Team of the Year 2009

Education, Training & Employment Team - Avon & Somerset Probation Board

Marcia Bricker, Paul Bromham, Paulette Cain, Mark Damsell, Andrew Dawson, Becky Dick, Nicola Dunstan, Christine Foreman, Michaela Griffiths, Danielle Harris, Jodie Hatwood, Janice Hawley, Elaine Heyworth, Emily Janas, Asha Lane, Gerry McAlister, Adam McMeechan, Karen Miles, Melayn Mobsy, Kwesi Ngozi, Dan O'Connor, Gurdy Phull, Tony Pole, Amanda Saunders, Suzanne Thompson, Elizabeth Townsend, Jackie West, Deanne White, Victoria White, Mike Williams.

### The finalists are:

#### Diversity & Equality

Delphine Duff	Equality & Diversity Officer	London Probation Board
Pat Stewart	Community Payback Supervisor	Kent Probation Board
Helen Ward	Probation Officer	West Yorkshire Probation Board

#### Interventions

Mark Burden	Community Payback Officer	Sussex Probation Board
Shirley James	Treatment Manager	Gloucestershire Probation Board
Lisa Whitley	Unpaid Work Supervisor	London Probation Board

#### Most Innovative Project

Penny Hennessey	Treatment/Programme Manager	Kent Probation Board
Dominic Pearson	Middle Manager	Co. Durham Probation Board
Wendy Watkins	Team Manager	Humberside Probation Trust

### Offender Management

Debra Fellows	Probation Officer	Northumbria Probation Board
John Hughes	Offender Manager	South Wales Probation Trust
Steve Knight	Offender Management	Essex Probation Board
Joe Pratt	Senior Probation Officer	Northamptonshire Probation Board

### Public Protection

Jane Catterall	Probation Officer	Cheshire Probation Board
Jenny Wells	Probation Officer	Devon & Cornwall Probation Board
Sarah Thompson	Probation Officer	Co Durham Probation Board

### Working in Partnership

Michele Dacre	Senior Probation Officer	Lancashire Probation Trust
Donna Leigh	Education & Training Manager	Kent Probation Board
Claire Watts	Treatment Manager	Dorset Probation Board

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## 104/09 MAPPA – BEACON OF BEST PRACTICE IN PUBLIC PROTECTION

UK multi-agency teams that manage serious offenders in the community under Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangement (MAPPA) are being seen as beacons of best practice in public protection by countries around the world.

Countries that have expressed an interest in learning more about MAPPA are America, Canada, South Korea, Jamaica, Norway and Latvia. In the last couple of years, both Scotland and Northern Ireland have introduced MAPPA following its success in England and Wales.

MAPPA teams in England and Wales were put in place eight years ago to provide more robust management systems for those offenders who live in our communities through the sharing of information and expertise. The teams, comprising police, prison, probation and other relevant agencies ensure joint working and enhanced communication to effectively manage risk to the public.

### Further Information:

The full press release and all 2008/09 Annual Reports can be downloaded from Epic

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[http://npsintranet/index/service\\_delivery/public\\_protection/mappa/mappa\\_2008-09\\_annual\\_reports.htm](http://npsintranet/index/service_delivery/public_protection/mappa/mappa_2008-09_annual_reports.htm)

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## 105/09 REPORT PUBLISHED ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NPS USE OF ALCOHOL INTERVENTIONS

A study by the Institute for Criminal Policy Research at King's College London, examining the National Probation Service's work with alcohol misusing offenders. The study describes and critically appraises:

- the procedures in place for identifying and intervening with offenders who have alcohol problems
- the extent to which this work complied with the principles set out in Models of care for alcohol misusers (MoCAM)
- arrangements for the commissioning and delivery of alcohol treatment requirements.

The study has a number of components and makes use of a range of primary and secondary quantitative and qualitative data sources. Following the publication, the MoJ issued the following statement:

"Reducing reoffending is one of the Government's highest priorities and between 2005 and 2007 there was an 11% reduction in the number of reoffences committed by adult offenders.

"Four out of every ten offenders assessed while in the community have a current problem with alcohol misuse, usually linked to their offending.

"The use of alcohol treatments as part of a community sentence has risen by 39% between 2007 and 2008 and the number of offenders completing these requirements in 2008/09 was more than double the target. However, we recognise that more needs to be done.

"Following publication of this report, comprehensive guidance is being issued to probation areas to improve the delivery of interventions for alcohol misusing offenders. The guidance will also introduce greater consistency of practice across the Probation Service and will further help to reduce alcohol related reoffending.

"The forthcoming Cross-Government national delivery plan in response to Lord Bradley's recent report further addresses issues raised by this research including offenders access to treatment and guidance for Primary Care Trusts on commissioning alcohol services to ensure they meet the needs of offenders."

### Further Information:

The report can be downloaded from Epic

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[http://npsintranet/index/news\\_and\\_comms/news/report\\_published\\_on\\_the\\_effectiveness\\_of\\_the\\_nps\\_use\\_of\\_alcohol\\_interventions.htm](http://npsintranet/index/news_and_comms/news/report_published_on_the_effectiveness_of_the_nps_use_of_alcohol_interventions.htm)

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## 106/09 NEW PRISONS – COMPETITION AND SEARCH FOR SITES

Seven suppliers have been invited to compete to be allowed to bid for contracts to design, build and run new prisons. NOMS launched a competition in August this year to appoint up to seven suppliers to a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) New Prisons Framework to build up to five new 1,500 place PFI prisons.

The suppliers now invited to submit a tender for inclusion on the Framework are G4S, GEO Group, Kalyx, Mitie, Reliance, Serco and Wates Construction. And today Justice Minister Maria Eagle has announced that a fresh search for sites on which to build the new 1,500 place prisons is set to begin. Her Written Ministerial Statement is available on Epic.

These are the latest developments to increase capacity in the prison estate following the announcement by Secretary of State Jack Straw in April of plans to create 7,500 new prison places by setting up new establishments, including the first two of five new 1,500 place prisons - one on the site of the former Runwell Secure Psychiatric Hospital in Essex and one at Beam Park West, Dagenham.

Further information on the [seven suppliers competing for new prisons contracts](#) and the [search for new prisons sites](#) is available on the Ministry of Justice website.

### Further Information:

Maria Eagle's Written Ministerial Statement can be downloaded from Epic

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## 107/09 GOVERNMENT EQUALITIES OFFICE – WOMEN IN FOCUS ROADSHOW EVENTS

Baroness Corston's Review of Women with Particular Vulnerabilities in the Criminal Justice System (CJS) recommended that every agency within the criminal justice system must prioritise and accelerate preparations to implement the Gender Equality Duty and radically transform the way they deliver services for women.

You are invited to attend a unique one-day event which will bring together key stakeholders to re-energise working practice and strategic thinking around meeting the needs of women offenders.

The remaining events will take place at:

Friday 6th November - Bristol

Friday 13th November - Cambridge

Thursday 19th November - Brighton

Thursday 26th November – London

**Further Information:**

Full event details and registration information can be found at  
<http://live-events.coi.gov.uk/womeninfoocus/>

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## 108/09 MOJ PARENT WEEK – TELEPHONE ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Are you suffering from sleepless nights with babies, tantrums with toddlers or trying times with teenagers? Expert parenting advice will be available over the phone next Wednesday, 4 November, when a specialist from charity Parentline Plus will answer calls from NOMS staff as part of MoJ Parents Week.

The Network for Caring Telephone Day is open to all, is totally free and confidential, and offers advice relating to looking after children of all ages.

**Further Information:**

Call 0191 478 6362 any time between 10:00 – 15:00hrs on Wednesday 4 November. For further information on Parentline call 0808 800 2222.

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## 109/09 NAPO DIRECTORY AMENDMENT

Please note the telephone and fax number for HMYOI Brinsford in the Napo Directory, page 197, should read:

**Tel:** 01902 533 450

**Fax:** 01902 533 451

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Issued 30 September

PI05 09 Mandatory use of ViSOR

Issued 30 September

**OASys Message to Areas:**

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Issued 09 October

050 09 New Contact Details for Business Team

Issued 09 October

051 09 Performance Improvement - Release 4.2.7

Issued 26 October

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