



## Guide to publications

### **Government strategy for diverting women away from crime**

Listed are publications that inform or explain the policies currently applying to women offenders and those at risk of offending. It is not exhaustive, but includes the key documents of which you should be aware if you are interested in the subject. The Ministry of Justice led cross-government CJ Women's Strategy Team sets the strategic direction, and working closely with NOMS, YJB and partners to support delivery of shared plans for women and young girls who offend and those at risk of offending. The CJ Women's Strategy Team is part of the Criminal Justice Group of the Ministry of Justice. Email [cjwst@justice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:cjwst@justice.gsi.gov.uk)

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#### **Baroness Corston's Report and the Government's Strategy**

##### **Women in the Criminal Justice System (The Corston Report) – Published March 2007**

This report by Baroness Corston is a review of women with particular vulnerabilities in the criminal justice system and outlines the need for a distinct radically different, visibly-led, strategic, proportionate, holistic, woman-centred and integrated approach.

[LINK HERE](#) or pathway [www.justice.gov.uk](http://www.justice.gov.uk) > Publications > Policy > 2007

##### **The Government's Response to the Corston Report – Published Dec 2007**

This report sets out the commitments that have been made across departments to take forward the 43 recommendations of the Corston Report.

[LINK HERE](#) or pathway [www.justice.gov.uk](http://www.justice.gov.uk) > Publications > Policy > 2007

##### **Delivering the Government response to the Corston Report (Corston: One year on) Published Dec 2008**

This is the Government's one year progress report on its strategy for addressing the needs of women offenders, in response to Baroness Corston's independent system review of women with particular vulnerabilities in the criminal justice system.

[LINK HERE](#) or pathway [www.justice.gov.uk](http://www.justice.gov.uk) > Publications > Policy > 2008 >

##### **Report on the Government's strategy for diverting women away from crime – Published Dec 2009**

This report outlines the continued commitment to bringing about improvements for women offenders in both custody and the community. It marks two years since the publication of the government's response (see above) to Baroness Corston's report.

[LINK HERE](#) or pathway [www.justice.gov.uk](http://www.justice.gov.uk) > Publications > Policy > 2009

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#### **Offender Management**

##### **National Service Framework for Women Offenders – Published 2008**

The National Service Framework aims to improve services by setting out the Government's strategic aims and objectives and high-level service expectations, both through the reducing re-offending pathways, and for the delivery of statutory services. It expects NOMS provide information on the size, cost and nature of provision to meet these priorities.

[LINK HERE](#) or pathway [www.noms.justice.gov.uk](http://www.noms.justice.gov.uk) > News, publications and events > Publications > Strategy, reports and plans

##### **The Offender Management Guide to Working with Women Offenders – Published May 2008**

The Offender Management Guide highlights current good practice and provides additional information to offender managers working with women offenders, supporting the offender management model.

[LINK HERE](#) or pathway [www.noms.justice.gov.uk](http://www.noms.justice.gov.uk) > News, publications and events > Publications > Guidance and best practice

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## Independent publications

### **Provision for Women Offenders in the Community** – *Published 2007*

This report emphasises the need for more community support to be available for women offenders - an approach which could replace staying in prison with effective community punishments, reduce women's reoffending and allow offenders' children to stay with their mothers. Authors: Gelsthorpe, L., Sharpe, G. and Roberts, J

[LINK HERE](#) or pathway [www.fawcettsociety.org.uk](http://www.fawcettsociety.org.uk) > News > 2007 News archive > July 2007 news releases

### **Unlocking Value: How we all benefit from investing in alternatives to prison for women offenders** – *Published 2008*

This report argues that community sentencing is an effective alternative to prison for women offenders which delivers long-term savings in public spending and prevents re-offending, using Social Return on Investment (SROI).

[LINK HERE](#) or pathway [www.neweconomics.org](http://www.neweconomics.org) > Programme Areas > Valuing What Matters > Publications (Page 2)

### **The Use of Community Order and Suspended Sentence Order for Women** – *Published 2008*

This report concludes that orders need to be more responsive to the circumstances of women offenders. It notes that there is little evidence that community sentences are having a significant impact on reducing the use of custody for women who are convicted. Authors: Sunita, P. and Stanley, S

[LINK HERE](#) or pathway [www.crimeandjustice.org.uk](http://www.crimeandjustice.org.uk) > Resources > Publications

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## Other Government reports

### **Short study on Women Offenders** – *Published 2009*

This joint Cabinet Office and Ministry of Justice short study takes a fresh look at how the complex needs of women offenders can be better met, and at the benefits of earlier, improved support. It reinforces the understanding of the complexity of women offenders' lives and needs, and the interventions and systems that can make lasting and positive change.

[LINK HERE](#) or pathway [www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk) > Social Exclusion > Social Exclusion Task Force website > Publications > Women Offenders – Analysis and Discussion Paper

### **Reducing re-offending by ex-prisoners** (AKA the “*Social Exclusion Report*”) – *Published 2002*

This report sets out the scale of re-offending by ex-prisoners; examines causes and why the system doesn't work better; and makes recommendations for the way forward. Now rather historic.

[LINK HERE](#) or pathway [www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk) > Social Exclusion > Social Exclusion Task Force website > Publications > Social Exclusion Unit Publications (published from 1997 to July 2006) >

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## Recent press announcements

3 February 2009: £15.6 million additional investment over two years (2009 – 2011) to help divert vulnerable women  
[LINK HERE](#) or pathway [www.justice.gov.uk](http://www.justice.gov.uk) > news > press releases > 2009

5 November 2009: £6.8m of funding for third sector organisations to provide extra and enhanced community support for women offenders and women at risk of offending.

[LINK HERE](#) or pathway [www.justice.gov.uk](http://www.justice.gov.uk) > news > press releases > 2009

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## Statistics

**Statistics on Women and the Criminal Justice System 2007-08** – *Published Jan 2009*. This annual publication is a summary report that brings together statistics produced by a range of agencies relating to the experience of women within the criminal justice system. **NB** 2008-09 statistics will be published in the same place in early 2010.

[LINK HERE](#) or pathway [www.justice.gov.uk](http://www.justice.gov.uk) > Publications > Statistics > Statistics by topic > Criminal justice > Women and the CJS

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