

- ♦ Give victims of crime a right to review what progress police have made to investigate the crime committed against them including cases where the police have declined to investigate.
- ♦ Give victims a right to choose restorative justice.
- ♦ Implement the Modern Slavery Strategy to reduce people trafficking and support victims.

9.4 Tackling violence against women and girls

A fair society cannot tolerate today's unacceptable level of violence against women and girls in Britain. We have made progress since 2010 but we will not rest until women feel safe and respected.

We will:

- ♦ Ensure teachers, social workers, police officers and health workers in areas where there is high prevalence of female genital mutilation or forced marriage are trained to help those at risk.
- ♦ Require the teaching of sexual consent in schools as part of age-appropriate sex and relationships education.
- ♦ Improve the provision of rape crisis centres and refuges for victims of domestic violence with a national network and national sources of funding.
- ♦ Protect funding for tackling violence against women and girls and maintain the post of International Champion for preventing this violence.
- ♦ Create a national helpline for victims of domestic and sexual violence – regardless of gender – to provide support, encourage reporting and secure more convictions.
- ♦ Work to ensure the whole criminal justice system updates practice in line with the Director of Public Prosecutions' guidance on sexual consent.

9.5 Improving justice and rehabilitating offenders

The criminal justice system can do more to turn people away from a life of crime. We have made progress in government, for the first time providing probation support for offenders serving sentences of less than twelve months. Yet still, far too many people are simply warehoused in prison, instead of learning skills that will enable them to earn an honest living when they are released.

We believe that a large prison population is a sign of failure to rehabilitate, not a sign of success. So our aim is to significantly reduce the prison population by using more effective alternative punishments and correcting offending behaviour.