

on rehabilitating offenders and intervening early to prevent troubled young people being drawn into crime.

Our plan of action:

We will finish the job of police reform, backing officers to fight crime unimpeded

We will ensure proper provision of health and community-based places of safety for people suffering mental health crises – saving police time and stopping vulnerable people being detained in police custody. To speed up justice, we will extend the use of police-led prosecutions. We will allow police forces to retain a greater percentage of the value of assets they seize from criminals. We will improve our response to cyber-crime with reforms to police training and an expansion in the number of volunteer ‘Cyber Specials’. We will enable fire and police services to work more closely together and develop the role of our elected and accountable Police and Crime Commissioners.

We will transform the relationship between the police and the public

We have taken action to boost public confidence and trust in the police and now want to go even further. We will improve the diversity of police recruitment – especially of black and ethnic minority officers – by supporting the development of new direct entry and fast-track schemes such as Police Now, which offers top graduates a new route into policing. We will overhaul the police complaints system. We will use the Police Innovation Fund to accelerate the adoption of new technologies, including mobile devices, that will transform the service the public receives. And we will legislate to mandate changes in police practices if stop and search does not become more targeted and stop to arrest ratios do not improve.

We will introduce more effective crime prevention measures to break the cycle of offending

We are developing a modern crime prevention strategy to address the key drivers of crime. We will publish standards, performance data and a ranking system for the security of smartphones and tablets, as well as online financial and retail services. We will overhaul the system of police cautions, and ensure that offenders always

have conditions, such as victim redress, attached to their punishment. We will create a blanket ban on all new psychoactive substances, protecting young people from exposure to so-called ‘legal highs’. And we will make sobriety orders available to all courts in England and Wales, enforced through new alcohol monitoring tags.

We will reform our prison system

Despite making savings in the prison budget, there are around 3,000 more adult male prison places today than in 2010. We will make further savings by closing old, inefficient prisons, building larger, modern and fit-for-purpose ones and expanding payment-by-results. And we will introduce widespread random testing of drug use in jails, new body scanners, greater use of mobile phone blocking technology and a new strategy to tackle corruption in prisons.

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We will protect victims and support the vulnerable

We have already introduced a new Victims’ Code and taken steps to protect vulnerable witnesses and victims. Now we will strengthen victims’ rights further, with a new Victims’ Law that will enshrine key rights for victims, including the right to make a personal statement and have it read in court before sentencing – and before the Parole Board decides on a prisoner’s release. We will give all vulnerable victims and witnesses greater opportunity to give evidence outside court, and roll out nationally pre-trial cross examination for child victims.

We will prioritise tackling violence against women and girls

We have made protecting women and girls from violence and supporting victims and survivors of sexual violence a key priority. We will now work with local authorities, the NHS and Police and Crime Commissioners to ensure a secure future for specialist FGM and forced marriage units, refuges and rape crisis centres. We will ensure that all publicly-funded