

Working for a Safer Wales

Crime and Justice



“Now that Wales makes its own laws, there is an obvious need for a Welsh legal jurisdiction to reflect this, and this should be introduced quickly, followed by Welsh policing and criminal justice powers. We believe justice is best administered locally.”

Elwyn Llwyd MP

Plaid Cymru wants a safer Wales. We will give strong rights to victims of crime, while tackling the causes of crime to reduce it all across Wales. To achieve this, decisions about policing and criminal justice need to be made in Wales so that we can set our own priorities for keeping our streets safe. Devolved criminal justice would allow us to provide more appropriate sentencing, including diverting young people and those with mental health problems towards alternatives to custody. We will devolve all powers over Criminal Justice to the Welsh Government.

Plaid Cymru has worked for Wales

- Plaid Cymru MP Elwyn Llwyd has shown how Plaid Cymru can influence UK Government policy, having successfully fought for new laws to protect women from stalking and domestic violence, in the Protection of Freedoms Act in 2012 and this year's Serious Crime Act.
- We have consistently called for the devolution of criminal justice powers to Wales, arguing for a Welsh way of justice and policing that focuses on prevention of crime.
- Plaid Cymru has opposed the closure of magistrates courts, the privatisation of the probation service and cuts to legal aid services – all of which restrict people's right to fair justice.
- Elwyn Llwyd MP has chaired the Justice Unions' Parliamentary Group throughout the 2010-2015 UK Parliament, and has been Vice-Chair of the Justice Select Committee.

