



Crime Prevention

Our justice policy will focus on prevention, using restorative justice and rehabilitation through probation rather than only offer ineffective short-term sentences that have been proven not to prevent re-offending. We will also tackle mental health issues amongst prisoners in order to prevent future criminal behaviour.

Supporting Victims' Rights

We will introduce a Victims' Rights Bill and train all professionals in the criminal justice system so victims of crime cannot be ignored or forgotten.

We welcome stronger legislation to tackle domestic abuse, giving police and courts the power to tackle all forms of abuse, which can include coercive and controlling behaviour as well as violence.

We will reverse Legal Aid reforms to allow fair access to justice and will monitor its implementation.

Prison

There is a lack of appropriate prison facilities for women prisoners in Wales and limited facilities for young offenders. We will identify suitable sites and funding to put this right. We will ensure that women in prison are treated fairly. Plaid Cymru opposes the development of a privately built and run 'super-prison' at Wrexham, which does not meet the needs of North Wales.

We will help prisoners to develop reading and literacy skills to help them find a job away from a life of crime.

Substance Use

Problems and deaths from substances are more prevalent in Wales than other parts of the UK. Plaid Cymru wants to reduce problematic substance use and substance related deaths by investing in a long term substance use strategy which focuses on harm reduction through a wider range of services and education programmes that treat problematic substance users as patients rather than criminals.

'Legal highs have outdated the Misuse of Drugs Act. The Party Of Wales supports an impact assessment on the Misuse of Drugs Act to review its effectiveness in dealing with today's substance related problems.

We support the decriminalisation of cannabis. The resources used policing the illegality of cannabis should be diverted into education and information programmes which aim to keep people safe from harm.

More effective probation and policing

Plaid Cymru has consistently opposed the privatisation of the probation service. We will look to bring the Welsh probation service back into public control to ensure the best results for our communities. The profit motive has no place in the Criminal Justice System.

We will scrap the role of Police and Crime Commissioners and transfer police oversight to the Welsh Government, with effective scrutiny from elected AMs.

We will continue to support intelligence-led cross-border crime-fighting initiatives across the British Isles, Europe and worldwide, with a particular emphasis on preventing terrorism and ending human trafficking.

We will stop undercover agents from forming relationships as part of their double-agent work, causing devastation to those duped and undermining confidence in the security services.

Justice and the Courts

We will introduce Welsh legal jurisdiction to codify our own laws. This will make clear the growing body of legislation that applies only to Wales.

We support the Human Rights Act and the European Convention on Human Rights, and will oppose any moves by a UK Government to withdraw from those.

Following the large cuts to the number of magistrates' courts in Wales, we will allow for hearings to be held in alternative locations such as council chambers and other public buildings, where this is safe and appropriate.

We will create ex-servicemen's courts to better recognise the particular problems faced by former members of the armed forces.