

# Fighting crime and standing up for victims

## Our commitment to you:

*Your local area should be a safe place to grow up, work, raise a family and retire. We will continue to cut crime and make your community safer. We will:*

- ***finish the job of police reform***, so you can have more confidence that your local policing team is working effectively
- ***toughen sentencing and reform the prison system***, so dangerous criminals are kept off your streets
- ***support victims***, so that the most vulnerable in our society get the support they deserve.
- ***scrap the Human Rights Act and curtail the role of the European Court of Human Rights***, so that foreign criminals can be more easily deported from Britain.

Crime is down by more than 20 per cent since 2010, according to the independent Crime Survey, and is at its lowest point since records began. Lower crime means fewer robberies, less violence on our streets, fewer lives ruined, and more people able to feel confident about the future.

Labour didn't trust our brilliant policemen and women, probation staff and prison officers to do their job, but tried to micromanage every police force from Whitehall, doing serious damage to officer morale, police discretion and forces' performance. And Labour failed to provide sufficient prison places: tens of thousands of prisoners were released early, putting the public at risk.

We have made progress in turning around the situation we inherited, with comprehensive reforms to policing, rehabilitation and the rights of victims. We have already increased the proportion of officers working on the frontline, and cut 4.5 million hours of police paperwork. We have given Chief Constables a clear mandate to cut crime, reformed stop and search, established the National Crime Agency, strengthened the police inspectorate, made the police more accountable through Police and Crime Commissioners, increased transparency through crime maps, and set up the College of Policing to drive up professional standards.

We have made sure that 45,000 offenders will now receive supervision and rehabilitation on release from prison,

with providers paid according to the results they achieve in reducing reoffending. We reformed drug treatment so that abstinence and full recovery is the goal, instead of the routine maintenance of people's addictions with substitute drugs. And with new laws to crack down on domestic violence, measures to prevent Female Genital Mutilation

**Crime has been cut by more than a fifth**

(FGM), the first ever Modern Slavery Act, action to tackle human trafficking and substantial progress in tackling online child abuse, we have consistently stood up for the most vulnerable in our society.

We will carry on making every community safer, even when resources are tight. We will continue reducing paperwork, increasing sentence lengths for the most serious offences, and making sure that prisons are places of rehabilitation.

We need to complete our revolution in the way we manage offenders in the community, using the latest technology to keep criminals on the straight and narrow. And we must also become smarter when it comes to crime prevention, dealing with the drivers of crime such as drugs and alcohol. So we will focus not only on punishment, but also