

# Probation service under threat

Everyone agrees that we need a rehabilitation revolution in England and Wales.

For too long we have relied on ineffective prisons to keep our communities safe, when we all knew that they failed to reform those locked up at great public expense.

GMB, Napo and UNISON share the Justice Secretary's ambition that all offenders, including those released from short term prison sentences, should be helped to reform their lives. But the problem is – the government's proposals add up to the wrong sort of revolution!.

We want to see the government build on the success of probation, rather than tearing apart a successful service and replacing it with an untried and untested experimental model.

The probation service is the glue that sticks together so much of the criminal justice system to keep communities safe.

If we allow the government to break it apart in its pursuit of a privatised regional model of probation we will never get this back.

There is an alternative, and it is the job of GMB, Napo and UNISON to promote it.

## How you can help:

- [Email your MP](#) - Ask them to sign Early Day Motion 622 and help to promote a local, sustainable probation service that will keep our communities safe.  
[▶ Email your MP](#)
- [Sign the e-petition](#) on the Parliamentary website - opposing the privatisation of the probation service. We need your signatures to get the government to look again at plans that could decimate the probation service's operational scope and vital public safeguarding function.  
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