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The Bradley Report five years on

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The Bradley Commission

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- ❑ Independent commission led by Lord Bradley
- ❑ Reviewed progress in implementation over five years
- ❑ Focused on areas needing more investigation:
 - Black and minority ethnic communities
 - Young adults in transition
 - Personality disorder

Key findings five years on...

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- Clear benefits of early intervention:
 - To prevent problems emerging (eg through parenting programmes)
 - At first contact with police: not just point of arrest
 - Street Triage and related schemes
 - Huge variety
 - Benefits
 - In dealing with Mental Health Act emergencies
 - Crisis Care Concordat

Police and courts

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- ❑ Significant progress in liaison and diversion:
 - NHS England Operating Model
 - Benefits in both police stations and courts
 - But depends on services being available to divert people to them
- ❑ Mental Health Treatment Requirement:
 - Some progress but needs more development and training for sentencers
 - Engagement of mainstream MH providers

Prisons and resettlement

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- ❑ Prison mental health services developing broader focus but still lack national blueprint
- ❑ 'Through the gates' support is vital: unclear what impact *Transforming Rehabilitation* programme will have on this
- ❑ Co-production with service users has clear benefits at all stages of justice system

Recommendations

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- ❑ Liaison and diversion operating model should:
 - Be all stages (including prevention and resettlement)
 - Adhere to Youth Justice Liaison and Diversion model for children and young people
- ❑ Appropriate Adult availability needs to be improved

Recommendations

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- ❑ Develop an Operating Model for prison mental health care
- ❑ Assure efficient transfer to and from secure care
- ❑ Identify housing solutions for vulnerable offenders
- ❑ Commission new prevalence survey for offenders

Black and minority ethnic community recommendations

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- ❑ Including community groups in planning services
- ❑ Partnering with voluntary sector services
- ❑ Inclusion in governance
- ❑ Probation and mentoring services (inc' through the gate)
- ❑ Data – collect it
- ❑ Data – use it
- ❑ Service user and carer inclusion
- ❑ Training
- ❑ Commissioner role

Keys to Diversion

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- Keys to Diversion for people with complex needs (published today) include:
 - A focus on basic needs (home, job, income)
 - Knowledge of local services and relationships
 - Proactivity and assertiveness
 - Indefinite support after initial contact
 - Relationships with police, courts and probation

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