

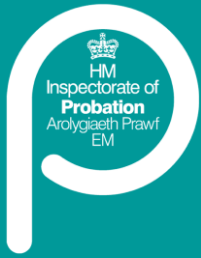
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Liz Smith

HM Inspector of Probation

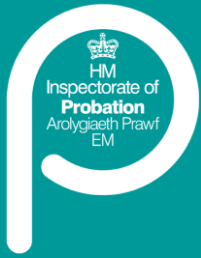
Keith McInnis

HM Inspector of Prisons



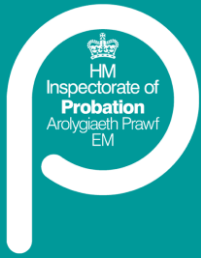
What is Through the Gate?

- Ministry of Justice Transforming Rehabilitation Programme
- New arrangements in prisons
- Resettlement services in prisons delivered by Community Rehabilitation Companies



Why Inspect Through The Gate?

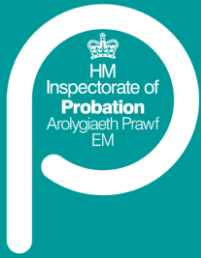
- New service, with high political priority
- Highlight and share good practice
- Report to ministers
- Two separate reports



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What is resettlement?

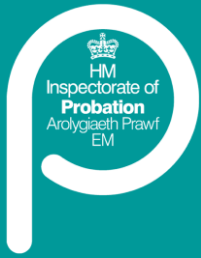
- Hierarchy of needs
- Desistance
- Reducing reoffending



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What we did:

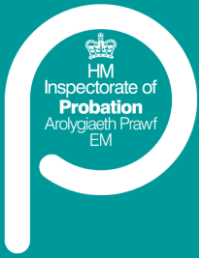
- Visited 15 prisons
- Inspected 184 cases, in two groups
- Followed up after release



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What did prisoners need help with?

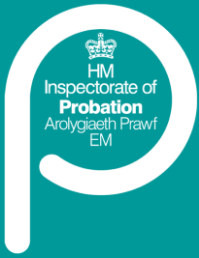
- Accommodation
- Education, training and employment
- Finance, benefit and debt
- Drug misuse
- Mental health
- Alcohol misuse



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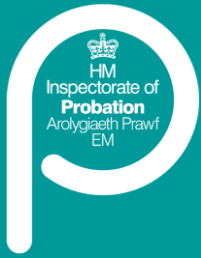
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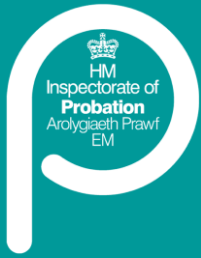
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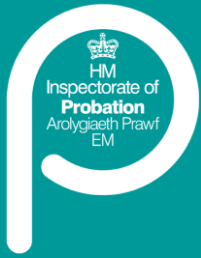
- Very difficult for prisoners without family or friends to assist
- Higher risk cases can access Approved Premises hostels
- Reduction in supported accommodation
- Impact of housing benefit changes and austerity



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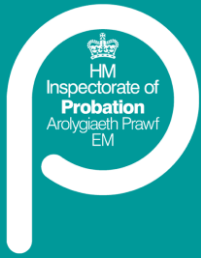
- Many prisoners not ready for ETE at the point of release
- Often use family/friends to source employment
- Practical barriers



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Finance, Benefit and Debt

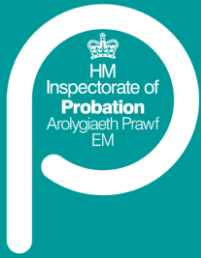
- Fines, debts, phone contracts not resolved at the start of sentences
- Systemic delays with benefit claims
- Over-reliance on family/friends or charity



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Drug misuse

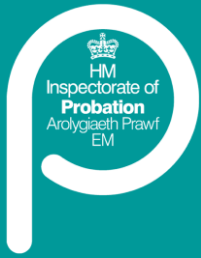
- Good treatment services in some prisons
- Handover to community services weak
- Barriers to accessing community services



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Alcohol misuse

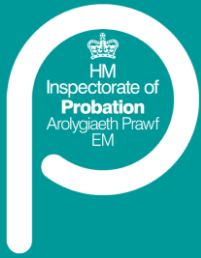
- Not so likely to receive treatment in prison
- Higher barriers to accessing services in the community



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Mental health

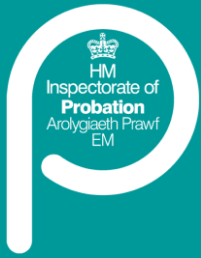
- Diagnosis can be unclear
- Prisoners report difficulties accessing in-reach services
- Information sharing while in prison and at point of release



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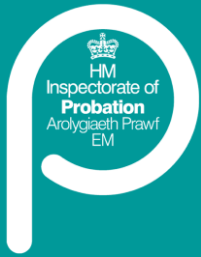
Outcomes – within a month of release

- Reoffending
- Recall to prison



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What can you do?



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