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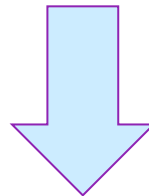
# Liaison and diversion Healthcare in police custody suites

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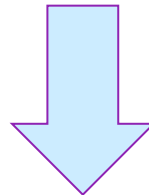
# Background

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The Bradley Report 2009 – review of people with mental health problems or learning disabilities in the criminal justice system



The cross-Government Health and Criminal Justice Transition Programme



Key work streams around integrated health pathways and reducing health inequalities that start in police custody suites

# Liaison and Diversion Schemes

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- The Bradley Report in 2009 defined them as:  
*“a process whereby people are assessed and their needs identified as early as possible in the offender pathway (including prevention and early intervention), thus informing subsequent decisions about where an individual is best placed to receive treatment, taking in to account public safety, safety of the individual and punishment of an offence.”*
- Recommendation was that all police custody suites should have access to liaison and diversion services which provide improved screening, identification of issues, information to police and prosecutors and relevant signposting to health and social care services when appropriate.
- Need to focus on more than just mental health – drug/alcohol dependence as well as other vulnerabilities
- Current coverage, effectiveness and maturity of schemes is widely varied and uncoordinated

# Evaluation Scheme and Development Network

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- Need to build robust evidence base around best practice and cost efficiencies by end of spending review period (2014)
- 20 Pathfinder sites currently identified (may be expanded) to take part in evaluation to gather data towards business case
- National Liaison and Diversion Development Network established to include pathfinders, Youth Justice Sites, police healthcare early adopters sites and other interested parties
- Invitation to apply for development funding going out shortly to Network

# Pathfinder Sites

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- Thames Magistrates Court Liaison and Diversion Services
- West London Magistrates Court CJLD Scheme
- City of Westminster Court Diversion Service / Westminster Police Liaison Nurses
- Reading Divert Team
- Sussex CJLS
- Hampshire Court Liaison and Diversion Scheme
- West Dorset Custody Liaison
- Avon & Wiltshire Court Assessment and Referral Service
- Nottinghamshire Criminal Justice Liaison Service
- CJMHT Derbyshire
- Warwickshire CJMH Liaison Service
- Forensic Liaison Team, Sandwell
- MH Court/MDO Service
- Hertfordshire CJMHT, Norfolk
- Barnsley
- North East Lincs Forensic MH Services
- Gateshead / South Tyneside CJMH Liaison Scheme / CJLT Cleveland (Durham and Darlington) / Newcastle & North Tyneside Custody Diversion / CJLT Cleveland (Cleveland)
- Manchester MO:DEL
- Mersey Care – Liverpool, Sefton and Kirby
- North Lancashire CJLT / East Lancashire, Burnley, Blackburn, Accrington and Rossendale / Chorley South Ribble and West / West Strand Preston

# Healthcare in police custody suites

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- Recommendation from the Bradley Report 2009 that:  
*“The NHS and the police should explore the feasibility of transferring commissioning and budgetary responsibility for healthcare services in police custody suites to the NHS at the earliest opportunity”*
- 10 Early Adopter sites have been selected to work with commissioners to scope out transferring police detainee healthcare commissioning to the NHS
- They are **Devon and Cornwall, Kent, West Midlands, Staffordshire, West Yorkshire, Cheshire, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Northumbria, Derbyshire**
- They will each develop a partnership board to take this forward over the next 2 years