

David Lammy's final report launched



In September David Lammy MP launched [the final report](#) from his 18 month review into the treatment and outcomes for Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups in the criminal justice system in England and Wales.

The report takes us through the criminal justice system (CJS) journey from the point of charging decisions. It analyses the experience of BAME groups and reveals the complex factors that contribute to ethnic disproportionality through reference to relevant previous research, specific research commissioned by the review, information gleaned through the extensive consultations David Lammy undertook, international comparisons and government data.

His conclusions are clear that BAME communities still face bias, including overt discrimination, in parts of the CJS.

Lammy sets out 35 recommendations, many of which, if implemented, will impact on wider criminal justice system reform and benefit people from all communities. He introduces the principle of 'explain or reform'

for government and public bodies arguing that the system should either provide an evidence based case for ethnic disproportionality or introduce policies to address it.

Watch the launch of the Lammy Report [here](#).

Patrick Williams of Manchester Metropolitan University, and Young Review Advisory Group member, has also written [a blog](#) about the review.

The Young Review will continue to engage with the MoJ around their response to the Lammy Review which we hope to see before the end of the year.

Roundtable on the Metropolitan Police Gangs Matrix

More than 25 representatives from civil society campaigning and service delivery groups, academics and representation from the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime attended the BTEG and Centre for Crime and Justice Studies roundtable on the Metropolitan Police Gangs Matrix. The event was timely following the launch of David Lammy's report and recommendation to the Mayor of London regarding the Mayor's commitment to review the Gang Matrix.

Patrick Williams from the Young Review Advisory Group and his colleague Becky Clarke from Manchester Metropolitan University gave the opening presentation, updating the meeting on developments since the launch of their 2016 research report [Dangerous Association](#). Former Metropolitan Police Borough Commander Leroy Logan also shared his thoughts.

A full note of the meeting will be produced and will be put on the BTEG website as well as being forwarded to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

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Young Review Advisory Group member the Prison Reform Trust has launched a new report [Counted Out](#).

It highlights the poorer outcomes and ethnic disproportionality experienced by BAME women in the criminal justice system.

Some of the reports key findings were:

- The lack of data and research into the experience of BAME women indicates neglect and hampers prospects for making progress. There is a specific problem in disaggregating data in regard to ethnicity, gender and religion. Muslim and Gypsy, Traveller and Roma women were identified as being particularly affected by the potential of their needs being hidden.
- Available evidence points to women from minority ethnic communities being disadvantaged compared to white women in the criminal justice system evidenced for example by the higher rates of custodial remand and sentencing for Black women.
- There are very few specialist, local services for BAME women offenders

One of the report's recommendations is that the Government's coming female offenders strategy includes specific actions to improve outcomes for BAME women and women from minority faith communities in contact with the criminal justice system. It requests rebalancing investment away from the custodial estate into community based service solutions.

Clinks Party Conference fringe events on the Lammy Review

Colleagues at Clinks held two fringe events at the Tory and Labour Party Conferences on the Lammy Review report. David Lammy MP attended both events and spoke on the recommendations from his report and the need for action.



The Labour Party event was attended by Richard Burgon MP, the Shadow Justice Secretary, and all members of Labour's Shadow Justice team.

Richard Burgon is keen to have further dialogue and visits to sector

organisations and wants to build on the reports recommendations as Labour constructs a detailed justice policy.



Sam Gyimah MP, Under Secretary of State for Prisons and Probation, attended the event at the Conservative Party Conference.

He welcomed the report and spoke specifically on the recommendations to

reform the criminal records check process and the blocks that the current system poses in enabling former offenders to enter the employment market.

He spoke positively on the recommendation to adopt a system for deferred prosecutions where defendants are able to opt to undertake a programme of rehabilitation within the community.

A number of Conservative Police and Crime commissioners were in attendance and the need for a local response was discussed. There was recognition that the role of the Police and Local Authorities would be crucial at the local level particularly in relation to the concerns raised by David Lammy in his report around the entrenched and worsening disparities within the youth justice system.