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End to intrusive fishing expeditions of rape victims' therapy notes

Victims and Prisoners Bill will stop unnecessary and invasive access to personal materials such as therapy notes. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/end-to-intrusive-fishing-expeditions-of-rape-victims-therapy-notes?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=dccec22b-089f-4c01-8220-b86fd061a150&utm_content=daily

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News story: **Domestic abusers face crackdown in raft of new measures** . Tougher management of most dangerous abusers and new protections for victims.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/domestic-abusers-face-crackdown-in-raft-of-new-measures?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ee86a6d0-81d7-4639-8a05-05afb7928550&utm_content=daily

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Press release: **Thousands more victims to avoid trauma of courtroom cross-examination under plans to boost barrister fees.**

Vulnerable victims in up to 4,600 cases involving crimes including sexual abuse and rape will be able to avoid giving their evidence in a full courtroom every year according to new estimates from the Ministry of Justice. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-more-victims-to-avoid-trauma-of-courtroom-cross-examination-under-plans-to-boost-barrister-fees?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=680a9a73-3f81-403b-9e48-012e8a1732cc&utm_content=daily

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Press release: **Law to recognise children born as a result of rape as victims for the first time**

Children born as a result of rape will be officially recognised as victims of crime and receive better support under changes announced by the government today (19 January 2023). https://www.gov.uk/government/news/law-to-recognise-children-born-as-a-result-of-rape-as-victims-for-the-first-time?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=2ab105df-1b58-44a8-8f49-23ff2f27bc89&utm_content=daily

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HMI Prisons publishes children in custody report.

On 25 January, HM Inspectorate of Prisons published its findings from a [thematic inspection into children in custody](#).

The report analysed 12 to 18-year-olds' perceptions of their experiences in secure training centres and young offender institutions in 2021-22.

Among the findings, children in custody said that they felt safer but were isolated from their friends and families. They were also continuing to receive inadequate education post-pandemic.

Charlie Taylor, Chief Inspector of Prisons said: "We believe that gains in key areas like safety and care – which should be celebrated – have been made at the expense of children's progress in their education or their ability to see friends and family. This was completely avoidable. If children are to lead successful, crime-free lives on release, the Youth Custody Service needs to take urgent action to stop the decline in education, skills and work provision."

What does care mean to 16 and 17-year-olds?

On 23 January 2023, the children's rights charity Article 39 published the findings of a survey of 355 teenagers in England.

The findings revealed that this age group overwhelmingly felt that all the elements of care are still necessary. You can read the full report on [Article 39's website](#).

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Press release: **Addiction crackdown sees huge rise in prisoners getting clean.** Thousands of prisoners are getting clean thanks to a doubling of drug-free wings in jails as the government's war on addiction steps up a gear. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/addiction-crackdown-sees-huge-rise-in-prisoners-getting-clean?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=4520722a-4654-48bd-a2a3-c079bb3f5409&utm_content=daily

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Press release: **Construction job drive gives prisoners tools to turn away from crime.** Construction firms have pitched up in prisons across England and Wales for the latest major drive to match offenders with jobs in sectors facing skill shortages and cut crime. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/construction-job-drive-gives-prisoners-tools-to-turn-away-from-crime?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=af069584-da5c-4ec8-83a3-a98253e9ff24&utm_content=daily

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Press release: **Recruitment drive to toughen parole scrutiny with more ex-police officers and detectives.** Dozens more former police officers and detectives with experience of managing dangerous offenders will be recruited as part of plans to toughen up the parole system. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/recruitment-drive-to-toughen-parole-scrutiny-with-more-ex-police-officers-and-detectives?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=4f82815d-e818-47ed-9c6f-8e76b4b41568&utm_content=daily

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Guidance: The care and management of individuals who are transgender

This Policy Framework ensures that transgender individuals are treated with respect and sensitivity while they are in custody, and that the safety of anyone in our care, transgender or not, is prioritised. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-care-and-management-of-individuals-who-are-transgender?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e6c3f907-99d7-4a98-8d2b-3a518febd91f&utm_content=daily

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Press release: **New transgender prisoner policy comes into force.** Transgender women with male genitalia will no longer be able to be held in mainstream women's prisons, under new measures coming into force today. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-transgender-prisoner-policy-comes-into-force?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=8a082dfb-4c69-4656-b8f2-910677cbd843&utm_content=daily

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Policy paper: **Victims and Prisoners Bill** The government has introduced the Victims and Prisoners Bill into Parliament. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/victims-and-prisoners-bill?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=633c9088-057a-425d-b7d7-c6a41b6faf96&utm_content=daily

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Press release: **New expert panel to support victims after major disasters** First ever 'Independent Public Advocate' to launch in England and Wales.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-expert-panel-to-support-victims-after-major-disasters?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=da43b57a-d52e-48d9-92c5-f7848ae4ecae&utm_content=daily

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Corporate report: **UK National Preventive Mechanism annual report: 2021 to 2022**

Thirteenth Annual Report of the UK's National Preventive Mechanism: Monitoring places of detention https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-national-preventive-mechanism-annual-report-2021-to-2022?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=a80b6a18-40fb-4f04-b8fd-d5c3a3ab2572&utm_content=daily

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Policy paper: **Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill 2022: Factsheets**

Factsheets giving details of the different measures contained in the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/economic-crime-and-corporate-transparency-bill-2022-factsheets?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=30fff145-f890-4a12-8074-4e8efee1420b&utm_content=daily

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Research and analysis: **Research into safeguarding processes in Child Contact Centres in England** A report summarising the findings of research into safeguarding processes in Child Contact Centres in England.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/research-into-safeguarding-processes-in-child-contact-centres-in-england?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=29f10d39-ed58-4698-9c98-0d6887924d23&utm_content=daily

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Policy paper: **Weekends in Prison Thematic Action Plan** A thematic review of weekends in prison by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/weekends-in-prison-thematic-action-plan?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=bb08b6e4-c0e0-43a2-ac68-0fd73d95ffdf&utm_content=daily

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Guidance: Sentence management in the community policy framework

Expectations and guidance for community based probation practitioners, outlining their professional responsibilities in the supervision of people on probation.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sentence-management-in-the-community-policy-framework?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e06c0ba7-5ecd-4e7c-8bdb-5d7176589ed8&utm_content=daily

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Press release: New scheme to kickstart prison literacy drive and cut crime

Government awards £1.8 million to prepare more offenders for work and training.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-scheme-to-kickstart-prison-literacy-drive-and-cut-crime?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b70bfe24-9439-4d30-9282-f7652c772822&utm_content=daily

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Press release: Record number of neighbourhood criminals tagged to cut crime

The number of people tagged has reached record highs following the government’s drive to use technology to make streets safer.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/record-number-of-neighbourhood-criminals-tagged-to-cut-crime?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=a7f6908b-02b4-42d1-9d54-a84b1644bff3&utm_content=daily

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Press release: Leading UK bosses join mission to get thousands more prisoners into work

More than 90 business experts have been enlisted as prison employment advisors to help drive thousands of prison leavers into work and away from a life of crime.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/leading-uk-bosses-join-mission-to-get-thousands-more-prisoners-into-work?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=c2b85915-4a7b-4cfa-abda-33da1922639d&utm_content=daily

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Guidance: Prevention of Escape: External Escorts Policy Framework

Rules and guidance for prisons and staff on conducting external escorts and bedwatches.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevention-of-escape-external-escorts-policy-framework?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=30ce3b3f-6c87-4861-aa0b-a7e62259f9a0&utm_content=daily

Official Statistics: **Employment Rates following Release from Custody - Ad Hoc** https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/employment-rates-following-release-from-custody-ad-hoc?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=8acbf954-78a3-4e99-8b49-63956e613fd9&utm_content=daily

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Guidance: **Employing prisoners and ex-offenders** This guidance highlights the benefits of working with prisons and hiring ex-offenders to help fill skills gaps and reduce re-offending.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/unlock-opportunity-employer-information-pack-and-case-studies?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ee0c1e69-eb24-4e7a-9a87-db4bd63aae19&utm_content=daily

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Research and analysis: **Evaluating the Building Better Relationships programme: Feasibility study for an impact evaluation of proven reoffending**

This report explores the feasibility of conducting a quantitative impact evaluation of the Building Better Relationships (BBR) programme on rates of proven reconvictions.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/evaluating-the-building-better-relationships-programme-feasibility-study-for-an-impact-evaluation-of-proven-reoffending?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=799f149a-1b65-4726-bc99-3d253aa31d6b&utm_content=daily

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Guidance: **Investigating incidents of serious self-harm or assault: PSI 15/2014**

Guidance on investigating and learning lessons from incidents of serious self-harm or assault in prison. Update May 2023 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/investigating-incidents-of-serious-self-harm-or-assault-psi-152014?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=97a412e7-d290-43b7-b72a-60e64cfac6a7&utm_content=daily

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Transparency data: **Prison population figures: 2023** Latest prison population figures for 2023.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prison-population-figures-2023?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=f7ec0491-5c83-4cbe-8599-f2543ff5a796&utm_content=daily

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National statistics **First time entrants (FTE) into the Criminal Justice System and Offender Histories: year ending December 2022**

Data tables and pivot tools providing an overview of trends in first time entrants into the Criminal Justice System and offender histories in England and Wales.

https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/first-time-entrants-fte-into-the-criminal-justice-system-and-offender-histories-year-ending-december-2022?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=78e4081e-5d75-464c-afe4-042929e646e0&utm_content=daily

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Trolls who encourage serious self-harm to face jail

New offence for encouraging serious self-harm with perpetrators facing 5 years behind bars.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/trolls-who-encourage-serious-self-harm-to-face-jail?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=3fbb3c9f-540c-4f10-9e58-dba1327b014f&utm_content=daily

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Guidance: Managing parole eligible offenders on licence policy framework

Mandatory requirements and guidance for all probation staff involved in the management of parole eligible determinate and indeterminate sentenced individuals on licence.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/managing-parole-eligible-offenders-on-licence-policy-framework?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=afba07b7-28e5-475d-9be0-aa3ecb825ac6&utm_content=daily

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[Pregnancy, MBUs and maternal separation in women's prisons Policy Framework](#)

Operational policy for prison staff supporting women experiencing: Pregnancy, birth, the post-natal period, applications for a prison MBUs place and separation from children up to 2. Change made: Framework updated and operational guidance published.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pregnancy-mbus-and-maternal-separation-in-womens-prisons-policy-framework?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=621d86d9-0824-4050-b48f-3366c81fd885&utm_content=daily

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Policy paper: Female Offender Strategy Delivery Plan 2022 to 2025

This Delivery Plan sets out how government will deliver 4 key priorities to reduce women's offending over the 2022 to 2025 period.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/female-offender-strategy-delivery-plan-2022-to-2025?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e7dff4a4-3701-40a0-81a1-065aa8339ff9&utm_content=daily

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Official Statistics: Risk of Serious Harm in the prison and probation caseload, 2018 and 2022

An ad-hoc statistical release which presents a summary of the Risk of Serious Harm ratings of the HMPPS caseloads on 30 June 2018 and 30 June 2022.

https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/risk-of-serious-harm-in-the-prison-and-probation-caseload-2018-and-2022?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=4368f89b-d2ff-4b6d-ae18-b3c7aeacefea&utm_content=daily

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Guidance: Prison adjudications policy: PSI 05/2018

Rules and guidance for prison staff on how to carry out a disciplinary hearing when a prisoner is alleged to have broken prison rules.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prison-adjudications-policy-psi-052018?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=f4ca0709-ad30-4dd8-815e-30a53a71bd2c&utm_content=daily

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Press release: Terrorist prisoners to face tougher limits behind bars

Terrorist prisoners to be banned from taking leading roles in religious services.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/terrorist-prisoners-to-face-tougher-limits-behind-bars?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=7bb0292d-365c-4e99-b677-397e9f1e56be&utm_content=daily

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Guidance: Faith and pastoral care for prisoners: PSI 05/2016

Policy and guidance on supporting prisoners of all faiths with their religious practices and providing pastoral care. Updated April 2023

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/faith-and-pastoral-care-for-prisoners-psi-052016?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=07bbcd9-4cf4-4167-afc4-d36bcbdc0cf1&utm_content=daily

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Press release: **Body-worn video cameras for every prison officer to boost prison safety**

New Lord Chancellor announces 13,000 cameras now available to every prison officer on shift. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/body-worn-video-cameras-for-every-prison-officer-to-boost-prison-safety?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=68a2a81d-f759-4cbb-8c78-fccf2ed35b30&utm_content=daily

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[Safety in custody: quarterly update to December 2022](#)

Page summary: Quarterly update on deaths, self-harm and assaults in prison custody in England and Wales. Annual detailed data on assaults and self-harm in prison custody.

https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/safety-in-custody-quarterly-update-to-december-2022?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b40a8bff-fbf1-41ce-9e33-30f8bc434ee4&utm_content=daily

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Official Statistics: **Electronic Monitoring Statistics Publication, March 2023**

Covers the use and delivery of electronic tags, including location monitoring tags and alcohol monitoring tags, for England and Wales.

https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/electronic-monitoring-statistics-publication-march-2023?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=58d203fb-d3f5-4914-9a50-da5f0e8b5dbe&utm_content=daily

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National statistics: **Prison population projections: 2022 to 2027**

Five year projections for the prison population in England and Wales.

https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/prison-population-projections-2022-to-2027?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=efa2e9a2-fd5f-4e07-8df1-ba4dc575219a&utm_content=daily