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JUSTICE welcomes coalition emphasis on rehabilitation

JUSTICE, the all-party law reform and human rights group, today welcomed the government's recognition in the Sentencing Green paper that prison numbers are too high and that rehabilitation must be prioritised in order to reduce offending and imprisonment rates. Measures including the reform of indeterminate sentencing for public protection (IPP) and the increased use of restorative justice for young offenders are sensible and long overdue. However, JUSTICE emphasised that resources must be in place to ensure effective supervision, rehabilitation and alternatives to custody are available.

Sally Ireland, Director of Criminal Justice Policy at JUSTICE, said:

We welcome the coalition's recognition that the warehousing of ever greater numbers in prison must stop. But the government must put its money where its mouth is on rehabilitation and support if reoffending is to be reduced.

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