



Annual Report 2004–2005

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

JULY

Publication: CJM 56 *Resettlement*

SEPTEMBER

Seminar: Making Victims Matter *held in association with De Montfort University, Leicester*

OCTOBER

Publication: CJM 57 *Whose Justice?*

Conference: Alcohol and Violence – Working With Offenders

Official launch of the Crime and Society Foundation and publication of the CSF discussion paper *Crime, Persistent Offenders and the Justice Gap*

DECEMBER

Conference: Going Home – Meeting the Accommodation Needs of Offenders

Seminar: Designing Out Crime

Annual General Meeting: Speaker Clive Stafford Smith OBE

JANUARY

Publication: CJM 58 *Crime and Technology*

FEBRUARY

Conference: Time and Time Again – Working With Prolific and Other Priority Offenders

MARCH

Seminar: Preventing Domestic Homicide *held in association with De Montfort University, Leicester*

Publication: Crime and Society Foundation Briefing Paper *Punishment Before Justice? Understanding Penalty Notices for Disorder*

APRIL

Publication: CJM 59 *Crime and the Media*

Conference: Honour Crimes and Forced Marriages

JUNE

Conference: Sentenced to Treatment – Meeting the Needs of Drug Using Offenders

CCJS OBJECTIVES

The Centre for Crime and Justice Studies provides information from an objective standpoint on crime and criminal justice. Established in 1931, originally to provide psychological treatment to offenders, its objective now is:

To advance the education of the public, and in particular those involved in the administration of criminal justice and the treatment of offenders, in the causes and prevention of delinquency and crime and the principles and operation of the criminal justice process both in the United Kingdom and abroad.

CCJS VALUES

All the Centre's activities are underpinned by the following seven values which were last revised in May 2000:

- that crime and the disruption it causes to communities and individuals cannot be dealt with by the criminal justice process alone
- that all social and economic policy should have crime prevention as one of its central objects
- that criminal justice interventions should be rational, evidence-based and have as their aims inclusion, reparation and crime reduction
- that criminal justice policy and practice should emphasise the minimum resort to custody consonant with public safety
- that criminal justice policy should address the crimes of the powerful (both individual and corporate) as well as those associated with the least powerful sections of society
- that criminal justice policy should respect human rights, and the criminal justice process should operate in accordance with the letter and the spirit of the Human Rights Act 1998
- that criminal justice policy and practice should treat victims with respect and consideration

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About CCJS

The Centre for Crime and Justice Studies generates and provides information about crime, justice and related issues for a variety of audiences and in various ways.

Its main areas of activity are:

- organising **conferences, seminars, lectures and visits** which provide opportunities for debate and the sharing of expertise between people working in different parts of the criminal justice system
- producing publications. These include the Centre's own quarterly magazine *Criminal Justice Matters* which offers a range of articles from practitioners and academics on current themes.
- conducting research. The Centre's research team undertakes both large scale projects, often as part of a consortium with other academic organisations, and small scale evaluations of voluntary sector projects in criminal justice.
- providing information to the very wide range of criminal justice professionals and students who contact us. Increasingly these contacts are being made by email, and central to our information service is the **CCJS website, www.kcl.ac.uk/ccjs**.

- offering information about crime and criminal justice to a wider audience through the **Crimeinfo website www.crimeinfo.org.uk**
- stimulating thought, debate and action on the wider issues affecting crime and criminal justice through its think-tank the **Crime and Society Foundation, www.crimeandsociety.org.uk**

The Centre also owns the *British Journal of Criminology*, the leading English language journal in the field published outside the US, which is published for it by the Oxford University Press.

The Centre is a membership organisation. Its members are police, prison and probation staff, lawyers, sentencers, academics, students, policy makers and others with an interest in crime and criminal justice. Members receive quarterly copies of *Criminal Justice Matters*, advance details of CCJS's programme of activities including free lectures and seminars, and a ten per cent reduction on the cost of conference places. Organisational membership is also available and an increasing number of organisations are taking advantage of this to obtain member benefits for all their employees.



Foreword



It is a great pleasure to introduce the CCJS annual report for 2004–2005.

As you will see from the body of the report it has been a year of solid and well focused activity during which CCJS has been true to its central aim – to generate and provide information about ‘crime, justice and related issues for a variety of audiences’.

Our seminar programme has been especially successful, thanks to the sterling work of staff who have devised a format for one day and half day meetings that clearly meets the needs of many people, bringing together researchers and practitioners is at the heart of our work. We shall continue to make sure that the formula that has served us well is kept under review and adapted as necessary.

The CCJS website, revamped at the end of the last year, has been well used and kept fresh. From comments we receive it is clear that many needs for information are being met, notably among students. Our approach to information provision and communication in general has benefited from the energy and skill of staff.

Criminal Justice Matters is now an established quarterly. Maintaining standards and determining the key topics to be tackled is central to continued success. Again, credit must go to the editorial team for ensuring high quality is maintained.

The small research team has faced fierce competition for commissions but has performed well. There is, quite rightly, a continuing drive for research and evaluation in so many of the new ventures introduced by central government and the voluntary sector.

Our association with the Crime and Society Foundation continues to thrive. We welcomed them last year with just a little trepidation. It was uncharted territory for CCJS. Happily the relationship is developing to the benefit of both parties.

Over recent years we have relied on the imagination, vision and wisdom of Una Padel. She has inspired and supported staff as well as persuaded funders of the merits of our bids. Una has also become a well regarded commentator on criminal justice matters and sought after for her views. She has done all this again this year despite the return of cancer and consequential periods of savage treatment. No one can be anything but humbled by Una’s stoicism and her well nigh unquenchable optimism in face of such a cruel illness. Throughout the year we have been fortunate indeed to have had Julie Grogan, our office manager, holding the fort so capably when Una has been absent. Julie has shouldered extra work without complaint and done it so well.

On the Council front, we have said farewell to Caroline Briggs, who brought much valued front line experience of the police service to our discussions. We wish her well on her travels in retirement. In her place we are delighted to welcome Peter Neyroud, a distinguished Chief Constable with vast experience across the board.

As ever we are most grateful to King’s College for the accommodation we have now settled into in Drury Lane. This support is critical to our survival and we look forward to the relationship continuing to our mutual benefit. Likewise, our thanks go to those many organisations that have provided funds for our work. We are indebted to them for their generosity.

Tony Pearson CBE, CCJS Chair

The Centre's Year

CCJS's busy programme this year has reflected some of the main themes which have preoccupied policy makers – alcohol, drugs, resettlement and prolific offenders – as well as raising some of the issues which are lower down the political agenda and could do with a higher profile. These include the poverty faced by prisoners' families and forced marriages. Work started on the three year 'Whose Justice?' initiative with a very successful edition of CJM examining various aspects of the question.

The Crime and Society Foundation was officially launched and immediately attracted considerable publicity for its critique of current methods of counting crime. It has continued to play a very active role in providing media comment on crime and criminal justice developments.

At the end of the year we were delighted to receive the news that the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation has agreed to fund a three year post looking specifically at the operation of the new Community Order, a sentence which replaces other community sentences brought into being by the Criminal Justice Act 2003. We also decided to appoint a Deputy Director who will be able to help raise the Centre's profile by increasing our capacity. Both these appointments will be made in the autumn of 2005, ensuring that the Centre will continue to grow and develop over the next year.

If the level of activity in the admin office can measure the success of an organisation, then this has been an excellent year for the Centre. It's the year that has seen the expansion of the Crime and Society Foundation and the year that our conference programme seems to have been able to tap into the current themes of concern to practitioners. Record numbers of delegates and the most comprehensive praise in evaluation forms certainly seems prove this. With so much activity and with extra staff and committees to look after there have been times when we could have done with a couple of extra hands for more development work. Thank goodness we have once again been fortunate enough to have the annual student placement from Middlesex University, this year filled by Marc Karbaron, to help us with some of the day-to-day tasks.

Membership

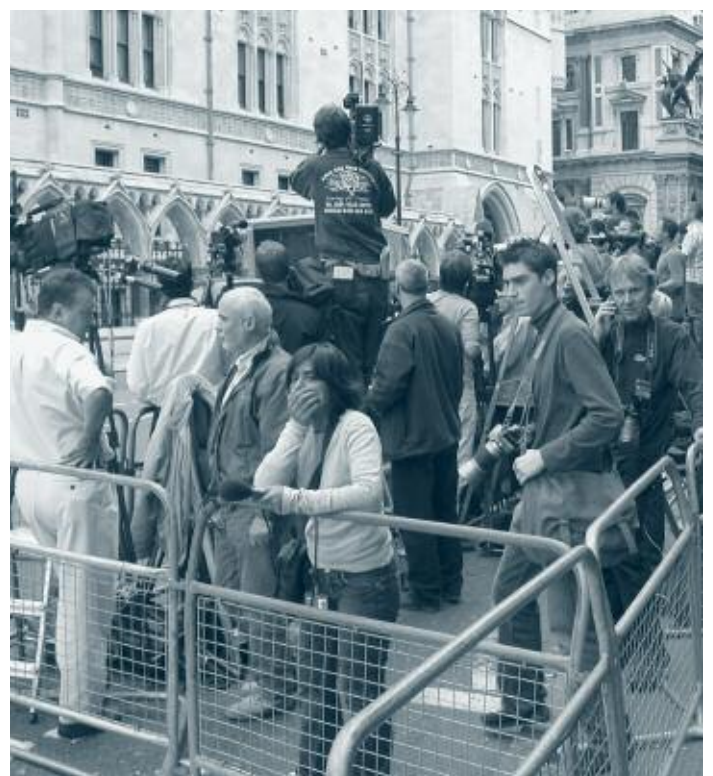
Membership is always a challenge. In addition to recruiting new members through regular campaigns promoting the benefits of membership, Sylvia Kusi –Appouh also spends much of her time maintaining good relations with our existing members. This includes regularly keeping members updated on the Centre's activities. Sylvia's role also extends

into maintaining the membership database as members change their details.

Although membership has maintained steady growth, we have also seen an increase in subscribers to CJM. This has been achieved through a wide range of marketing initiatives, and the promoting of CJM through reciprocal arrangements and at external conferences. Sylvia Kusi-Appouh also works on events, and has been able to also promote membership to delegates at conferences through pre-conference marketing as well as event publicity and special offers on the day

Marketing

This year the Centre has really focused on making sure we are marketing ourselves in the right way and to the right audience. This has been a challenge as we do not have a specific marketing budget and has really depended on staff being creative in ways to organise reciprocal arrangements with other organisations. Julie Grogan, Sunita Patel and Sylvia Kusi-Appouh meet regularly and with the support of Valerie Schloredt and Una Padel, we have run a number of different marketing campaigns throughout the year. We are increasing our visual presence at a number of different external events where we promote all the core activities of the Centre. The marketing group have also spent time developing a good database for email marketing of new issues of CJM and conferences.



Information

Providing information is at the heart of CCJS's role. The Centre's new Information Officer, Chris Eades, has now been in post for a full year and has helped further raise the profile of CCJS and carry forward its goal of a wide dissemination of objective, reliable, and relevant information on the criminal justice system. Chris trained as a barrister in England but has spent seven years working as an attorney in the Deep South of the United States defending Death Row prisoners and incarcerated juveniles. His appointment and work represent a shift in emphasis from the technical to the content-based provision of the centre's information resources.

Online

The Centre continues to invest in its web-based resources and significant improvements have been achieved over the past year.

Crimeinfo: The Crimeinfo website (www.crimeinfo.org.uk) was formally launched in November 2003 having been developed with funding from Rethinking Crime and Punishment, the Lankelly Foundation and the Pilgrim Trust. It provides a unique resource offering factual information about a range of crime and related issues designed for an audience with no specialist knowledge but a desire to know more. Over the past year much time has been spent on updating and supplementing the content on the site. We have doubled the number of basic 'factsheets' on criminal justice issues and each month a new topic is covered and promoted on the site's homepage. For example, within a week of the first terrorist attacks on London, the website featured a factsheet detailing and critiquing the current anti-terrorism legislation and its implications for civil liberties. Polls and quizzes are also linked to this monthly feature. New 'True Stories' – the real experiences of offenders as told to the Staffordshire Case Study Project – have also been added and together with the discussion forum and interactive 'Judge for Yourself' pages, the website represents a vibrant, ever-changing environment for the exchange of views and provision of reliable, up-to-date, information. Through the solid reputation that the Centre has built for providing high-quality, unbiased analysis and comment on criminal justice issues, and through the revamping of the website over the last year, traffic to the site has almost doubled. The site is now used by a broad cross-section of the public, by criminal justice professionals, and it is used formally by teachers in class and informally by students outside class. Recognition of the Centre's work on this invaluable resource came this year from The British Library, which invited the Centre to archive the website as part of a pilot web-archiving service. The British Library stated that it had "judged this web site to be an important part of our

documentary heritage and would like it to remain available to researchers in the future." Crimeinfo will now form part of the British Library's permanent collections.

CCJS Website: CCJS's main website continues to undergo changes and more information has now become available. Events calendars and other links to audio and written material make the site a useful one for practitioners and students alike. **Weblog:** The Criminal Justice Weblog continues to provide a daily update of criminal justice stories in the media. This valuable service – available at no cost and without the inky fingers dealing with real newspapers involves – is available at www.ukcjweblog.org.uk.

Media Work

The past year has seen an increase in the Centre's already good profile in the media. In addition to Director Una Padel's expert commentary provided for print, radio and television media, the Centre (with the support of the Crime and Society Foundation) was involved in breaking the story of a Kurdish teenager who recorded on his mobile phone the abusive, threatening and racist behaviour of the Metropolitan Police as he was arrested on fabricated charges. The Centre's Information Officer was present in court for the police officers' testimony and then managed the dissemination of the recording to the media. The Information Officer provided comment for a number of television and radio stations and the print media.

The Centre's Information Officer has also provided commentary for the media on related topics – including the unreliability of identification evidence and the increase in recorded hate crimes against Muslims following the July terrorist attacks – and has written a number of articles for one of the Centre's publications, CJM.

Information Requests

The Information Officer is constantly available to the Centre's members and to the general public to answer queries about criminal justice related matters. Such requests come from students, prisoners, writers, researchers, victims, police, and concerned citizens and cover a broad spectrum of material.

Student Work

Students form an important part of the CCJS membership and the Centre's exposure to this group has increased over the past year. The Centre continues to improve its Student Pack, which continues to grow in popularity. Within the Law School here at King's, the Information Officer has lectured undergraduate students on the death penalty and provides an introduction to the Centre to the new student intake.

Conferences and Seminars

The Centre's conference and seminar programme is designed to bring together practitioners from all levels of the criminal justice sector to look at areas of common interest. We aim to cater primarily for practitioners and choose topics and themes that are of particular concern to a wide variety of people with different perspectives on crime and the criminal justice system.

The conferences and seminars are put together by our Events Organiser Sunita Patel with the support of Sylvia Kusi-Appouh (Membership and Events Co-ordinator), who have enjoyed a busy year on the events front. We believe that increased marketing initiatives by way of reciprocals with external events and publications as well as more effective use of the Internet and email as a marketing tool, have resulted in our conferences being very well attended.

This year has seen many major policy developments that have had an impact or are of major concern to practitioners, and with this in mind we ran four full day conferences, one half-day event and three free seminars.

Our experience has been widely recognised and we have been asked to organise high-profile events on behalf of external organisations such as the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) and King's College School of Law.

Conferences

7th October 2004

Alcohol & Violence – working with offenders

In light of the new National Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy and wide debates round the Government's proposals for new licensing laws, the Centre felt it was important to organise this one day conference to address the challenges faced by practitioners working with offenders who have committed violent acts as a result of their use of alcohol. Seventy-one delegates came together to hear speakers like Martin Lee (HM Prison Service), Robert Stanbury (National Probation Directorate) and Chris Allison (Metropolitan Police). The event was a good opportunity to highlight specific projects and share good practice through the workshops on offer.

15th December 2004

Going Home – meeting the accommodation needs of offenders

The implementation of a new National Accommodation Strategy brought with it many issues around meeting the needs of offenders in this context. The Centre decided to provide a platform from which these issues could be brought to light and discussed amongst practitioners. The conference was a big success and had one hundred and seventy-six

delegates attending from a wide range of professional backgrounds. In addition to a varied programme of speakers and workshop presenters, the delegates were able to enjoy a role-play performed by a group of young residents from the Amber Foundation in Devon. The role-play was written specifically for the purpose of the event and was a way to highlight the importance of accommodation upon release in order to reduce re-offending.

9th February 2005

Time & Time Again – working with prolific and other priority offenders

The Government's crime reduction strategy emphasises identifying prolific offenders and preventing them from re-offending. As significant numbers of police and probation staff are now engaged in working on this strategy the Centre felt it would be a good time to organise a one day conference bringing practitioners together to look at the likely impact of the strategy and to identify key areas of challenge and concern. The event was massively oversubscribed and unfortunately we were unable to accommodate everyone who wanted to attend. The hundred and seventy-nine delegates who attended were able to hear presentations from a wide range of speakers and workshop presenters including Christine Knott (National Offender Manager, NOMS), Chetan Patel (Prolific and Priority Offender Team, Home Office), Anne Taylor (Drug Interventions Programme) and Bob Ashford (Youth Justice Board).

20th April 2005

'Honour' Crimes and Violence against women – understanding the culture, preventing the crime

The Centre decided to organise an event where practical strategies for dealing with 'honour' crimes and violence against women could be discussed in light of the recent creation of a special Forced Marriages Unit at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO). We were grateful for sponsorship from the FCO which allowed us to keep the cost of attending the event low, and we were delighted that so many delegates from the voluntary sector and community domestic violence groups were able to attend as a result. One hundred and fourteen delegates attended to hear presentations from Commander Andy Baker (Metropolitan Lead on Honour Killings), Fawzia Samad and Vinay Talwar (Forced Marriages Unit, FCO) and Dr. Aisha Gill (Roehampton University). The emphasis was very much on how to better practitioners' understanding of the cultural context in which 'honour' crimes take place as well as highlighting the impact of these crimes on women in our communities.

29th June 2005

Sentenced to Treatment – meeting the needs of drug-using offenders

The Centre organised another very successful conference towards the end of June 2005, looking at drug treatment and the criminal justice system. One hundred and forty-five delegates attended the event.

The conference looked beyond the coercive vs. voluntary treatment debate and focused more specifically on how to improve services to drug-using offenders. The event was also put together with the aim of addressing the challenges around retaining people in treatment as well as to highlight the importance of multi-agency working in order to meet offenders' housing, training and employment needs. Delegates heard presentations from Paul Hayes (Chief Executive National Treatment Agency), Fiona Beuermeister (National Probation Directorate) and Paul Turnbull (ICPR) amongst others.

Seminars

29th September 2004

'Making Victims Matter'

The Centre has built good relations with the Community and Criminal Justice unit at DeMontfort University over the years, and we were able to host our first seminar outside of London with their support. Thirty-four local practitioners attended, their backgrounds ranging from members of Youth Offending Teams and police officers to members of the Independent Monitoring Board at the local prisons. Alan Gray and Linda O'Donnell from Leicestershire and Rutland Probation Service delivered a brilliant presentation focusing on the challenges they face when trying to offer support to victims of crime in their area. The Victim Contact Team in Leicester has been widely recognised for its pro-active approach to dealing with victims, including victims of race crime and also victims of death by dangerous driving.

9th March 2005

'Preventing Domestic Homicide – the case for sharing information'

Philippa Sully (City University, London) was the speaker at our second seminar held in Leicester with the support from the Community and Criminal Justice Unit at DeMontfort University. The seminar examined the main findings and recommendations from a study carried out in collaboration with the Metropolitan Police Service and City University. The seminar gave the delegates an opportunity to discuss the

importance of effective information sharing between the different agencies when carrying out preventative intervention work. It was very encouraging to see a number of delegates from local PCTs present in the audience.

9th June 2005

'Designing out Crime' – creating safer neighbourhoods

Sixty-three delegates who came from a wide range of backgrounds attended this seminar. Detective Inspector Paul Anstee (Crime Prevention Manager, MPS) delivered a presentation on how the Metropolitan Police Service's Safer Neighbourhood Programme is using the planning process to 'Design out Crime' in order to complement other policing initiatives.

Future Conferences

The Centre is planning another exciting year in terms of conferences and seminars for 2005/2006. We hope to run conferences on the following themes:

Anti-Social Behaviour – in search of solutions

Deaths in Custody — lessons to be learned

Victims and Witnesses

Internet Crime- old crimes new tools?

Mental Health

Resettlement 2006

Increasing public confidence in the Criminal Justice System

Thanks are due to all organisations that have helped support our conference programme including HM Prison Service, Department of Health, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, DrugScope and Nacro.

Research

Projects

Understanding poverty and disadvantage among prisoners' families: problems and possible solutions

Poverty among prisoners' families has been little explored by researchers, even though new resettlement strategies are refocusing attention on maintaining family ties through the period of imprisonment in order to assist the prisoners at release. Poverty and criminality are also considered to be 'risk factors' for families, and government policy is targeting interventions at vulnerable young children. In this context, our research on poverty and disadvantage in such families is especially timely.

The continuing support of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation made possible an extension to the research in order to increase the number of interviews with this hard-to-reach group. In interviews, family members have highlighted the strains of coping with poverty while caring for children and seeking to respond to the needs of partners in prison. In addition, through national consultations and a focused survey, a clear picture of the current spread and impact of specific services for this group of families has emerged. To evaluate services, the Centre has been working with a team of social economists — Renee Romeo and Professor Martin Knapp, of the Institute of Psychiatry. Consultancy advice is given by Sarah Salmon, Policy Director of the organisation Action for Prisoners' Families. Here at CCJS, Rose Smith is bringing the research to fruition, and a full report is due to be published by the Foundation early in 2006.

Inside Out Trust monitoring

Involving prisoners in restorative justice is the mission of the Inside Out Trust, which runs projects in many prisons. Prisoners produce (or often recycle) goods and provide services for external charitable purposes, both in this country



and in developing countries. With the new climate of service 'contestability', voluntary sector projects need to demonstrate what they are doing and what benefits they can bring to their stakeholders.

A project to develop a monitoring system for the Trust has begun in conjunction with the independent research organisation ARCS-UK. Vivien Francis is acting as a consultant researcher and developer on the project, which will generate a significant base of information and prepare the way for a systematic evaluation in the future.

'Wings of Learning'

Previous research has shown that prisoners involved in education value support and encouragement from officers on the wings. The study was aimed at discovering how officers viewed prison education, what support they could offer, and how it might best be given in the future. Twelve prisons in England and Wales were visited, between December 2004 and May 2005, and small group interviews were carried out with a total of 77 prison officers. A widely representative Advisory Group, chaired by Sir Richard Tilt, has assisted the researchers, Julia Braggins and Jenny Talbot, to produce a report with significant policy recommendations, due to be published by the Centre in November.

National monitoring of the press coverage of asylum seekers and refugees

Asylum became an electoral issue in 2005 at a time when the impacts of press reporting on the treatment of asylum-seekers and on the positive integration of refugees within communities were also under scrutiny.

The Information Centre about Asylum and Refugees (ICAR) — also based at King's College — was commissioned by the government-sponsored National Refugee Integration Forum to undertake an unprecedented press survey firstly to ascertain the impact of new guidance from the Press Complaints Council on reporting and secondly to examine how far the coverage of asylum might be contributing to social integration and the reduction of community tension.

The research has involved analysing over 2000 articles on asylum issues in a sample of coverage during January–March 2005 in the national, regional and minority ethnic/religious press, as well as a series of interviews with editors. Roger Grimshaw has been providing academic direction. A report is due in Autumn 2005.

Camden Children's Fund

In partnership with EDUCARI, a consultancy organisation specialising in the needs of young people, the Centre is

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evaluating Camden Children's Fund over a period of three years. The Fund supports local projects that serve disadvantaged children from 8-12 years of age. The Centre has been assisting the Fund to set up evaluation processes for two crime prevention projects –the Junior Youth Inclusion Project and the Restorative Justice Project.

Whose Justice?

A three-year project on the criminal justice system has been initiated and a paper assessing the main 'drivers' of criminal justice was accepted for publication in the British Criminology Conferences Selected Proceedings 2004. More work is under way to progress research on harm resolution, prosecution procedures, and services for offenders.

Marc Karbaron, on a year-long student placement, has been contributing to a number of the research projects.

Completed projects

Reflecting asylum in London's communities

Because of concerns about the impact of media reporting on community tension, the Information Centre about Asylum and Refugees (ICAR) was commissioned by the Greater London Authority to examine the coverage of asylum and refugees in the London regional and local press. Roger Grimshaw provided academic direction to the study. The report has led to the introduction of London press awards for outstanding coverage. For more information, see: www.london.gov.uk/view_press_release.jsp?releaseid=5353

The extensive involvement of CCJS within the criminal justice system and the growing sophistication of our operations are reflected in Criminal Justice Matters, which has grown from its original newsletter format published 16 years ago to the substantial quarterly magazine that we publish today.

With concise articles written to be accessible to a non-specialist audience, CJM offers a wide overview and diverse responses to current issues and debates within the world of criminal justice. It remains one of the Centre's most visible products, as copies are sent to all of our members and subscribers (including libraries). Some lecturers regard CJM as an essential information resource for their university courses in criminology, and we do our best to ensure that every issue is relevant not only to practitioners and policy makers, but also to academics and students.

The body of academic, political, voluntary and community responses to issues of society and crime continues to grow at an astonishing rate. Including the latest developments in this discussion along with reports on recent research, practice and policy, depends on teamwork. Planning and editing of each issue are carried out by Publications Officer Valerie Schloredt and CCJS Director Una Padel, aided by the invaluable helpfulness and imagination of CSF and CCJS staff. We are grateful for the help of the CJM editorial board, whose names are listed at the end of this report. They continue to nurture CJM with their ideas, contacts and expertise, all in their spare time on a voluntary basis.

Issues published this year were:

Resettlement

Whose Justice?

Crime and Technology

Crime and the Media

More about past and current issues of CJM, including sample articles and electronic versions of some issues that have sold out, can be viewed on www.kcl.ac.uk/ccjs

Crime and Society Foundation



The Crime and Society Foundation is an exciting new project within the Centre, whose aims are to stimulate debate about the role and limits of criminal justice, and to enhance understanding of the foundations and characteristics of a safer society. It works primarily through the production of various types of publication (from short briefings to longer discussion papers and monographs), and through the organisation of specialist seminars and discussions.

2004-2005 was the Foundation's first full year of operation, and it has been an encouraging start. A number of publications had an immediate impact on both policy makers and the media; and the expert seminars have proved stimulating and informative for the Foundation and external participants alike.

The Foundation's inaugural publication – a discussion paper entitled *Crime, persistent offenders and the justice gap* – was published in October 2004. The paper critiqued government and opposition claims about levels of crime, who commits crime, and the role of the criminal justice agencies in tackling crime. Described by the Observer as “the most authoritative and far reaching analysis ever of crime figures”, the paper had an immediate impact in Parliament, with the Leader of the Opposition challenging the Prime Minister over the paper's findings, and the Home Secretary being cross-examined by the Home Affairs Committee on the issues it raised.

In January 2005 the Foundation again engaged with the Home Affairs Committee on an issue of central importance within prevailing approaches to criminal justice – presenting written and oral evidence to the Committee's inquiry into the Government's anti-social behaviour strategy. The Foundation's

concerns about the shortcomings of current approach to tackling disruptive and problematic behaviour were subsequently taken forward in a briefing paper on the use of fixed-penalty notices for minor acts of disorder.

One of the distinctive perspectives that the Foundation hopes to bring to debates about criminal justice and wider social policy is the emphasis on evidence-based policy making, including the application of lessons from abroad to the domestic arena. This approach was exemplified when the Foundation co-hosted (with South Bank University) a visit from Michael Jacobson, former Commissioner for Corrections for New York City. Based on that experience, Jacobson's core argument is that the US prisons experiment has been costly, counterproductive and that the prisons expansion has not been behind the fall in official US crime rates. During a hectic week in June 2005, the Foundation arranged for Jacobson to put forward this message through the national media, and in meetings with numerous parliamentarians and senior officials.

Just as important as these public interventions, although necessarily less high profile, is the Foundation's programme of expert seminars. During 2004-2005 we held six seminars on a range of subjects – from core aspects of criminal justice policy (including so-called persistent and prolific offenders; and victims) — to equally important but perhaps more esoteric topics such as the psychological roots of criminality and violence, and the nature and purpose of punishment. The seminars have proved invaluable in the development of the Foundation's underlying analysis of the foundations of a safer society.

In addition to these illustrative highlights, much of the Foundation's efforts have been devoted to the day-to-day business of establishing and developing its profile with its various target audiences: parliamentarians; journalists; academics; and practitioners. Through regular contributions to topical media debates about criminal justice, participation in conferences and seminars, and briefings to parliamentarians, the Foundation has made a solid start to its long-term task of fundamentally changing the terms of the public debate about social policy and criminal justice.

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Accounts 2004–2005

Trustees' Statement

The following accounts are a summary of information extracted from the audited accounts on which the auditor's opinion was unqualified. The full report and accounts were approved by the trustees on 27h September 2005 and will be submitted to the Charity Commissioners and the Registrar of Companies. The summarised financial information may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information the full accounts, the auditor's report on those accounts and the trustees' annual report are available free of charge from the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies, School of Law, King's College, 3rd Floor, 26-29 Drury Lane, London WC2B 5RL.

Risk Management

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and can confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have approved a Reserves Policy which aims to ultimately designate a sum from the charity's general reserves as is equivalent to six months expenditure. Reserves are held because the Centre is dependent upon charitable funding which can be subject to significant fluctuation and the trustees are mindful of their financial commitments particularly to staff. As at 30 June 2005 the level of those designated reserves was £60,000.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Anthony Pearson Paul Campayne
27th September 2004

Auditor's Statement

As auditor to the charity I have reviewed the summarised accounts and consider that they are consistent with the full financial statements on which I gave my opinion.

Marianne Neuhoff
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10th October 2005

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2005

	2005		2004	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Assets		14,189		15,007
Current Assets				
Stocks	750		690	
Debtors	38,634		45,600	
Bank Deposit Accounts	417,361		307,317	
Bank Current Account	26,895		7,495	
	<u>483,640</u>		<u>361,102</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>43,259</u>		<u>33,903</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>440,381</u>		<u>327,199</u>
Total Net Assets		<u><u>454,570</u></u>		<u><u>342,206</u></u>
Funds				
Unrestricted Funds				
General	13,563		9,483	
Designated	<u>60,000</u>		<u>50,000</u>	
		3,563		59,483
Restricted Funds		<u>381,007</u>		<u>282,723</u>
		<u><u>454,570</u></u>		<u><u>342,206</u></u>

**Statement of Financial Activities for the
Year Ended 30 June 2005**
(incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account
for the Year)

	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds 30 June 2005</i>	<i>Total Funds 30 June 2004</i>
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Membership subscriptions	19,183	–	19,183	26,772
Grants and donations	16,042	379,800	395,842	399,605
Profit share – BJC	145,259	–	145,259	92,077
Conferences	76,701	–	76,701	36,126
Other events	2,776	–	2,776	1,993
Publications	13,827	–	13,827	11,254
Research & consultancy fees	52,860	–	52,860	49,699
Interest received	4,690	8,574	13,264	8,074
Total incoming resources	331,338	388,374	719,712	625,600
Resources expended				
Direct charitable expenditure				
Conference visits etc.	78,522	–	78,522	64,957
Publications	47,576	10,302	57,878	55,549
Research and development	118,923	20,850	139,773	96,304
Information	20,297	16,000	36,297	45,130
Crime and Society Foundation	–	231,354	231,354	60,600
Whose Justice	–	–	–	1,008
	265,318	278,506	543,824	323,548
Other expenditure				
Cost of generating funds	–	–	–	13,318
Management and administration	51,940	11,584	63,524	54,220
	51,940	11,584	63,524	67,538
Total resources expended	317,258	290,090	607,348	391,086
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year	14,080	98,284	112,364	234,514
Balances brought forward at 1 July 2004	59,483	282,723	342,206	107,692
Balances carried forward at 30 June 2005	73,563	381,007	454,570	342,206

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2005 or 2004 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

WITH THANKS

We would like to thank the following for donations (over £100), sponsorship or support in kind received this year, either for general purposes or for specific undertakings: The Atlantic Philanthropies, The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, The Joseph Rowntree Foundation, The Wates Foundation.

Although CCJS is a small independent charity it is fortunate to be affiliated to the School of Law at King's College London and the School generously provides CCJS with office accommodation and associated services for which we are immensely grateful.

CCJS relies heavily on the generosity of companies, charitable trusts and individuals to continue and develop its work. It provides an important, objective voice on crime and criminal justice. If you would like to support the work of the Centre by making a donation or arranging a legacy please contact Sylvia Kusi-Appouh at the Centre's offices. We are always delighted to receive donations and may be able to claim Gift Aid to maximise the amount you give.

