

Scarlett Thomas is currently a Policy Advisor in the HMPPS Prison Safety Strategy Team. Her article was based on her Masters studies completed as part of the Unlocked Graduates Leadership Development Programme.

The 'Bennett Award' for outstanding article of the year is in its seventh year and was renamed in 2020 in honour of our former editor of seventeen years — Dr Jamie Bennett.

The Prison Service Journal editorial board reviewed a shortlist of articles in 2023. The board weighed each article by its merit. We have endeavored to make our judgement as unbiased and objective as possible. In so doing, we chose the article that best reflected the aims of the PSJ which is to inform theory and practice.

The board selected an article from issue 266 — 'Feeling Safe in an Unsafe Place.' Improving well-being through the use of Trauma-Informed spaces.

The article presents her work to support prison officer wellbeing by building a Trauma-Informed Care Practice (TICP) safe space in a Category B local jail.



Scarlett received a certificate, and a plaque designed and created by prisoners at HMP The Mount.