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The Centre for Crime and Justice Studies is an independent charity at King's College London that informs and educates about all aspects of crime and criminal justice.

Our vision is of a society in which everyone benefits from justice, safety, economic and social security.

Our mission is to promote just and effective responses to crime and related harms by informing and educating through critical analysis, research and public debate.

Our activities are underpinned by the four values of independence, honesty, quality and justice.

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Introduction from the Chair

IT IS, AS EVER, a pleasure to introduce this account of the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies' (CCJS) work over the past year. Change is a theme that has run through our activities in these 12 months. Council was delighted to appoint Richard Garside as Director following the sad death of Una Padel. Richard had steered the Centre with sensitivity and skill during Una's final illness. He has assumed the role with energy and authority, bringing fresh perspectives whilst holding firmly to the Centre's well-established values and traditions.

Important changes are in prospect for publishing our quarterly magazine *Criminal Justice Matters* (CJM). Agreement has been reached with Routledge that they will take over the publishing, distribution and marketing of the magazine. Editorial control will remain entirely with CCJS. This move will enable CJM to reach a much wider audience. Working with Routledge will be an exciting departure for the Editorial Board and CCJS staff.

Four long-serving and valued members of Council stood down during the year. Yolande Burgin, John Harding, Davinder Lachhar and Martin Wright have each given great service in different ways to CCJS. I am delighted to pay public tribute to their contribution.

At the end of the year we welcomed Sian Thornthwaite to Council as our Treasurer. She succeeds Paul Campayne who gave us enormous support in that role. Paul's business commitments prevent him from continuing as Treasurer, but we are very pleased that he is able to continue as a member of Council.

We resolved early in the year that it would be right and proper to create an annual award scheme in memory of Una Padel. With the agreement, encouragement and help of her family and friends an award scheme has now been set up. The first awards will be made at our Annual General Meeting in December 2007. We hope to be able to make awards to individuals and organisations in the criminal and social justice sectors that are not commonly recognised. This seems a fitting way in which to commemorate Una's work. Our thanks go to the Tudor Trust for their financial support.

No account of the year would be complete without expressing our thanks to King's College London for their support, and to our funders, whose support enables us to function.

And I gladly place on record the thanks of CCJS Council to all members of staff. They have coped with change, responded to new demands and remained buoyant throughout. We are indeed fortunate in having such a team.

This report shows that CCJS is in good shape and ready to face the next phase in its development.

Tony Pearson CBE



Introduction from the Director

THE CENTRE FOR CRIME AND JUSTICE STUDIES has always played an important role informing public and political debate about crime and its causes. But for anyone involved in the Centre over the past year, the pace of activity has been notably quick; our output notably high.

In research, we have published, or contributed to, major reports. Our study of poverty and disadvantage among prisoners' families is set to become a major point of reference on the subject for some years to come. Our analysis of how the media report on asylum seekers, in collaboration with the Information Centre about Asylum and Refugees, should be required reading for any serious politician and journalist wishing to understand the issues.

A number of organisations have, in recent years, become interested in the fast moving field of community sentences. In response to this interest we have produced a string of reports and analysis over the past year, including the first significant study of the use and impact of the new Community Order.

Knife-related crime has been a hot topic of conversation over the past year. Our overview of the available data on knife-related incidents, first published last year and recently updated, has proved to be one of our most popular publications. This is an indication both of the continuing demand for accessible, good quality information, and of the important role the Centre can and does play in providing it.

The Centre had a busy year developing its public affairs work. Our broad-ranging analysis of Labour's criminal justice record, published in association with *The Sunday Times*, generated huge interest, and some controversy, when it was published in January. It is a good example of the kind of work we are committed to doing in the future: critical analysis, using an evidence base that can throw fresh light on complex issues. In some cases this can prove controversial. And while we do not actively seek to court controversy, nor will we avoid difficult issues just because they can be controversial.

Our 'Does criminal justice work?' debate is another good example of such critical thinking. Despite all the activity and expenditure on improving criminal justice performance during Labour's time in office, there has been little serious debate about the true role, and real limits, of criminal justice as a means of addressing crime and other harmful behaviours.

The Centre will continue to push the boundaries of critical thinking and debate. Our conference on 'Criminal Justice and Social Justice', held in July at the end of our reporting year, offered the chance for practitioners, critical scholars, policy makers and others to ask serious questions about

the structural context in which crime and other harmful behaviours are perpetrated, and think about what system-wide solutions to these behaviours might look like.

This conference was held as part of our evolving 'Harm and Society' project, the successor initiative to the Crime and Society Foundation. We are committed to developing critical perspectives around the range of harmful acts and behaviours that, though sometimes considered also to be crimes, more often are not. The way in which the concept of crime masks and obscures where the real harms lie is something that we will continue to explore.

None of this would be possible, of course, without a solid financial position. As the financial information contained in the back of this report indicates, we have made great strides in improving this, following a couple of difficult years.

Of course, it is the Centre's staff who are our real strength, and it seems fitting to finish by paying tribute to them. As the director I am very fortunate to work with an extremely talented, committed and able group of people. This report is an account of their achievements over the past year.

Richard Garside

UNA PADEL AWARD

Una Padel, our director until 2006, was a tireless campaigner for social justice and penal reform. Her undisputed integrity and determined commitment to treating people with decency and respect was an inspiration to those who knew her.

CCJS comes across many organisations and people working in the criminal and social justice sectors. We are often struck by their dedication and achievements, which often go unrecognised.

In May 2007 we launched the Una Padel Award to recognise the outstanding contribution made by these organisations and individuals and to ensure that Una's values, dedication and commitment continue to encourage and inspire others.

Conducting research and analysis to influence policy and practice



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THE PACE OF CHANGE in both criminal justice policy and practice has not slowed over the last 12 months. Virtually all the criminal justice agencies have continued to be affected by new legislation and structural reform. By combining original research with objective analysis we have sought to influence developments in diverse areas of policy and practice.

A spate of fatal stabbings in this period focused the country's attention on knives and knife crime. Our report, *Knife Crime: Ineffective reactions to a distracting problem* provided a detailed analysis of the nature and extent of the problem and the strategies employed to tackle it. This review of evidence and policy generated a significant response. Both the Metropolitan Police and the West Midlands Police contacted the Centre to discuss the report's findings. It was also used by the House of Commons Home Affairs Select Committee as part of its investigations into the problem. The report has been widely read with around 4,000 downloads every month from our website. We now plan to produce a similar report looking at gun crime.

As well as informing policy-making we have continued to work closely with practitioners to assist in the delivery of effective services. Commissioned by the Youth Justice Board (YJB) we completed a systematic literature review to identify the most effective interventions for young people who sexually abuse. The review is being used by the YJB to develop effective practice guidance for youth offending teams in England and Wales.

A key focus of the Centre's research has also been on evaluation. We have been evaluating the impact of a unique project that is looking at how to improve public confidence in community sentences. 'The Local Crime:

Community Sentence' project, set up jointly by the Magistrates Association and the Probation Boards Association is trying to educate the public by delivering presentations to local audiences with a range of concerns about, and interest in, crime. Our evaluation has found that the project is successful in changing the minds of people who initially favoured imprisonment, and appears to be increasing the public's confidence in community sentences.

In collaboration with the Information Centre about Asylum and Refugees at City University we have looked at how the press has changed in its press coverage of asylum. By analysing the content of 50 newspapers from across the UK the research examined whether guidelines issued by the Press Complaints Commission (PCC), in the interests of public safety, were being observed. The final report, launched at a House of Commons event in March, contained recommendations for editors, journalists, the Home Office and PCC. It was welcomed by the PCC and the Home Office.

We have also provided expert advice and guidance to ministers, civil servants and senior criminal justice practitioners. The Centre has responded to a variety of government consultations, provided written evidence to the Home Affairs Committee and also to the Sentencing Advisory Panel in our capacity as a statutory consultee. The Prime Minister's Strategy Unit took evidence from the Centre as part of the Unit's wide-ranging security, crime and justice policy review. Overall, our well-respected research and policy analysis work has enabled us to impact effectively on policy and practice developments.

COMMUNITY SENTENCES PROJECT

Over the last 12 months we have published three reports and held a number of seminars as part of our three year project examining the use and impact of the new generic Community Sentence for adults and the Suspended Sentence Order.

Working in collaboration with Professor George Mair at Liverpool John Moores University we published the first independent analysis of the new sentences in March. The report 'The use and impact of the Community Order and the Suspended Sentence Order' analysed the use of the new sentences since they were introduced in April 2005 and includes the views of probation officers participating in focus group research. The report's findings were discussed with senior civil servants, judges, magistrates and probation staff at events in London and Manchester. It influenced the recent decision by the Ministry of Justice to introduce new legislation that Suspended Sentence Orders should not be used for summary offences.

The Community Sentences Project is also examining the use of the new sentences for specific groups of offenders. In June we published a report looking at how community sentences are being used for young adult offenders and held a roundtable discussion to consider the findings. We are now planning to look at their use for women offenders.

One of the Project's key objectives is to provide accessible, accurate information to fill the gap in public and political knowledge about community sentences. To this end in May we published the Community Sentences Digest, an innovative, user-friendly document setting out key facts and figures on trends in the use of community sentences and giving information about the people serving them. At a reception in the House of Lords to launch the report attended by parliamentarians and practitioners the Head of the Probation Service, Roger Hill, praised the digest as an invaluable resource.

POVERTY AND DISADVANTAGE AMONG PRISONERS' FAMILIES

The final report after nearly two years of detailed research, (generously funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation), assessing the impact of imprisonment on families, was published in May. The research, carried out in collaboration with social economists at the Institute of Psychiatry, found that prisoners' families are the 'hidden and innocent victims' who experience significant impoverishment.

Based on interviews with family members and an evaluation of services provided for prisoners' families, the report concluded that current criminal justice and social welfare policy 'combine to impoverish and disadvantage, and exclude the relatives of those in prison'. It found that children, in particular, are suffering hardship as a result of the imprisonment of a family member.

The report was widely reported in the media, including coverage on BBC Radio's Today programme. An invite only stakeholder seminar was held to discuss the report's findings and proposals. One of the main points of discussion was the report's recommendation for a government review of the consequences of imprisonment for families. The fundamental principles on which social welfare policy is based were discussed with voluntary sector organisations, practitioners and senior civil servants. The report was welcomed as an important and valuable piece of research by Naomi Eisenstadt, the head of the government's Social Exclusion Taskforce.

Informing the public, encouraging debate



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IT IS RARE for criminal justice related issues to be out of the headlines. Polling by the main political parties regularly finds that crime is one of the public's key concerns. Yet there are few organisations whose aim it is to provide impartial, independent information across the inter-related areas of crime and justice. Over the past year the Centre has established itself as a respected organisation that can be called upon to inform public and political debates on issues ranging from anti-social behaviour to sentencing policy, crime statistics and youth justice.

We have worked proactively with the media providing comment, analysis and information briefings. Staff have represented the Centre on all the national flagship radio and television news programmes. Specialist writers and broadcasters have often turned to us to help with background research for their work. We have also assisted local and regional media, appearing on discussion programmes and providing expert commentary on issues of local concern. Documentary makers and scriptwriters writing about crime related issues have relied on the Centre for general information and to point them in the right direction for more specific help.

Although we work closely with the media in all its different guises, we have also provided information to school children, students, teachers, individuals with first hand experience of the criminal justice system and a range of civil society organisations. Our public information website 'Crimeinfo' has been used by many of these groups. It has been regularly updated with fact sheets targeted at a non-specialist audience. Feedback on this site has been really positive, particularly from school students and teachers who have found the site to be an extremely helpful resource.

As well as seeking to encourage a more informed public discussion on law and order issues, the Centre has also actively worked to widen that debate. Following on from the publication of *Right for the wrong reasons*, which argued that criminal justice processes would only have marginal impact on crime levels and that a broader policy programme, addressing problems such as poverty, sexual, racial and economic inequality, was necessary, we launched an online discussion forum to debate the report's propositions. A follow up report was produced that included responses from senior politicians, and a debate was held at the Royal Society.

Working with Professor Ben Bowling in the School of Law at King's College London, the Centre organised a forum to debate and discuss the findings of the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee's report *Young Black People and the Criminal Justice System*, published in June. The event was attended by nearly 100 representatives from community organisations, faith groups, voluntary sector projects and statutory agencies. The report's findings and the issues it raised were subject to wide-ranging discussion and passionate debate.

Over the last year the Centre has worked effectively to facilitate debate and contribute to a more informed public discussion. By working with the media, providing information to the public and stimulating wide-ranging debate the Centre has played a unique role, unmatched by other organisations in the criminal justice and related sectors.

TEN YEARS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE UNDER LABOUR: AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT

In January we published an independent assessment of the government's record on law and order. *Ten years of Criminal Justice Under Labour: An independent audit*, in collaboration with *The Sunday Times* and supported by the Hadley Trust, looked at the progress of the criminal justice system in England and Wales since 1997 and asked to what extent Labour had delivered on the ambitious agenda it set itself.

The report examined a number of areas including levels of criminal justice spending, crime rates, the so called 'justice gap', levels of reconvictions, the extent of anti-social behaviour and the increase in police numbers. It provided a comprehensive, independent analysis of recent criminal justice developments. The report recorded a number of notable facts, such as that the UK spends proportionately more on law and order than any other country in the industrialised world, including the United States and major European Union members, such as France, Germany and Spain. It also highlighted official data showing that there are only three convictions for every 100 estimated crimes. An open discussion chaired by the broadcaster Robin Lustig was held at King's College London in June to reflect on the report's implications.

The audit has been widely used by parliamentarians and the media over the past 12 months. The report's findings were drawn on in an influential parliamentary report *Police Funding* by the Home Affairs Committee, published in July.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MATTERS

The Centre's quarterly magazine *Criminal Justice Matters*, (*CJM*), has continued to inform public, political and academic debates. Over the past year the magazine has offered a wide overview and diverse responses to a number of topical issues. For example, the issue on community engagement included a high profile interview with the Metropolitan Police chief, Sir Ian Blair. *CJM* has also taken the long view looking at historical

perspectives on criminal justice. Professor Rod Morgan, former chair of the Youth Justice Board, who edited the issue, noted that 'So much contemporary discussion of crime and criminal justice is narrowly sound bite, short-termist, promising a quick fix, where a better informed collective memory would suggest there is none to be had'. The magazine also examined the contentious issue of violent crime in an issue looking at violence, harm and society that explored the root causes, meanings and responses to violence.

There are few publications that provide accessible, informative articles by leading academics and practitioners on criminal justice. With generous support from its editorial advisers *CJM* has continued to fill this gap and to reach a broad audience. Over the next year the magazine will be relaunched in partnership with the leading publisher, Routledge.



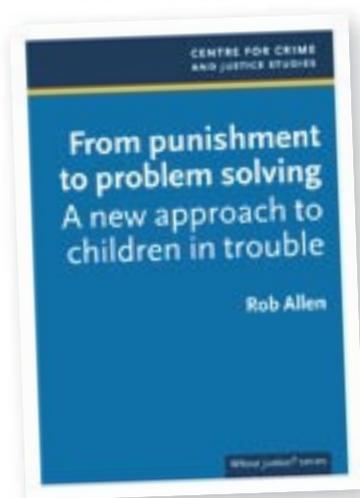
The year at a glance

August 2006

- *Knife Crime: Ineffective reactions to a distracting problem? – A review of evidence and policy* is published. The report received widespread coverage in the national and regional media.
- *CJM 64* on the theme of 'Community Engagement' is published, with an interview with Metropolitan Police chief, Sir Ian Blair.

September 2006

- *From Punishment to Problem Solving – a new approach to children in trouble* is launched at a roundtable discussion on youth justice and youth crime with presentations from Rob Allen, the author of the report and former member of the Youth Justice Board, Professor Phil Scraton and Professor Rod Morgan. Following the launch a wide-ranging online discussion and consultation is held.



October 2006

- *CJM 65* looking at 'Historical Perspectives on Crime and Punishment' is published.
- About 100 policy makers, practitioners and academics attend 'Does Criminal Justice Work? The 'Right for the Wrong Reasons' debate at the Royal Society.

November 2006

- Nearly 150 people attend the 'Dangerous Offenders – Finding the Right Approach' conference held in central London.
- Sir Igor Judge, President of the Queen's Bench Criminal Justice Division gives the first of the 'New Developments in Criminal Justice' lectures at King's College London.
- Briefing Paper *Welfare and punishment* by Professor David Downes and Dr Kirstine Hansen is published looking at the relationship between welfare spending and imprisonment.

December 2006

- 'Young People and Risk' seminar is held for practitioners, policy makers and leading academics to discuss public protection and safeguarding children in the criminal justice system.
- Professor Sir Duncan Nichol, chair of the Parole Board for England and Wales, gives the second 'New Developments in Criminal Justice' lecture at King's College London warning that the number of prisoners serving indeterminate sentences could rise to more than 12,000 by the end of the decade.
- The CCJS annual general meeting is addressed by Nick Hardwick, Chair of the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

January 2007

- *CJM 66* looking at 'Violence Harm and Society' explores the root causes, meanings and responses to violence.
- *Ten Years of Criminal Justice Under Labour: An independent audit* is published and distributed to parliamentarians. The report is widely covered in the media and highlighted in House of Commons debates on policing and anti-social behaviour.

February 2007

- Sir Stephen Lander, Chair of the Serious Organised Crime Agency gives the third 'New Developments in Criminal Justice' lecture and notes that an organised criminal of 20 years has a 5% chance of being caught.
- The Centre's new membership flyer and membership rates are launched.

March 2007

- The first report of the Community Sentences project is published. *The use and impact of the Community Order and Suspended Sentence Order* produced in collaboration with Professor George Mair and colleagues at Liverpool John Moores University provides an independent analysis of the new sentences based on interviews with probation staff.
- Roundtable seminars with magistrates, judges, probation staff and senior criminal justice managers are held in Manchester and London to discuss the report's findings.
- Professor Dame Hazel Genn of the Judicial Appointments Commission gives the fourth 'New Developments in Criminal Justice' lecture.
- 'Political Economy of Crime, Harm and Criminal Justice' seminar is held with academics and media commentators to consider the structural factors behind changing patterns of crime and harm.
- *Reporting asylum. The UK Press and the Effectiveness of PCC Guidelines* is launched at an event chaired by Neil Gerrard MP in the House of Commons.



April 2007

- *CJM 67* on the theme of 'Ten Years On..' examines ten years of criminal justice under New Labour including articles from some of the country's leading criminologists who give their verdict on Tony Blair's premiership.
- More than 100 delegates attend a one day conference 'Offender Learning – Where Next?' to examine proposals to improve the delivery of education, training and employment for offenders in custody and in the community.

May 2007

- The *Community Sentence Digest* providing objective information and analysis about community sentences is launched at a reception in the House of Lords chaired by Baroness Vivien Stern and addressed by the head of the Probation Service, Roger Hill.
- Ground-breaking research in collaboration with the Institute of Psychiatry and supported by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, looking at poverty and disadvantage among prisoners' families, is published and discussed at a special stakeholder event held at King's College London.
- The final 'New Developments in Criminal Justice' lecture seminar is given by Professor Rod Morgan, former chair of the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales.
- A collection of essays on youth justice entitled *Debating Youth Justice: From punishment to problem solving* is published drawing together a selection of the consultation responses to Rob Allen's report published in September. Nearly 100 practitioners, policy makers and voluntary sector representatives attend a panel discussion on the report's findings.



'The Law Abiding Majority' report published in June found one in ten of those surveyed had avoided paying their TV licence.

June 2007

- The BBC's Robin Lustig chairs a panel debate at King's College London which discusses the findings of our independent audit report on Labour's ten year record on criminal justice.
- The first in the series of reports looking at the impact on community sentences on specific groups of offenders is published. The findings of the report *Use of the Community Order and Suspended Sentence Order for Young Adults* are discussed at an invite only stakeholder seminar.
- *The Law Abiding Majority – the everyday crimes of the middle classes* report based on research looking at the scale of middle class law breaking is published. It receives extensive media coverage and debate on radio and television.

July 2007

- Working in collaboration with Professor Ben Bowling in the School of Law at King's College London a roundtable discussion is held to examine the findings of the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee's report *Young Black People and the Criminal Justice System*.
- Professor Ian Loader gives the Eve Saville Memorial lecture in the Great Hall at King's College London addressing the question 'Has Liberal Criminology Lost?'.
- The 'Criminal Justice and Social Justice: New Directions' two day international conference is attended by more than 180 delegates at King's College London. Academics, policy makers and practitioners discuss and debate different perspectives on criminal justice and social justice.

Building networks with diverse audiences



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Our aim has been to provide our audiences with the chance to reflect on what is happening in the fast changing world of criminal justice and related social policy and to engage in critical thinking.

THE CENTRE HAS WORKED with a variety of networks and audiences over the last 12 months. These include frontline practitioners, civil society groups, students, academics, voluntary sector organisations and interested members of the public. Our aim has been to provide them with the chance to reflect on what is happening in the fast changing world of criminal justice and related social policy and to engage in critical thinking.

One of the key mechanisms we use to build the Centre's networks is our membership. We have reviewed our membership 'package' and found ways to reach a wider audience. As well as welcoming students and academics as new members we have also attracted support from policy makers, legal professionals and other practitioners.

Our varied events programme is designed to provide different networks with the opportunity to take stock and debate the current direction of travel. We feel it is vital to provide the space for people to stand back and hear from policy makers and leading thinkers at the same time as learning about best practice and new ways of working. We have also taken on the role of providing a platform for leading players in the criminal justice field to engage in critical conversation and discussion with practitioners in order to gain a greater understanding of the views of frontline staff.

Three major conferences were held over the year. The first held in November examined the subject of 'Dangerous Offenders'. The conference was praised by delegates for presenting a range of perspectives on the subject and analysing developments in public protection. In April a conference was held to consider the government's latest proposals for offender learning. Delegates were able to reflect

on progress and discuss the effectiveness of integrated learning and skills services for child and adult offenders.

Our biggest event was a two day international conference in July at King's College London. The 'Criminal Justice and Social Justice: New Directions' conference brought together more than 180 academics, researchers, practitioners and policy makers to assess critically a decade of Labour's social and criminal justice policies and discuss future directions on crime, harm and social justice. As part of the Centre's commitment to provide practitioners with the space to reflect, the conference gave them the chance to engage with some of the country's leading thinkers on crime and social policy. We will be publishing a monograph containing papers from the conference later in 2007.

As well as running sizeable events, the Centre has continued to hold smaller forums for senior criminal justice professionals, academics and policy makers to meet in a safe, private environment to discuss key issues. We worked with the Youth Justice Board and the Centre for Criminological Research at Oxford University to examine the issue of young people and risk. Our 'Harm and Society' project, which questions the assumptions that lie behind much of current policy and practice, organised a roundtable discussion looking at the political economy of crime.

The Centre is acutely aware that there is a real need to build links with a range of audiences so they can have the opportunity to access authoritative and incisive research and analysis and also engage in critical dialogue. In the year ahead we will continue to provide the space for this to take place and seek to reach out to greater numbers of people.

'NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE' LECTURE SERIES

The Centre held a high profile lecture seminar series that included presentations from five leading criminal justice practitioners. Held at King's College London the lecture seminars were given by:

- Sir Igor Judge, President of the Queen's Bench Criminal Justice Division
- Professor Sir Duncan Nichol, Chair of the Parole Board for England and Wales
- Sir Stephen Lander, Chair of the Serious Organised Crime Agency
- Professor Dame Hazel Genn, Commissioner of the Judicial Appointments Commission
- Rod Morgan, former chair of the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales.

The seminars provided a unique opportunity to hear from senior criminal justice figures who do not often give public lectures. The audience of mainly practitioners and students were able to question and challenge the speakers and enter into a lively debate with them.

SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to extend our special thanks to the following organisations that have supported our events programme through funding and/or marketing of our events:

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Developing new perspectives and fresh thinking



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The Centre sees its role as injecting fresh ideas and creative thinking into public discourse on crime – since its inception in the 1930s it has always tried to map out new perspectives.

DEBATE AND DISCUSSION on law and order is often confined to a narrow political consensus. The Centre sees its role as injecting fresh ideas and creative thinking into public discourse on crime. This aim is very much part of the Centre's tradition – since its inception in the 1930s it has always tried to map out new perspectives.

Most recently the Crime and Society Foundation, which was established at the Centre in 2003, has led our thinking in new directions. The Foundation has now become the Harm and Society project and is more closely integrated with the other work of the Centre. The project will be developing its focus on harmful behaviours beyond those generally defined as crime. It has already produced publications with the intention of bringing to public attention areas of criminal and harmful behaviour that are generally overlooked in debates about law and order.

Law Abiding Majority? The everyday crimes of the middle classes by Professor Susanne Karstedt and Dr Stephen Farrall, published in June, revealed the scale of law breaking that takes place in middle class life. The report concluded that 'the "law-abiding majority", which politicians like to think they are addressing, is a chimera. The law-abiding majority not only do not abide by the law, they also do not believe in the value of laws and rules, shrugging them off in pursuit of their interests and desires. They even regard law-abidingness as a disadvantage.'

In November 2006 we published *Welfare and punishment*, a briefing on the relationship between welfare expenditure and levels of punishment. The report by Professor David Downes and Dr Kirstine Hansen presented an analysis of welfare spending and imprisonment rates across 18 countries. The authors argued that their data suggests that a substantial welfare state is increasingly a principal, if not the main,

protection against mass imprisonment in an era of globalisation.

In collaboration with academics and criminal justice professionals we have been developing projects intended to expand the boundaries of the debate on crime and punishment. The Centre's 'Whose Justice?' project offers critical and innovative perspectives on the scope and purpose of the criminal justice system in the UK, shedding new light on old problems. Over the past year the project has focused on youth justice and youth crime. In the year ahead 'Whose Justice?' will be branching out to look at other areas, including gender issues and summary justice.

A key vehicle for developing new arguments and ideas is the *British Journal of Criminology (BJC)* published on our behalf by Oxford University Press. Produced by a world class editorial board, *BJC* has a strong reputation as one of the world's leading criminology journals that publishes work of the highest quality from around the world and across all areas of criminology. It is an invaluable resource and over the last year has taken articles on subjects as diverse as 'burglary', 'the economic and social costs of the fear of crime', and 'homicide'. A special issue in November 2006 focused on corporate and financial crime. The Radzinowicz Prize for the best article published in the *BJC* in 2006 went to Professor Reece Walters of The Open University for his article, 'Crime, Bio-Agriculture and the Exploitation of Hunger'.

DEBATING YOUTH JUSTICE: FROM PUNISHMENT TO PROBLEM SOLVING

As part of our 'Whose Justice?' project in September 2006 we published *From punishment to problem solving: a new approach to children in trouble*, written by former Youth Justice Board member Rob Allen. The report provided a measured critique of current youth justice policies, and set out a progressive alternative vision.

Allen argued that government policies are demonising and criminalising young people rather than addressing the reasons for their behaviour and called for a move away from the world of 'cops, courts and corrections' towards an emphasis on meeting the health, educational and family difficulties which lie behind so much offending. His critique was debated at a roundtable at the end of 2006 at which Professor Rod Morgan, Professor Phil Scraton, Barnardo's Chief Executive Martin Narey and Children's Society Chief Executive Bob Reitemeier, amongst others, took part.

Following this debate, we conducted an extensive public consultation, with contributions from experts across the UK and beyond. Many of the responses were published, including a response from the Children's Minister Beverley Hughes, as a collection of essays, released in May 2007. *Debating youth justice: from punishment to problem solving* sets out a range of policy proposals ranging from raising the age of criminal responsibility, to restrictions on the use of custody for children, the introduction of a new sentencing framework for children, an expansion in child and adolescent mental health services, and the creation of an extensive network of family support services.

HARM AND SOCIETY

Since 2003, the Crime and Society Foundation has operated as an independent project within the Centre. This year it was decided to integrate the Foundation more closely with the work of the Centre and to rename it the Harm and Society project.

The aim of Harm and Society is to stimulate debate about the limitations of criminal justice and promote alternative perspectives on social harm, crime and social policy. It seeks to change the terms of the debate by working with others to catalyse a fundamental shift in social and criminal justice policy.

Harm and Society has three objectives:

- To stimulate an informed debate about the range of social harms and the limitations of criminal justice approaches in relation to them.
- To develop and enhance an understanding of the social, economic and political foundations of a society in which social harm is less prevalent.
- To promote a solid and reliable evidence base around the first two objectives.

Financial information

Trustees' Statement

The summarised accounts are a summary of information extracted from the full audited accounts and contain information relating to both the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information, the accounts, which received an unqualified report, should be consulted. Copies of these can be obtained from Centre for Crime and Justice Studies, School of Law, King's College London, Strand, London WC2R 2LS.

The annual accounts were approved by the Trustees on 12 September 2007 and have been submitted to the Charity Commission and Companies House.

Auditors' statement to the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies

We have examined the summarised financial statements of the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Auditors

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the summarised financial statement in accordance with the recommendations of the charities SORP.

Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial statements with the full financial statements and Trustees' Annual Report. We also read the other information contained in the summarised annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summarised financial statements.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 1999/6 'The auditors' statement on the summary financial

statement' issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom.

Opinion

In our opinion the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements and the Trustees' Annual Report of the Centre for Crime & Justice Studies for the year ended 30 June 2007.

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Summary accounts for the year ended 30 June 2007

	2007 <i>Unrestricted Funds</i> £	2007 <i>Restricted Funds</i> £	2007 <i>Total Funds</i> £	2006 <i>Total Funds</i> £
Income				
Grants, contracts and donations	27,982	431,900	459,882	340,378
Events, membership, publications and other income	229,396	64,253	293,649	330,013
Investment income	14,736		14,736	15,956
Total	272,114	496,153	768,267	686,347
Expenditure				
Cost of generating funds	3,013	—	3,013	—
Charitable activities	223,715	501,698	725,413	736,256
Governance costs	12,570	—	12,570	15,355
Total resources expended	239,298	501,698	740,996	751,611
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	32,816	(5,545)	27,271	(65,264)
Balances brought forward at 1 July 2006	(19,866)	409,172	389,306	454,570
Balance carried forward at 30 June 2007	12,950	403,627	416,577	389,306
Balance sheet			2007	2006
Fixed assets			8,587	11,270
Current assets			466,914	444,203
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			(58,924)	(66,167)
Net current assets			407,990	378,036
Total net assets			416,577	389,306
Unrestricted funds			12,950	(19,866)
Restricted funds			403,627	409,172
			416,577	389,306

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