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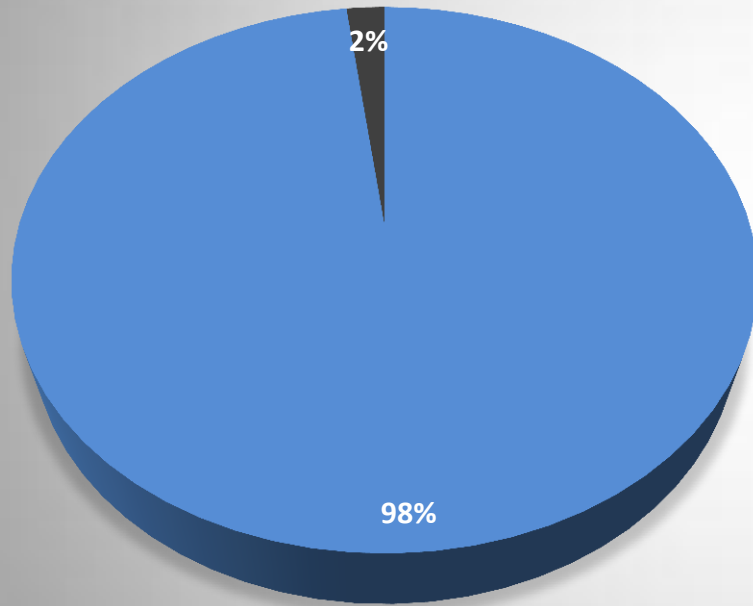
What people with learning disabilities have to say, and what needs to change



Some Numbers

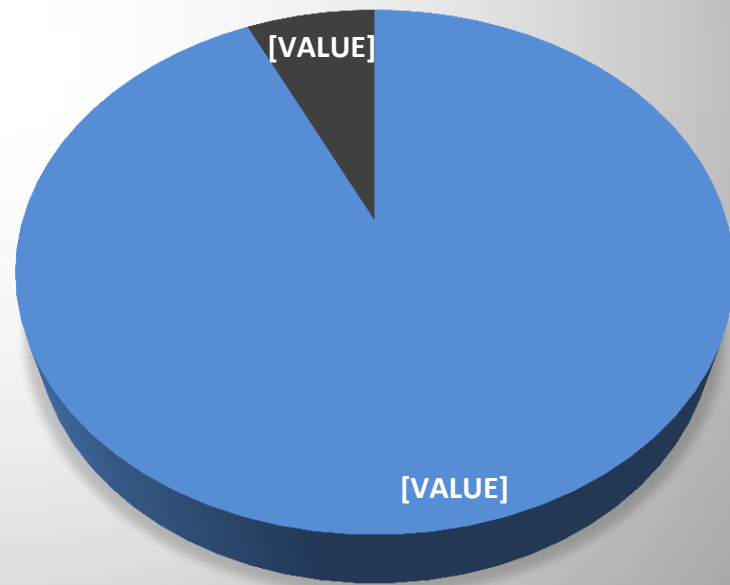
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General Population



■ Without LD ■ Diagnosed with Learning Disability

Prison Population



■ Without LD ■ Diagnosed with Learning Disability



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£36,808

$$\times 85,661 = \text{£}3,153,010,088$$

(cost per place)



$$\times 5996 = \text{£} 220,700,768$$

Table 1: Summary by Prison Function 2012-13

| Function | Certified Normal Accommodation | Average Population | Direct Resource Expenditure | Overall Resource Expenditure | Cost per Place | Cost per Prisoner |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Male category B | 4,077 | 4,116 | £119,757,060 | £138,444,888 | £33,958 | £33,632 |
| Male category C | 29,210 | 29,728 | £659,767,580 | £909,397,544 | £31,133 | £30,591 |
| Male dispersal | 3,316 | 3,216 | £149,310,348 | £193,605,592 | £58,385 | £60,205 |
| Female closed | 953 | 896 | £25,591,643 | £34,135,065 | £35,803 | £38,101 |
| Female local | 2,936 | 2,643 | £100,865,231 | £125,341,832 | £42,696 | £47,432 |
| Female open | 248 | 209 | £5,975,794 | £8,226,353 | £33,171 | £39,282 |
| Male closed YOI (ages 15-21) | 5,394 | 5,269 | £160,743,068 | £220,357,966 | £40,855 | £41,818 |
| Male YOI young people (ages 15-17) | 1,860 | 1,064 | £89,529,938 | £106,796,220 | £57,428 | £100,388 |
| Male local | 23,322 | 28,736 | £732,268,340 | £959,671,360 | £41,149 | £33,396 |
| Male open | 3,645 | 3,547 | £64,434,815 | £92,140,580 | £25,282 | £25,975 |
| Male open YOI | 322 | 283 | £7,695,106 | £10,557,758 | £32,788 | £37,307 |
| Cluster | 5,116 | 5,413 | £109,051,171 | £160,606,741 | £31,395 | £29,673 |
| Totals | 80,398 | 85,120 | £2,224,990,095 | £2,959,281,898 | £36,808 | £34,766 |

Source: National Offender Management Service

Averages and Expenditure figures have been rounded to the nearest integer. Totals were formed from unrounded figures and therefore may not equal the sum of the rounded parts.



Some Numbers

50% of people with LD said they didn't know what would happen to them once they had been charged.



2 in 3 prisoners with a learning disability or difficulty said they had problems making themselves understood in prison.



75% of prisoners with a learning disability or difficulty have problems with prison forms.



2 in 3 prisoners with a learning disability or difficulty find it hard to understand certain words and express themselves.





Danny's Experience

22 years in and out of prison

No one knew he had a learning disability

What could/should have been done?





Darren's Experience

- In trouble with the police twice
- Suggestible by nature
- Support Worker involved
- In both cases his learning disability was flagged



Your Experiences





Support

- Accessibility: Reading Material
- Guidance for people with Learning Disabilities
- Training provided to Prison Officers



Easy Read – Prison menu developed by Mencap using Photosymbols

| | |
|--|-----|
|  Custard creams | 25p |
|  Caramel wafer | 20p |
|  Caramel log | 20p |
|  Chocolate creams | 25p |
|  Ritz crackers | £1 |
|  Jaffa cakes | 60p |
|  Heritage digestives | 50p |
|  Chocolate digestives | 75p |



Sweets

| Type | Price |
|---|-------|
|  Maom chews | 10p |
|  Refreshers | 10p |
|  Starburst | 35p |
|  Sweetshop favourites | £1.30 |
|  Lemon and Strawberry sherbets | 85p |
|  Haribo Tangfastic | 80p |
|  Wine gums | 90p |
|  Halls Menthol | 60p |
|  Mixed mint favourites | 90p |
|  Werthers originals | 40p |
|  Soft mints | 45p |



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Treatment

Liaison and Diversion

- Identification
- Screening
- Assessment
- Referral





Disconnection and Missed Opportunities

- Progress Hinderering
- No Acknowledgement of Learning Difficulty from arrest to sentencing
- Lack of communication and sharing of information within prison
- Lack of communication with prison and external agencies





Getting involved?

- Working For Justice
- Raise Awareness
- Assist when available
- Recommend training to agencies who struggle with this





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