



Where we were in January 2021 ...

- 5% of prison population
- Vast majority short sentences, low level offences
- One third grew up in care
- Root causes: Trauma, mental health, substance misuse
- 60% domestic abuse
- Most back in within year
- 95% of children of imprisoned mothers leave their home

OPPORTUNITIES
 Reform of Probation
 #BuildBackBetter
 United collaborative leaders

CHALLENGES
 Dysfunctional commissioning
 Weak infrastructure
 Development capacity

VISION & GOALS 

- 1) Every local area has a sustainably funded women's centre available to every woman who needs it.
- 2) Network of women's centres with strong collective voice, shared model & evidence base.
- 3) Community alternatives radically reduce the women's prison population

NEW Organisational Development Lead

OUR DELIVERY TOP TEN – 2021-23

- 1) Federation of Women's Centres/ specialists
- 2) Specialist trauma-responsive delivery model
- 3) Shared quality standards
- 4) Collective Training Programme
- 5) Women's Specialist talent pool
- 6) Diversity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism Action Plan
- 7) National referral pathway system
- 8) Strengthened collective evidence base
- 9) Best Practice in Women Led services
- 10) How to Guide: Setting up a local women's centre/Hub



WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED – OUR TOP TEN

- ✓ Women's Budget Group report on sustainable funding published - £4.68 saved for every £1
- ✓ Women's Centres Map in development
- ✓ Mass Lobby of Parliament (June 2019)
- ✓ Joint letters to ministers & officials
- ✓ WIP submission to Spending Review
- ✓ #WomensCentreWednesday on social media
- ✓ Comic Relief supports movement
- ✓ Lloyds Bank Foundation to develop network
- ✓ Tampon Tax Funding - Prison link
- ✓ A team of leaders with shared vision



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- Self harm at record levels
- Prisons & Probation Ombudsman report published on death of baby in HMP Bronzefield: Prison not safe for pregnant women & their babies
- Plans to build 500 new women's prison places costing with widespread resistance.

Highlights

Women's specialist delivery
Working closely together
Strong candidates
Strong voice

Barriers

Senior level time & resource
Ensuring ownership
Women's participation

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Birmingham's Centre for Women

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together women 

Progress So Far

- ✓ Further £2m core funding for women's centres (up to March 2023)
- ✓ Women's Centres Map
- ✓ #StopThe500 Campaign against building 500 women's prison places
- ✓ Campaign with Level Up, WIP & Birth Companions to stop imprisonment of pregnant women
- ✓ Terms of Reference agreed
- ✓ Regular meetings - Core members and founding members
- ✓ Appointed Coalition Development Manager

NEXT STEPS: Dec 2021 – March 2022

- 1) Induction of Coalition Development Manager
- 2) Women's Participation Board established
- 3) Teambuilding residential in Feb 2022
- 4) Diversity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism Action Plan
- 5) Commissioned cost benefit analysis
- 6) Shared description of core elements of specialist trauma-responsive delivery model
- 7) Pilot Collective Training initiatives
- 8) Women's national referral pathway linked to Women's Centre Map & Creating Community Connections project
- 9) Possible event on Corston 15 Year Anniversary.