

Napo's Manifesto Asks

PROBATION ENGLAND & WALES

1. A Royal Commission into the Criminal Justice System.

As proposed in our joint motion with the Prison Officers Association as passed at the TUC in 2023, Napo calls for a commission across the whole criminal justice system to fully review and evaluate what has gone wrong and develop solutions to the current crisis.

2. Take Probation out of HMPPS and the Civil Service.

Napo AGM policy is get probation out of the civil service and free from prisons. We need a probation service that is based in the local communities it serves and not run by policy makers in Ministry of Justice.

3. Devolution of Justice in Wales.

Napo AGM 2023 passed a Napo Cymru motion to support the devolution of Justice in Wales. This would be a step towards a locally run service and the Senedd scrutiny over its own probation service.

4. Emergency funding for front facing services and staff in probation.

Operation Protect has highlighted the chronic staffing and workloads crisis in Probation. We are calling for urgent emergency funding to invest in staff carrying out additional work to ease the prison crisis.

5. A future government must engage with Napo.

Whoever forms the next government must engage with Napo as a matter of urgency to fully understand the probation crisis and work with us to develop a longterm strategy for solving the many problems probation faces. Our members are the experts and can play a vital role in finding solutions whilst maintaining best practice.

PROBATION NORTHERN IRELAND

1. Investment in the Probation Board Northern Ireland

Historically PBNI has always been under funded by central government. Napo is calling for increased investment to ensure the effective running of the criminal justice system. Funding is vital to enable probation to retain skilled staff and interact effectively with other agencies such as health and social care and prisons.

FAMILY COURT SECTION

1. Get Family Courts out of the Ministry of Justice

CAFCASS has been chronically under funded for a number of years that has resulted in stagnated and uncompetitive pay with many staff leaving and has prevented the service from developing its good practices.

2. Additional Funding

Additional funding would enable CAFCASS to develop policies for the benefit of families and children. An independent service would focus on improving the services available to all, especially those that are not able to financially afford access to legal advice. It would also ensure our members were no longer held back by the civil service pay remit.



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