



Party pledges on law and order

General Election 2019

| Conservatives | Labour | Liberal Democrats |
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| <p><u><i>Crime & Policing</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enshrine the Police Covenant into law • equip officers with the powers and tools, including tasers and body cameras, to combat violent crime • increase the stop and search policy through a new court order to target known knife carriers • pass the Police Protection Bill and consult on doubling the maximum sentence for assaulting workers in emergency services • empower the police to safely use new technologies like biometrics and artificial intelligence • invest in the police and security services and give them the | <p><u><i>Crime & Policing</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure warrants are required for undercover police operations. • review the structures and roles of the National Crime Agency. • ensure closer counter terrorism co-ordination between the police and the security services. • review the circumstances requiring judicial warrant. • constrain the right of the Prime Minister to suppress publication of committee reports. • review our security strategies. • re-establish neighbourhood policing and recruit 2,000 more frontline officers. | <p><u><i>Crime & Policing</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • invest £1bn to restore community policing, enough for two new police officers in every ward. • replace Police and Crime Commissioners with accountable Police Boards. • adopt a public health approach to the epidemic of youth violence. • provide a £500m ringfenced youth services fund to local authorities. • embed Trauma-informed Youth Intervention Specialists in all Major Trauma Centres. • introduce one-hour target for handover of people suffering from mental health crisis from police to mental health services. |

powers they need to combat terrorist threats

- improve the security of public venues
- new police powers to arrest and seize the property and vehicles of trespassers who set up unauthorised encampments and will make intentional trespass a criminal offence
- investment to prevent violent crime through new CCTV that will be paid for by a new Safer Streets Fund
- tackle rural crime
- protect people from physical attack or harassment and ensure that those who work in countering extremism are also protected from threats and intimidation
- introduce and implement a Victims' Law that guarantees victims' rights and support
- pass the Domestic Abuse Bill

- work with police and crime commissioners to reform police funding.
- retain local democracy accountability for police forces
- eliminate institutional biases against BAME communities.
- ensure better police training for domestic abuse offences.
- establish a Royal Commission to develop a public health approach to substance misuse.
- introduce minimum legal standards of service for all victims.
- review the Prevent and the Protect programmes.
- evaluate the mobile phone trials with the aim of introducing an emergency alert system.
- respect international law and avoid needless military interventions.
- rebuild the youth service and guarantee access to youth workers.

- support the police to achieve adequate levels of training in mental health response.
- fully fund an immediate two per cent pay-rise for police officers.
- future pay rises in line with recommendations from the Police Remuneration Review Body.
- resource the National Crime Agency.
- tackle modern slavery and human trafficking through intelligence-led enforcement of labour market standards.
- create new Online Crime Agency to tackle illegal content and activity online.
- end the disproportionate use of Stop and Search.
- stop Brexit and maintain access to police databases, membership of Europol and the European Arrest Warrant.

Courts/Prisons

- recruit 2,000 more prison officers.

- increase support for refuges and community support for victims of rape and sexual abuse

Courts/Prisons

- create a prisoner education service focused on work-based training and skills
- employment opportunities for ex-offenders including a jobs coach in every prison
- commit to tougher sentencing and end automatic halfway release from prison for serious crimes
- life imprisonment without parole for child murderers
- introduce measures to cut the number of foreign nationals in UK prisons
- strengthen the accountability of elected Police and Crime Commissioners and expand their role
- expand the use of electronic tagging for criminals

Courts/Prisons

- champion a joined-up approach between criminal justice, education and health services.
- halt court closures and undertake a review of the courts reform programme
- review funding for the CPS
- facilitate a more representative judiciary (whilst upholding its independence)
- bring PFI prisons under state control.
- set new standards for community sentences.
- invest in alternatives to custody, including women's centres.
- ensure a locally accountable probation service.
- restore early legal aid advice, including for housing, social security and immigration cases.
- Ensure legal aid for inquests into deaths instate custody and the

- introduce a presumption against short prison sentences.
- end prison sentences for possession of drugs for personal use.
- increase the use of tough community sentences and restorative justice.
- establish a Women's Justice Board and provide specialist training for all staff in contact with women in the criminal justice system.
- Reduce the overrepresentation of people from BAME backgrounds in the criminal justice system: o record and publish data on ethnicity across the criminal justice system.
- principle of "explain or reform" to ethnic disparities.
- targets to improve workforce diversity in police, prison service and judiciary.
- improve and fund supervision of offenders in the community.
- suitably timed release and support for prison leavers.
- improve mental health support and ensure continuity of mental health

- reform community sentences, for example by tightening curfews
- create a new national cyber-crime force and a world-class National Crime Laboratory
- strengthen the National Crime Agency to counter the growing threat of serious and organised crime
- add 10,000 more prison places
- maintain the ban on prisoners voting from jail
- conduct a root-and-branch review of the parole system and establish a Royal Commission on the criminal justice process
- pilot integrated domestic abuse courts

preparation of judicial review cases

- Consult on civil legal aid means test levels
- Act on criminal legal aid review
- promote public legal education.
- recruit hundreds of community lawyers and build network of law centres.
- review the criminal injuries compensation scheme.
- tackle levels of BAME children in custody.
- invest in a youth justice system in schools, local authorities, health authorities and youth services.
- establish an independent review into low rape prosecution rates.
- reintroduce the Domestic Abuse Bill.
- introduce protections for revenge porn victims.
- establish inquiries into historical injustices.

care and addiction treatment in prison and the community.

- reform criminal record disclosure rules
- remove questions about criminal convictions on initial applications for public-sector jobs.