



Working with defendants – useful links

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Mental Health of People in Prison - [National Institute for Healthcare and Excellence \(NICE\)](#)

NICE includes guideline documents on:

- [Mental health of adults in contact with the criminal justice system \(QS163\)](#)
- [Mental health of adults in contact with the criminal justice system](#)
- [\(NG66\)](#)
- [Mental health problems in people with learning disabilities: prevention, assessment and management \(NG54\)](#)

National Association for the Care and Resettlement of the Offender – www.nacro.org.uk

Nacro is the crime reduction charity, dedicated to reducing crime and re-offending in communities across England and Wales. They design and deliver programmes that equip people with the skills, advice, attitude and support they need to move their lives on and move away from crime.

Prison Reform Trust – www.prisonreformtrust.org.uk

Prison Reform Trust is an independent UK charity working to create a just, humane and effective penal system. Their aim is to do this by examining the workings of the system, informing prisoners, staff and the wider public; and by influencing Parliament, government and officials towards reform.



Young offenders – Royal College of Speech and Language

Therapists – <https://www.rcslt.org>

RCSLT is calling for the communication needs of young people in the justice pathway to be met in an efficient, adequate and timely way.

In 2009, the RCSLT hosted a joint conference with the Youth Justice Agency to raise awareness of the communication support needs of young offenders within the criminal justice system in Northern Ireland. The report was entitled 'Locked up and locked out: communication is the key'. The findings determined that at least 60% of young people in the justice system have a communication disability and that improving the skills in offenders by providing targeted speech and language therapy significantly reduces the risk of re-offending. You can see the full conference report [here](#).