

General Election Questions from the PAP (adapted from CCJF)

These questions are merely suggestive: they can be re-worded for local situations

1. What do you see as the greatest challenges facing the criminal justice system over the next four years?
2. What do you identify as the major causes of crime – where does the greatest responsibility for tackling them lie?
3. Would you support the further development of Restorative Justice within the criminal justice system? Why?
4. What role does the wider community have to play in criminal justice and how would you promote greater community involvement?
5. What do you see as the greatest need for victims of crime?
6. How do you feel changes in the education system could reduce youth criminality? What are the key elements in effective rehabilitation?
7. How would you reduce the damaging effects of prison overcrowding?
8. In your (party's) view, what is a "constructive" prison regime and how would you achieve it?
9. How would you address the over-representation of ethnic minorities in the criminal justice system/ the rapid rise in the number of children/ women in prison?
10. To what extent is the increase in the prison population a major cause of crime?
11. Why are so many children and young people being detained and why are they not being held in their local areas?
12. How do you address the problems of mental illness/ learning difficulties/drugs/alcoholism amongst those in the criminal justice system?
13. Why have crime levels fallen so much whereas the prison population has risen by so much in the past 10 years?
14. How would you restore trust/ confidence in the criminal justice system?

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