
Terrorism in Prisons

I have decided to review the subject of terrorism in the prison estate in England and Wales as part of my independent annual review of the Terrorism Acts.

How terrorism is detected, policed, disrupted and prosecuted when it occurs within the prison estate is relevant to the overall effectiveness of terrorism legislation.

I am particularly interested in:

- A. Acts within the prison estate which amount to criminal offences such as encouraging (including glorifying) terrorism, or disseminating terrorist publications.
- B. The status and influence of convicted terrorist prisoners within the prison estate, and whether there is any connection to prison gangs (Muslim¹ and Right Wing).
- C. Responsibilities for ensuring that admissible evidence of terrorist offences or terrorism-related activity in prison is secured.

There is already a large existing literature of official reports, academic studies, and media coverage on radicalisation and extremism in prisons. My focus is on terrorism.

Anyone, including former prisoners, is welcome to contact me on any aspect of terrorism in prisons. I am using this email address: law@6kbw.com.

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¹ Powis, B., Dixon, L., Woodhams, J., 'Exploring the Nature of Muslim Groups and Related Gang Activity in Three High Security Prisons: Findings from Qualitative Research', Ministry of Justice Analytical Series (2019).