



# University of HUDDERSFIELD

## University of Huddersfield Repository

Reeves, Carla

From the inside : the purpose of probation hostels

### Original Citation

Reeves, Carla (2009) From the inside : the purpose of probation hostels. In: British society of criminology conference, 29th June - 1st July 2009, University of Glamorgan, Cardiff. (Unpublished)

This version is available at <http://eprints.hud.ac.uk/id/eprint/13757/>

The University Repository is a digital collection of the research output of the University, available on Open Access. Copyright and Moral Rights for the items on this site are retained by the individual author and/or other copyright owners. Users may access full items free of charge; copies of full text items generally can be reproduced, displayed or performed and given to third parties in any format or medium for personal research or study, educational or not-for-profit purposes without prior permission or charge, provided:

- The authors, title and full bibliographic details is credited in any copy;
- A hyperlink and/or URL is included for the original metadata page; and
- The content is not changed in any way.

For more information, including our policy and submission procedure, please contact the Repository Team at: [E.mailbox@hud.ac.uk](mailto:E.mailbox@hud.ac.uk).

<http://eprints.hud.ac.uk/>

## ABSTRACT FORMAT

---

- **Your name and academic institution**

*Dr Carla Reeves*

*Senior Lecturer in Criminology  
University of Huddersfield*

- **Title**

**FROM THE INSIDE: THE PURPOSE OF PROBATION HOSTELS**

- **Main body of text**

Maximum: 250 words.

This presentation explores the attitudes and opinions of people either working or residing in a Probation Approved Premises (hostel) regarding the purpose of such premises. This includes the views of different categories of staff (Probation Officers, Probation Services Officers and relief staff) and those of offenders resident in the hostel. The opinions expressed are placed in the context of hostel policy, guidance and inspections.

Findings are drawn from a case study into how people live out their lives in a hostel on a daily basis. This study focussed on sex offenders, but considered wider issues relevant to all offenders as part of the analysis. Data was collected through participant observation undertaken over 21 months, and through interviews with 24 staff members and 17 residents. In addition 12 (over 1 year) Multi-Agency Public Protection Panels were observed. Very little research has considered the daily lives and views of front-line staff or residents in hostels; the research presented here has addressed this gap.

The key findings presented relate to the variety of perspectives relating to the purpose and role of probation hostels. Some differences in opinion were noted between all groups identified, although staff were less critical than residents. The opinions are discussed in respect to surveillance and supervision, management and control, reintegration and public protection.