



Big win for GMB as probation service brought back in house

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GMB is celebrating a big win after the Government announced probation services were being brought back in house.

Ministers today announced supervision of all offenders in England and Wales is to be taken over by the Government after serious failings with the part-privatisation of the system.

GMB's has long campaigned for the probation service to be brought back in house. The union's Go Public campaign calls for an end to outsourcing and privatisation in UK public services and for a better deal to the taxpayer.

**“ Private probation contracts to end early by government
<https://t.co/qo5FWRmFLH>**

— BBC News (UK) (@BBCNews) 27 July 2018

George Georgiou, GMB National Probation Lead, said:

“Thankfully the Government has finally recognised what we have been saying since this disastrous privatisation was forced on us - that probation services are better off in the public sector.



“Failing Grayling privatised the service, then carved it up so private companies could profit. They took the cash and put our communities at risk.

“Now we need to rebuild our beleaguered National Probation Service and never let this happen again.

“We are only disappointed this failed privatisation experiment has cost millions and ruined many lives.

“It was a bad deal for public, bad deal for workers and bad deal for those that need rehabilitation.”

