

## Call for papers: 2025 Special Issue

### Criminal Justice Social Work: “Every social worker is a criminal justice social worker”

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In this special issue, we focus on Criminal Justice Social Work as an area of justice practice. The purpose of this special issue is to highlight the critical role of social work in justice settings globally. Criminal justice social work is defined as social work in relation to justice systems, such as parental imprisonment social work, juvenile justice or multi-disciplinary care needs. We welcome papers from people with lived experience, practitioners and researchers on any of the topics listed below or another topic relevant to the special issue subject area.

History of Criminal Justice Social Work including complicity, policy and practice

Language of Criminal Justice Social Work including narratives of social work/probation, offender, rehabilitation, risk and control.

Indigenous community responses to criminality, rehabilitation and recovery.

Criminal Justice social work education including who is taught and where such as students with criminal records, prison-based social work education, and curriculum.

Multi-disciplinary working across social work, police, probation and prisons & health, housing and wider social care.

Social Work location including prison social work and police social work

Comparative approaches including cross-national or interdisciplinary understandings of what constitutes ‘criminal justice’ and/or ‘social work’.

Work with criminalized groups including neurodivergence and brain injury, mental health, substance use, homelessness and care experienced.

Work with families and communities including youth crime, parental imprisonment, elderly care and crime prevention.

Work with risk including anger, impulsivity, violence, domestic abuse, sexual offending and extremism.

Lived experience of criminal justice including rehabilitation, employment, injustice and the right to move on.

Future of Criminal Justice Social Work including transdisciplinary professional education, the role of social work in sentencing, multi-disciplinary collaboration and new crimes such as AI-generated cybercrime.

Emerging methodologies in criminal justice social work including practitioner and lived experience researchers.

*We welcome full articles, comment pieces or practice pieces. All contributions must be in English and follow the journal author submission guidance. The deadline for abstracts of no more than 500 words is 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024, notification by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 with full papers 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025. All submitted articles will be subject to Probation Journal’s normal peer review process before being accepted for publication and need to be submitted via the journal’s online submission portal: <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/probation-journal>. If you are interested in contributing but have any questions, please contact the co-editors Caroline Bald or Ines Martinez Herrero at either [caroline.bald@essex.ac.uk](mailto:caroline.bald@essex.ac.uk) or [m.ines.martinez@der.uned.es](mailto:m.ines.martinez@der.uned.es)*