

The Reintegration Needs of Women Prisoners in Northern Ireland

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Summary: On 21 and 22 May 2005 members of the Northern Ireland Prison Service (NIPS) Resettlement Branch carried out needs analysis interviews with 25 women prisoners held in Ash House, Hydebank Wood Prison, Belfast. On the weekend of the survey, the women prisoners represented just 2.2% of the total prison population (27 out of a total of 1,248 prisoners). The interviews sought to ascertain the extent to which the women felt prepared for their release from prison and reintegration into the community. This article summarises the research findings.