Sport for development/ criminal justice

Key messages for Gov:

- More cross dept investment is required for accountability and commitment
- Need for longer term strategies and investment
- Place sport for development higher on the political agenda
- Support what works – it's not all about innovation
- Champion and support multi-agency/ whole system approaches
- Sport in education should be a higher priority
- Staff need to be supported and valued and recognised for their work linked to personal development/ coaching/ mentoring etc
- Should be a local sports strategy focused on the crime reduction (prevention/ reoffending)
- NGB's should make a commitment to support social change

Gaps/ Opportunities:

- More support and understanding to develop whole system approaches/ multi agency partnerships
- Share good practice/ what works both nationally and locally
- Knowing how to work with criminal justice including the (who, what, why etc) and where organisations are best placed to engage/ support
- No strategic approach/ partner to coordinate/ lead
- Volunteers
- Post 16 and education/ schools
- Youth work provision
- Sharing and access to insights i.e. offending/ crime data/ quality of life data etc
- Partnerships with YOI's and PRU's
- Early intervention – work with social services/ families
- Training and support for staff
- Gathering evidence as a collective
- One point of contact in specific/ targeted areas or localities
- Longer term strategy and investment
- Media promotion to help demonstrate role of sport and break down stereotypes that sport is just play, or only particular sports can support social change

Support needed:

- To help wider stakeholders understand the role of sport for development
- Making contacts and building networks to increase work in this area
- Funding for coaches/ equipment etc
- Help to develop whole community approaches
- Training and professional support for staff
- Sport should be higher on the local agenda as a tool to support crime prevention/ desistance
- Lead partner to coordinate and champion