



Not Beyond Redemption

**Providing Free Family Law Advice and
Representation to Mothers in Prison**

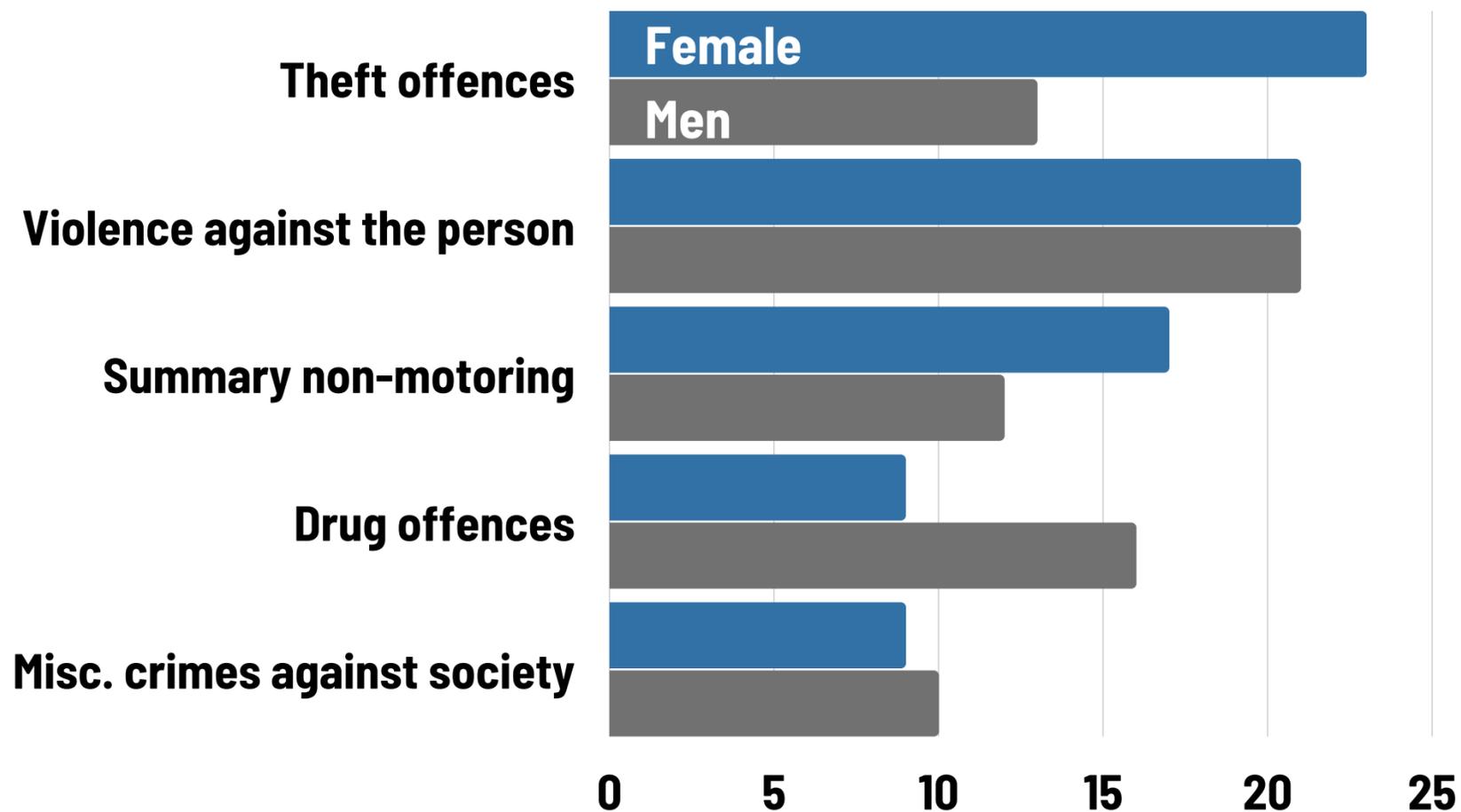
Women in prison

Key Facts

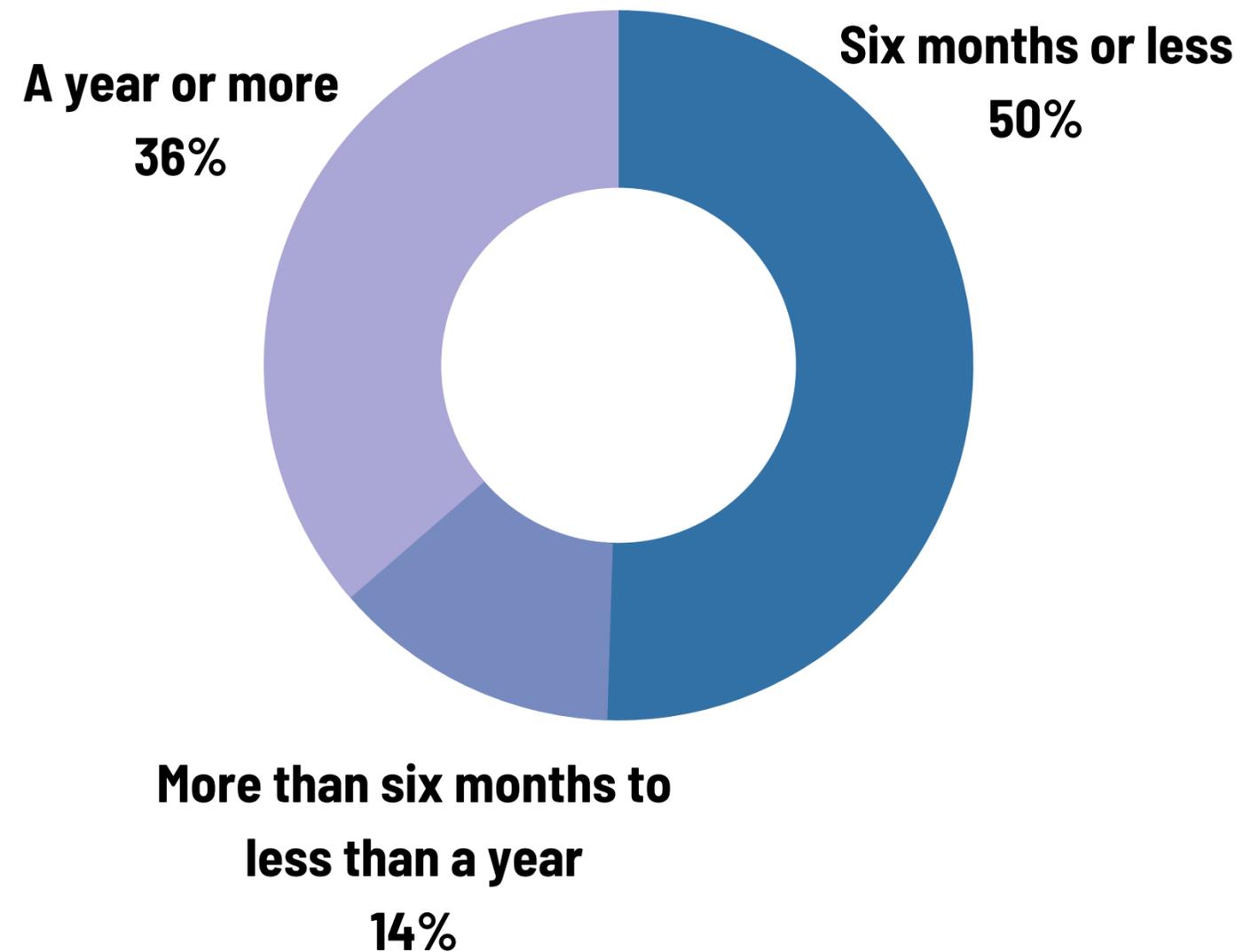
- Women make up only 4% of the prison population.
- In 2022, women were sent to prison on 4,932 occasions either on remand or to serve a sentence.
- 97 women have died in prison in England and Wales since 2011. 37 of these deaths were self-inflicted.
- There was a 7% increase in the rate of self-harm incidents in women's prisons in the year to March 2022.
- 76% of women in prison report problems with their mental health.
- It is estimated that nearly 60% of women who offend have experienced domestic abuse.

Women tend to commit less serious offences than men, and so are more likely to be serving short prison sentences.

Almost a quarter of female prison receptions in 2021 were for theft offences.



63% of prison sentences started by women in 2021 were for less than 12 months, compared with 48% for men.



Maternal Imprisonment

Key Facts

- 52% of women prisoners of children under 18. 34% are lone parents.
- Over 17,000 children are separated from their mothers each year due to incarceration.
- 95% of children have to leave the family home when their mother is sentenced.
 - 9% are cared for by their fathers;
 - 25% are cared for by grandmothers;
 - 29% by other family members or friends;
 - 12% are in care or with foster parents or adopted.

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Many women still define themselves and are defined by others by their role in the family. It is an important component in our sense of identity and self-esteem. To become a prisoner is almost by definition to become a bad mother.

Baroness Hale of Richmond



Maintaining a healthy and supportive relationship with family while in prison is crucial to reduce reoffending rates and improving rehabilitation.



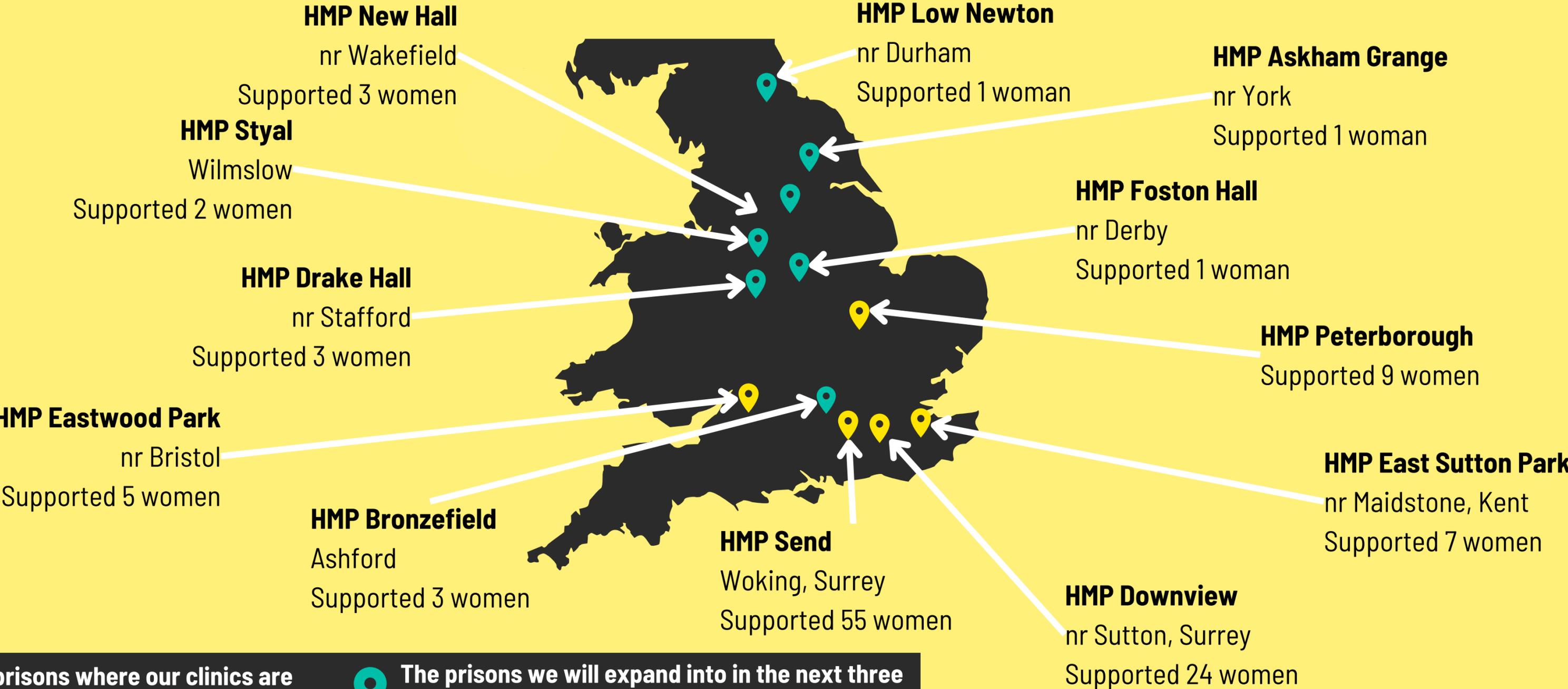
What we do

Not Beyond Redemption provides free Family Law advice and representation to mothers in prison to help them reestablish and maintain their contact with their children, during their sentence and after they have been released.

We are a team of specialist family lawyers and Pro Bono lawyers who focus on helping to re-establish critical access and relationships between mothers and their children.



OUR GOAL IS TO RUN CLINICS IN ALL 12 FEMALE PRISONS IN ENGLAND BY 2025.



 The prisons where our clinics are currently

 The prisons we will expand into in the next three years.



How Do We Do It?

Not Beyond Redemption runs pro bono legal clinics in prisons to meet with mothers and discuss their needs. We also take on referrals from across the women's prison estate.

We provide them with solicitors to take on their cases and barristers to represent them in courts across the county to help them increase contact with their children.

Support is extended to the families of the women and continues after the mothers have been released from prison, for as long as they need us. This could even be up to the child's adulthood.



Feedback from clients

100%

of women felt more hopeful and saw an increase in their feelings of self-worth after meeting the NBR team.

"Chloe and everyone involved fought for me, which made me feel worth fighting for."

"They've made me feel like I am their mum, and they understand about everything I told them. Finally, they've made me feel that I've got them on my side and that felt amazing."

100%

of women felt that NBR were supportive and dedicated to them

"I feel with this company by my side I've got the best chance in seeing my children again, they've given me a voice and the power to stand up for myself."

100%

of women said that they would recommend NBR to another prisoner.

Why support us

"The opportunity to assist women in prison with the process of reconciling or establishing healthier and stronger relationships with their children and those that care for them has been immensely rewarding. Not only are the benefits for the children involved manifest, but it feels increasingly to me like an important part of the women's own rehabilitation journey, to know that there are loving and joyful relationships for them both during their time in prison and to anticipate on their release."

George Herring, Not Beyond Redemption Pro Bono Lawyer

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Thank you for listening.