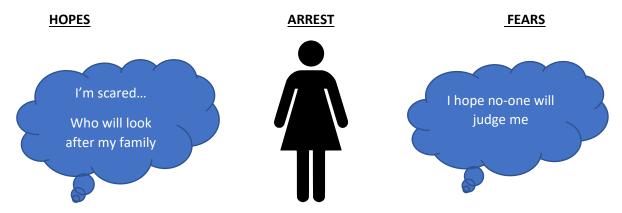


A warm welcome to the launch of the Female Offender Strategy in Leicestershire from Leicestershire's Office of Police and Crime Commissioner and East Midlands National Probation Service.

The specific needs and complexities of females in the Criminal Justice System is widely documented. These differences are apparent when considering the reasons that females commit crime and when understanding the background of our female service users including the prevalence of trauma they have incurred during their lives. These topics are expanded upon during the conference by subject matter experts to evidence the need for an alternative approach in the management of females in the Criminal Justice System.

Included within the presentations, you will today hear about the lived experience of four inspiring females, who bravely share with us their experience and journey through the Criminal Justice System. Their powerful stories are ones we can listen to and learn from in order to develop and shape policies and practice. Moving forward, this has the real potential to make a significant difference to the rates of female re-offending in Leicestershire, and direct impact upon individuals' life's and the ability for them to achieve stability and for themselves and their families.





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