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The probation officer as a key person in probation work

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Norway in a Nutshell



One Correctional Service: Prison and Probation fully integrated since 2001

Prisons:

3 400 cells

12 000 entries per year

Prison-population rate 75

Probation:

2 700 community sentences per year

475 drunk driving programme sentences

2 Drug Court pilot projects since 2006

And: 440 offenders with a prison sentence in drug treatment institutions

Let the wisest person make the decision...



- The court decides on the type and the duration of the sanction



- The correctional service decides on its contents

A measure of last resort...



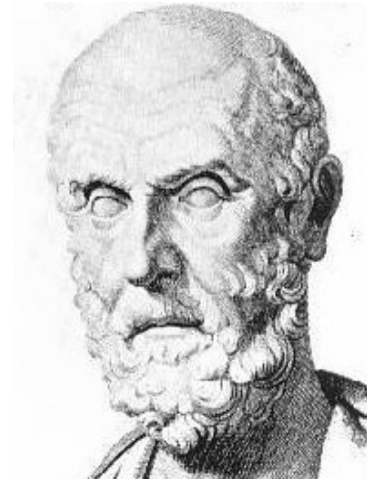
What do we want for Norway?

**“Corrections that really work –
not just corrections for punishment”**



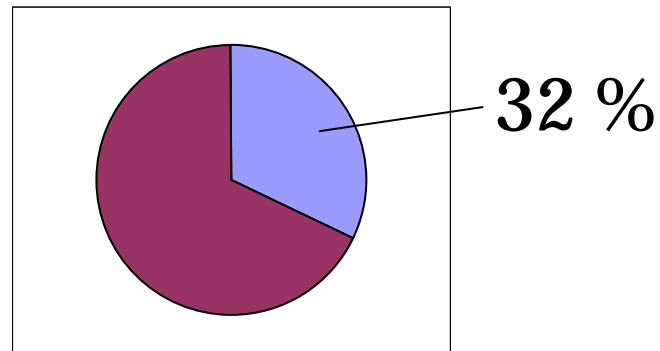
Principles

- **Breaking the law must never be accepted**
- **In sanctioning we must consider the safety of the community – but save us from myopia!**
- **”Primum non nocere” –
”above all, do not harm”**



Sentence and sensibility

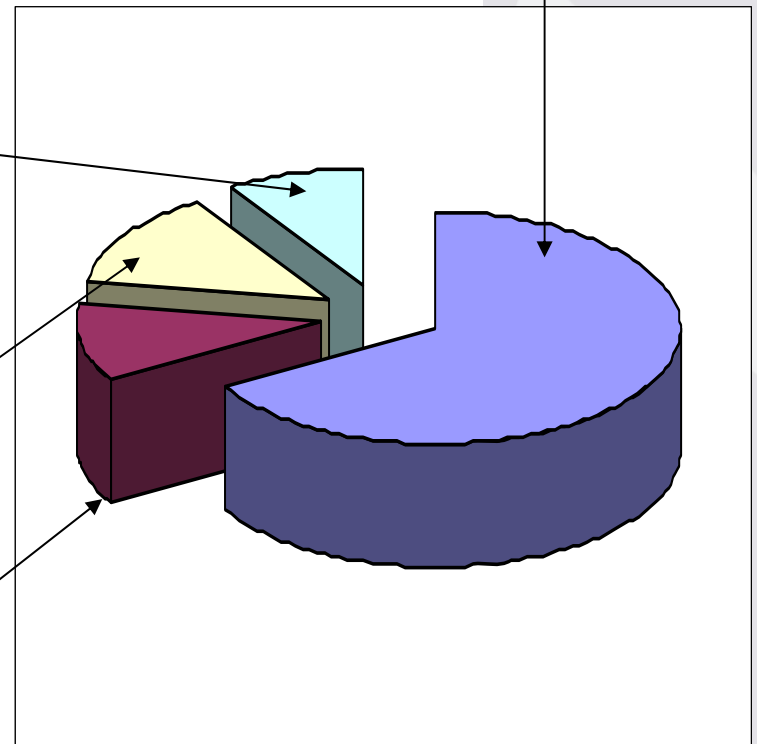
- **12 078** entries to prison in 2006
- **3 934** of these in remand custody
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- **8 144** were new sentences
- **2 622** of these were 1 month or less





The tasks of the probation officer

- Execution of community sentences (65 %)
- Execution of the Drunk Driving Programme (11 %)
- Preparing pre-trial reports (13 %)
- Supervising conditional release from prison (9 %)





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The Probation Officer *is* a key person in probation work!