

The Rich Get Treatment, The Poor Get Prison: Contempt Of Court Imprisonment

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The Law

- In March 2015, Part 1 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 came into place Introducing new powers for the police and courts
- Anti-social Behaviour Injunction
- Cases are heard in county court
- There are **No** protections available:
 - No** right to legal aid
 - No** pre-sentence report
 - No** probation input

What sort of behavior is punished?

- noisy and/or abusive behaviour
- vandalism
- graffiti
- intimidation
- public drunkenness
- littering
- fly tipping
- illegal drug use

Statistics

My study:

236 people
sanctioned between
Jan 2019 and Sept
2022

Immediate: 130

Suspended: 79

Conclusion

The ASBI legislation is unjust and cruel. It punishes vulnerable people I think this law should be repelled and instead of custodial sentences, diversion programmes should be applied.

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