

Checking What Works

Criminal Justice

Where to verify a criminal justice claim, and how to read what you find.

Sources first, then the questions to put to them.

Evidence sources

Campbell Collaboration systematic reviews

Government what-works centres and toolkits

Trial registries and published protocols

National statistical office series

Inspectorate and audit reports

How to read them

Check which outcome was measured

Check follow-up length and sample size

Look for replication, not one trial

Note who funded and who delivered it

Ask whether it transfers to this setting

Educational reference. Toolkits report average effects; local implementation and context can change the result substantially.