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and extended extracts from interviews with people who have experienced the phenomenon. These suggest that - against the odds - the partners concerned often remain committed to each other. Despite the precarious nature of the enterprise - and sometimes hostile reactions from people around them - they stay together and build a new life in which crime becomes a thing of the past, something which should be an encouragement to a range of people concerned with offending behaviour, sentence planning and release decisions - where the role of the prisoner's family may be a key factor.
