

Achieve North West

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- Merseyside Probation Trust heads a consortium of the 5 NW Probation Trusts
- Round 1 and 2 provider for Merseyside and the rest of the North West
- 2 contracts work across the 5 Probation Trusts and 15 prisons



North West Contract

Probation Trusts

- Cheshire
- Cumbria
- Greater Manchester
- Lancashire

Prisons

- HMP/YOI Styal
- HMP Risley
- HMP/YOI Thorn Cross
- HMP Haverigg
- HMP Wymott
- HMP Garth
- HMP Kirkham
- HMP Preston
- HMP/YOI Lancaster Farms
- HMP Manchester
- HMP Buckley Hall
- HMP Forest Bank



Round 2 targets

- North West
 - 7360 starts
 - 1077 into employment
 - 1236 into further learning
 - 31325 supportive outcomes

Supportive Outcomes

Advice

Motivation

Signposting

Non- accredited courses

Qualifications

Mentoring

Employability

Interviews gained

Other



Sub Groups

- Belief in Change
 - Faith informed community reintegration programme
 - Pilots at HMP Risley and HMP Channings Wood
 - 6 month programme/therapeutic community
 - Support up to 12 months post release
 - Links to community based organisations

Delivery Model

- Case management approach to the delivery of Employment, Training and Education
- Community and custody
- Focus on those with multiple barriers
- Individually tailored interventions



Delivery Model

- Wide range of subcontractors and partner organisations
- Localised delivery
- Seamless Through the Gate provision
- Close working relationship with offender managers, offender supervisors and prison staff.



Case manager role

- Centrality of case manager
- Motivation is key
- Take referrals from offender managers and prison staff
- Assess potential participants
- Action plan and review
- Deliver some interventions eg motivation and job clubs



Case manager role

- Communication is crucial
- Evidencing outcomes and activity
- Refer to subcontractors and other partner organisations
- Forging partnership links at all levels
- Publicity/Promotion/ESF

Subcontractors

- 15 currently across the region, including social enterprises
- Range of provision eg mentoring, volunteering opportunities, training courses, work placements
- Focus on sustainability
- Enables bespoke localised provision



Other Partners

- Mainstream providers eg colleges, work programme providers
- Spot purchase – approx 20 organisations
 - Individual or group based provision designed to fill any gaps
- National Careers Service providers
- Jobcentre Plus

Social Enterprise

- Subcontractors – work placements for offenders including ILM
- Partner organisations – potential referrals
- Voluntary placements
- Social Enterprise pilots – Merseyside and Lancashire
- Social Enterprise lead for Achieve NW



Sub Groups

- Women with low level mental health needs
 - HMP Styal
 - Edith Rigby House (female approved premises)
 - Women’s Centres
 - Women only provision
 - Subcontractors and spot purchase providers
 - Innovation eg fashion show (GMPT)



Successes

- Performance to date – to 30 April 2012
 - 2712 starts
 - 227 into employment
 - 489 into further learning
 - 15495 supportive outcomes
- Range of organisations we work with, including social enterprise
- Participant feedback

Future Plans

- Recent potential provider events – Cheshire and Cumbria
- Hoping to support a new social enterprise in relation to offender art
- Continued engagement with 3rd sector and social enterprise organisations to ensure bespoke localised provision



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