

new futures: project overview Cornwall

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Programme overview

- **new futures** is part of a national programme running from 2011 – 2014, commissioned by National Offender Management Service (NOMS)
- ESF-funded (£6 million for SW, incl Cornwall)
- £450,000.00 for Cornwall
- Focused on ‘hardest to engage’ offenders/ ex-offenders with personalised programme of interventions co-ordinated by case managers
- Participants supported to engage with mainstream services and progress towards employment
- Targets for Cornwall:
 - 487 starters on programme
 - 73 employment outcomes
 - 105 into further learning/training

Service offer

- Case manager-based model; Probation Trust ETE Officers engaged with both statutory and non statutory offenders
- Robust referral in custody to **new futures** designated Case Managers via OMU and Tribal CIAS advisors (SW)
- Direct engagement in the community through OM / ETE team referral
- Mentoring support offer from existing groups of volunteers and trained Peer Mentors
- Progressing participants towards employment – strong links with mainstream (DWP) provision and building employer links with support from Partnership Manager
- Development of sub-projects (Young People’s Transition Project and Belief in Change - SW)

Service offer (Cornwall)

- Delivery will take place in the community.
- Engagement with prisoners held in establishments outside of the Convergence area is essential to ensure effective case management, sequencing of provision and reintegration into the community.
- Main case management delivery through DCPT
- Partnership Manager to work with Probation Trust to access mainstream /priority 4 provision for **new futures** participants
- Discretionary Access Fund (DAF) available to buy specific interventions / resources to support participants into employment
- Targets to engage participants who are from particularly vulnerable groups

Target Groups

- Ethnic Minorities
- Learning Difficulties, disabilities or health conditions – to include participants with drug and alcohol addiction and mental health issues
- Women
- Single parents
- Ex armed forces
- Older offenders

Belief in Change

- A structured community within HMP Channings Wood
- Faith and spirituality as part of the underpinning ethos
- Delivered to specific standards with quality checks and processes
- Focus on positive reintegration back into the community, developing supportive links with faith communities, families, mentors, CVS organisations and more
- Strong links established with Re-integration Manager to ensure that returning participants can be resettled into Cornwall.
- Creation of a support network in the community for participants on release and a 'Life Plan'

Young people's transition project

- Focus on 17/18 year olds moving from YOT supervision – and from custody - to Probation Supervision. Contact can be established with 16 year olds
- Group characterised by low skills levels / lack of employment and high likelihood of re-offending .OASys data shows high offending related need in:
 - Lifestyle and associates
 - Thinking and behaviour
 - Relationships
 - ETE
- Identified difficulties with lower levels of support during and following transition and expectations of self-management

Young people's transition project (Cornwall)

- Pilot project with Cornwall Youth Offending Service (YOS)
- Intensive case-management model; fewer numbers and longer period of engagement
- Focus on information-sharing and continuity of support to avert disengagement
- Development of dedicated interventions /referral networks
- Develop best practice model for roll-out to other probation areas

Current Work

- Early days in Cornwall with commencement of delivery in January 2012
- Close partnership work established with Devon and Cornwall Probation Trust to engage participants
- **new futures** Partnership Manager in place to develop reciprocal relationships with organisations who have access to mainstream and Priority 4 funding
- Role out of Peer and Mentor Training programme
- Working with prisons to support offenders serving sentences of under 12 months who generally have the least support for resettlement with strong links established for offenders resettling in Cornwall
- Development of multi-agency working with key partner organisations (e.g. Work Programme providers) who share the client group

Social Enterprise

- Initial partnership with Restore Trust and Reach in SW
- Early stages of work with Rezone engaging hard to reach offenders and Young People through The Bike Hub and Integrated offender management model (IOM)
- Build on current work as well as developing new ideas to provide training and employment opportunities
- Sustainability (business and environment) is key; potential development opportunities in ‘green industries’
- Work with regional SE organisations to provide a coherent network of providers ready to take on larger contracts:
 - share Critical Success Factors
 - develop wider Impact Measurements

Coming up!

- Expand mentor training offer and work with local VCS organisations to build capacity within the sector to support offenders
- Develop Young People's Transition Project delivery
- Establish new projects with partners to engage 16/17 year old offenders with education and training
- Develop Tribal-delivered employability programmes to enhance **new futures** offer
- Link with Tribal's employability and skills team to explore delivery of qualifications within **new futures** e.g. apprenticeships for young people on transition programme
- Looking for active engagement with SE to increase range of work experience and employment opportunities open to participants