

# new futures: project overview South West

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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)
- 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:
  - 5,338 starters on programme
  - 804 employment outcomes
  - 902 into further learning/training

# Service offer

- Case manager-based model; seconded and Probation Trust staff
- 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
- Personalised programme of interventions to meet needs
- 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 assigned Employment Advisers
- Development of sub-projects (Young People’s Transition Project and Belief in Change)

# Service offer (cont.)

- **30% participants from custody:**
  - concentrate resources on local prisons (Exeter, Dorchester, Gloucester, Bristol); through the gate focus
  - working in Eastwood Park with close links to Eden House and ISIS Project
  - mentoring programme delivery planned in most of the region's prisons
- **70% participants from community:**
  - targets profiled against size of Probation Trust area
  - 'spot purchase' and DAF funding to buy specific interventions / resources
  - targets to engage participants who are from particularly vulnerable groups (women, single parents, BME, veterans, offenders with health issues and older offenders)

# Belief in Change

- A structured community within HMP Channings WOOD (and HMP Risley)
- Delivered to specific standards with quality checks and processes
- Faith and spirituality as part of the underpinning ethos
- Social activities, befriending and mentoring (including developing a peer mentoring offer)
- Focus on positive reintegration back into the community, developing supportive links with faith communities, families, mentors, CVS organisations and more
- Outcomes: support network in the community for participants on release and a 'Life Plan'
- Reduced re-offending

# Young people's transition project

- Focus on 17/18 year olds moving from YOT supervision – and from custody - to Probation Supervision
- 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 (SW)

- Pilot project with Dorset PT
- 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

# Programme highlights

- Close partnership work established with Probation Trusts to engage participants
- **new futures** offer established in ISIS Project and Eden House women's centre to support vulnerable women; identified and addressed gaps in resettlement provision at Eastwood Park
- Successful development of Peer Mentor Training programme
- Delivery of employment-enhancing Railtrack programmes in HMP Portland
- Working with prisons to support offenders serving sentences of under 12 months who generally have the least support for resettlement
- Dedicated Recruitment Advisors in place to source work experience and employment for participants
- **new futures** developing multi-agency working with key partner organisations (e.g. Work Programme providers) who share the client group



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- Initial partnership with Restore Trust: Taunton and Hinkley Point developments (solar panels and CSCS cards)
- Early stages of work with Reach to develop provision for young offenders in Gloucestershire
- 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
- Roll out Young People's Transition Project delivery to other areas across SW
- 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