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Release Lincs Community Chaplaincy

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The Release Lincs Community Chaplaincy is a Through the Gate (TTG) Mentoring scheme.

Mentors provide practical, motivational and emotional support to prisoners being released from HMP Lincoln (and eventually HMP North Sea Camp) into Lincolnshire with their plans to resettle into their community and adjust to life on release.

Support includes (but not exclusively):

- Support in seeking Employment/Education/training
- Assistance with engaging with Self Employment schemes
- Life and personal development skills
- Opening bank account/engaging with Credit Union
- Re-engagement or maintaining contact with families
- Engagement with Medical professionals (for example GP, dentist, counselling or community psychiatric services)
- Engagement with Drug and alcohol support
- Mentors provide offenders with a unique reconnection opportunity to their community through an unconditional modelling of a pro-social lifestyle to challenge thinking

The mentoring process supports the client in their journey towards desistance by establishing a trusting relationship where the prisoner and their family play a part in the action planning process, encouraging strengths and modelling a lifestyle and approach to problems that is based on the volunteer's (often different) life experiences. A positive dynamic relationship is established whist the client is still in custody, proving reliability and credibility to the client, family and other professionals (statutory and non-statutory) involved. Release Lincs has close links with the partners providing resettlement and offender management in HMP Lincoln as well as open communication with Offender Management in the Community.

Mentors (including peer mentors) are recruited, vetted and trained over a long-term process and develop specialism over the pathways out of offending ensuring a unique fit to each offender's need as they move into their fullest potential. Mentors and their matches are supervised by the Community Chaplain

The Release Lincs Community Chaplaincy is not evangelical or religious outreach, it does respond to those wishing to explore and develop their faith, whatever that is. It does not seek to duplicate other projects and initiatives but complement existing provision with a multi-disciplinary and multi-faith approach.