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Background	Carers Federation is a national charity with a primary focus on citizen empowerment through independent advocacy and self-help mentoring. Carers Federation is a City and Guilds Approved Centre and a Mentoring and Befriending Foundation Accredited Provider; with extensive experience of delivering innovative and impactful Mentoring and Advocacy training programmes to vulnerable and excluded groups. As one of England's foremost specialist providers of Independent Advocacy Services, we deliver NHS Independent Complaints Advocacy contracts valued at £3.2 million; responding to 8000 complaints annually via 6 Regional Advocacy Service Hubs serving a patient population of 5 million. We currently deliver a Peer Health Advocacy Programme into NOMS Reducing Re-offending Programme. The model works by equipping a cohort of Peer Advocates with the skills to support other prisoners in accessing health and social care services and support; a key intervention in facilitating co-ordinated through the gate health and wellbeing support in support of sustainable resettlement and in enabling statutory sector providers and their contractors to meet new duties under the Health and Social Care Bill 2013.

	Building on our Peer health Advocacy programme we plan on delivering; Through the Gate Peer Resettlement Mentoring which is acknowledged by MOJ and NOMS as a viable and cost effective means of overcoming the offender to professional engagement barrier; of ensuring continuity of custody to community support continuity; of adding value to and making mainstream resettlement resources go further and of enhancing the employability profiles of participants through gaining a nationally accredited qualification. Peer Mentoring is acknowledged by MOJ and National Offender Management Services as an effective, empowering and equitable means of enabling offender-directed through the gate resettlement support. Peer mentoring benefits both Mentors and Mentees in custody and in community; providing a focus for resettlement planning, a catalyst for changing thinking and behaviour and a means of consolidating personal resettlement goals. *When someone leaves prison, I want them already to have a mentor in place to help them get their lives back together. …Often it will be the former offender gone straight who is best placed to steer the young prisoner back onto the straight and narrow"* **(Justice Secretary Chris Grayling. November 2012).**
Objective	Our objective is to develop a comprehensive portfolio of through the gate resettlement focused Peer Advocacy and Mentoring programmes; that responds to a range of offender categories, that work in custodial and community settings and that are effective in empowering Peer Advocates Peer Mentors and Mentees in taking and ownership and control of their rehabilitation journey by building confidence and skills and importantly by linking Peer Mentoring and Health Advocacy to achievement of accredited qualifications. Through the Gate Peer Resettlement Mentoring is acknowledged by MOJ and NOMS as a viable and cost effective means of overcoming the offender to professional engagement barrier; of ensuring continuity of custody to community support continuity; of adding value to and making mainstream resettlement resources go further and of enhancing the employability profiles of participants through gaining a nationally accredited qualification. We intend to make an innovative contribution to transforming rehabilitative practice culture within prisons. By involving prisoners in shaping both their own and supporting their peers moving on plans the model will engage participants in elective autonomous rehabilitation by:

- Providing focused and productive use of time in prison.
- Equipping offenders with a positive achievable post release plan.
- Enabling critical project elements to be peer-led and delivered.
- Benefiting Mentees through achievement of accredited training.

By placing the offender at the centre of an elective rehabilitation process the model will enhance the offender's ownership of strategies and solutions and foster a sense of purpose in relation to rehabilitation and desistance. Moreover by committing to the program prisoners will evidence a motivation to change; creating a positive and pro-active context for their enhanced engagement with through the gate support opportunities

Our models will align with Offender Learning and Skills Service (OLASS 4); promoting inclusive learning opportunities with appropriate learning style and needs adjustments; promoting re-engagement with learning and building a profile for sustainable employment.

Interests

We are keen to explore partnered development of a range of Peer Resettlement Mentoring and Advocacy models. We invite contact from prospective partners interested in exploring the potential of a progressive rehabilitation focused collaborations in which the investment our mutual experience and expertise would result in sustainable, impactful and cost effective offender resettlement support solutions.

Area of Delivery

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London: Would Like To
South East: Would Like To
East of England: Would Like To
East Midlands: Current
West Midlands: Would Like To
South West (excluding Cornwall): Would Like To
North West (including Merseyside): Would Like To
North East: Would Like To
Yorkshire and Humberside (including South Yorkshire) Would Like To