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Backgrou

Milton Keynes College is now one of the largest providers of Offender Learning in England. We deliver provision across 31 prisons in the East Midlands, South Central and West Midlands, which equates to 30% of all delivery. In 2012-13 we had 26,646 enrolments.
We deliver at a range of establishments including A – D category, High Security, Young Offenders, the female estate and open prisons. We deliver learning and skills in both public sector and private sector prisons.
Milton Keynes College has been involved with the delivery of learning and skills to offenders since 1993, when we secured the contract to deliver learning and skills at HMP Woodhill. Within these establishments, we offer a range of provision designed to support learners into employment, including advice and guidance, skills for life, vocational programmes, and wider employability skills ie preparation for work, managing conflict, team work, budgeting, and assertiveness. We have also worked in partnership with employers, including Blue Sky and Clancy Docwra, Greggs, Toyota and Aspire, to support the link for offenders directly into employment. In particular, we worked with HMP Springhill with the ESF funded Equal Engage project, which used mentors and employment officers to support offenders directly into employment from the prison, through appropriate training, interviews and mentoring support.

Since 20010 we have delivered Job deal (NOMS/ESF in the Thames Valley. We work with 5 prisons in the region, Bullingdon, Bronzefield, Springhill, Woodhill and Aylesbury providing through the gate support into work and further learning. Up to June 2014 we have engaged **1646** offenders (target is 1873) and **203** are in work, **86** have progressed into further learning. The Thames Valley is amongst the highest performing areas in the UK in the delivery of this programme in terms of soft and hard outcomes, data integrity and its job outcomes.

We have an established partnership with Thames Valley Probation Trust and in 2011 won the Howard League Community award for Education, Training and Employment. We also won the NOMS award for Risk management policy which we have shared nationally at NOMS conferences as speakers, through AOSEC and the AOC networks.

Objective	We are a strong and consistent sub contractor in the NOMS/ESF contract and committed to this work – we want to be part of Round 3 and expand our experience regionally so that we can continue to make a difference to the lives of offenders.
Interests	Milton Keynes College is an established and reputable provider of OLASS in custody and community and already deliver 80% of the Job Deal (NOMS/ESF) contract in the Thames Valley. We are committed to equality and diversity and our partnership working is an outstanding area of our college provision. We are interested in developing links across the 7 pathways and having a specialist network of wrap around support through the gate to meet a range of needs. We are also interested in developing robust vocational links with our educational provision and IAG.
Area of	South East as a region as a Prime or Thames Valley as a sub contractor