



PROJECT SUMMARY

PS Plus 3 – HMP Ashwell

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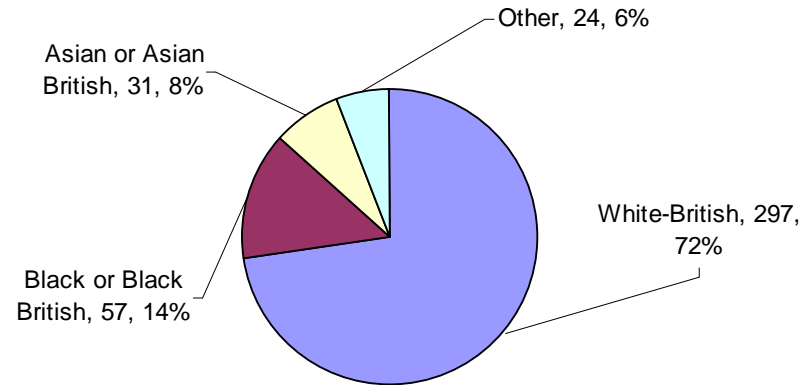
This report has been compiled to give information about the offenders (beneficiaries) worked with on the PS Plus 3 project in HMP Ashwell - a male closed category C prison in the East Midlands. The project ran for 14 months between 1st April 2007 and 30th June 2008, in which time 409 beneficiaries were started on the project. At its peak, it is estimated that the project worked with approximately 33% of the prison population.

Of the 409 beneficiaries started, 21% (87) left the project early with 93% of these transferring to a non-PS Plus prison establishment.

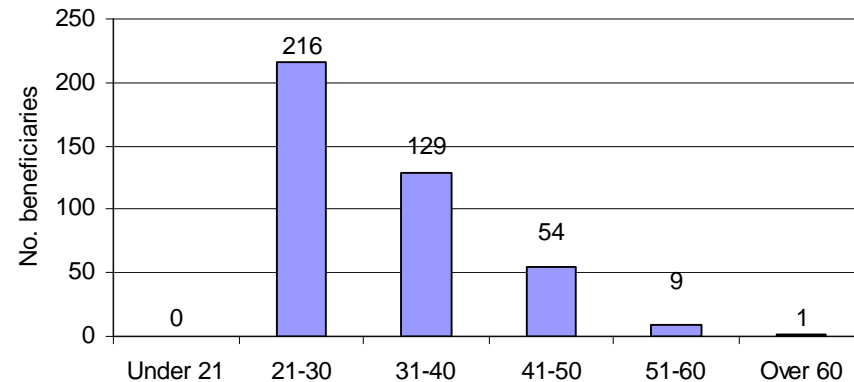
Demographics

- 73% (297) of the beneficiaries started in Ashwell were White-British. 27% (112) of the beneficiaries were from ethnic minority groups, and 21 beneficiaries were from outside the United Kingdom.
- 53% (216) of beneficiaries started in Ashwell were aged between 21 and 30, with the average age on starting the project being 31 years 9 months.
- The most common offence type of beneficiaries started in Ashwell was theft, robbery or burglary (46%) followed by violent offences (28%).

Ethnic Origin



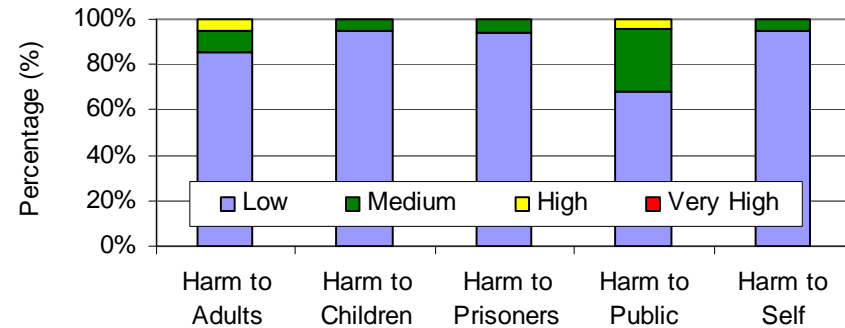
Age Groups



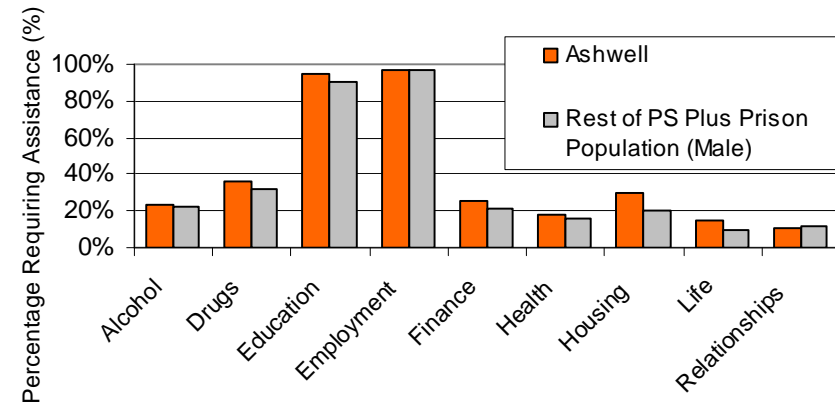
Assessment

- For the majority of prisoners (where known), the level of risk posed towards adults, children, other prisoners, the public and themselves is low. Less than 5% were classed as high or very high risk in each category.
- Every beneficiary required help with either employment or education. 398 (97%) beneficiaries required help with employment, while 375 (92%) required help with both employment *and* education.
- 208 beneficiaries were identified as requiring assistance with substance abuse, with 24% and 36% of beneficiaries requiring help with alcohol and drugs issues respectively.
- Comparison to beneficiaries worked with in other male PS Plus prisons shows that beneficiaries started at Ashwell were significantly *more* likely to require assistance with education, housing and life issues.
- Comparison to beneficiaries worked with in other male PS Plus prisons shows that beneficiaries in Ashwell were significantly less motivated on starting the project.

Risk Levels



Assessed Needs



Soft Outcomes

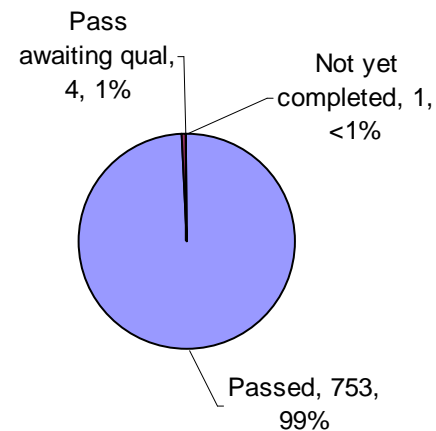
- 425 soft outcomes were achieved by Ashwell.
- 60% (250) of the beneficiaries worked with at Ashwell achieved at least one outcome while there.
- 190 beneficiaries received advice and guidance.
- 240 beneficiaries received assistance with employment issues.
- 208 beneficiaries received assistance with education or training issues.

Qualifications

- 757 courses or qualifications were passed by beneficiaries on the PS Plus project at Ashwell.
- PS Plus beneficiaries completed courses in a wide range of subjects, from football skills to joinery.
- 371 adult literacy and adult numeracy courses, and 42 health and safety courses were passed.

Soft Outcomes Gained	No. bens
Advice On Disclosure	171
IAG Assistance	96
Accessed Beneficiary Fund	61
CV Assisted	19
Other Programme	17
CSCS - Health And Safety Test	16
Fresh Start Interview	12
NVQs Gained	7
CV Written on Own	4
Job Interview	4
Job Preparation	4
Other	14

Exam Results



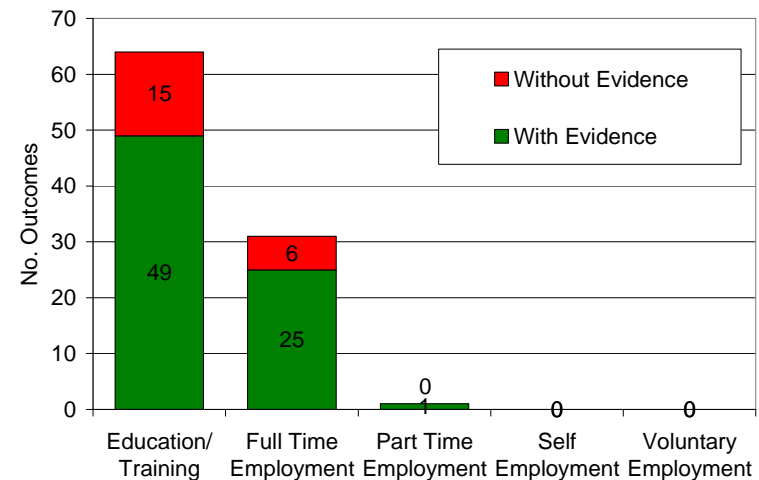
Hard Outcomes

- 96 hard outcomes were recorded by PS Plus staff.
- 75 hard outcomes had sufficient evidence for ESF auditing purposes.
- Beneficiaries successfully achieved 26 employment outcomes and 49 education/training outcomes while on PS Plus 3.
- Employment ranged from demolition to roofing, while education/training ranged from the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) test to a gym instructor course.

Summary

- Overall, Ashwell started 409 beneficiaries, achieved 75 hard ETE outcomes and 425 soft outcomes on the PS Plus 3 project.

Hard ETE Outcomes



Outcomes Gained

