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PROJECT SUMMARY

PS Plus 3 – Cambridgeshire Probation

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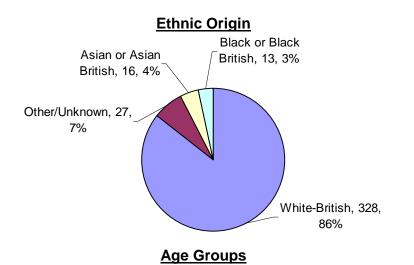


This report has been compiled to give information about the offenders (beneficiaries) worked with on the PS Plus 3 project by Cambridgeshire probation. The project ran for 27 months between April 2006 and June 2008, in which time 384 beneficiaries started on the project. At its peak, it is estimated that Cambridgeshire probation worked with approximately 170 beneficiaries.

Demographics

- 86% (328) of the beneficiaries started in Cambridgeshire were White-British. 14% (54) of the beneficiaries were from ethnic minority groups (where known), and 19 beneficiaries were from outside the United Kingdom (where known).
- 43% (167) of beneficiaries started in Cambridgeshire were aged between 21 and 30, with the average age on starting the project being 28 years 5 months.
- The most common offence of beneficiaries started in Cambridgeshire was violent offences (29%) followed by theft, burglary or robbery (22%).





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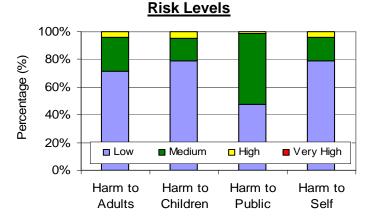




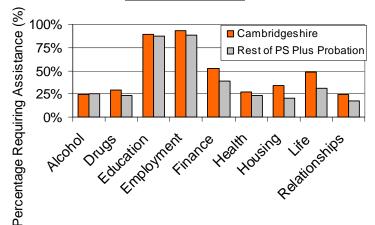
Assessment

- For the majority of prisoners (where known), the level of risk posed towards adults, children, staff, the public and themselves in either low or medium. Less than 5% were classed as high or very high risk in each category.
- Every beneficiary required help with either employment or education. 358 (93%) beneficiaries required help with employment, while 316 (82%) required help with both employment and education.
- 174 beneficiaries were identified as requiring assistance with substance abuse, with 24% and 29% of beneficiaries requiring help with alcohol and drugs issues respectively.
- Comparison to the rest of the beneficiaries worked with in PS Plus probation areas shows that beneficiaries started at Cambridgeshire were significantly *more* likely to require assistance with drugs, employment, finance, health, housing, life and relationship issues.
- Comparison to beneficiaries worked with in other PS Plus probation areas shows that beneficiaries in Cambridgeshire were significantly less motivated on starting the project.





Assessed Needs



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Soft Outcomes

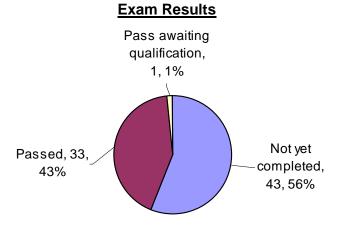
- o 472 soft outcomes were achieved by Cambridgeshire.
- 61% (235) of the beneficiaries worked with in Cambridgeshire achieved at least one outcome while there.
- o 99 beneficiaries received advice and guidance.
- 188 beneficiaries received assistance with employment issues.
- 144 beneficiaries received assistance with education or training issues.

Qualifications

- 34 courses or qualifications were passed by beneficiaries on the PS Plus project at Cambridgeshire.
- PS Plus beneficiaries completed courses in a wide range of subjects, from information technology to food hygiene.
- 14 adult literacy and adult numeracy courses, and 16 basic skills courses were passed.



No. Soft Outcomes Gained Bens Job Club 117 IAG Assistance 89 Basic skills 71 CV Assisted 55 Accessed Beneficiary Fund 54 Advice On Disclosure 23 Job Interview 11 Non-NVQs Gained 11 Accommodation Secured 10 CV Written on Own 7 FE College Interview 4 Other 20



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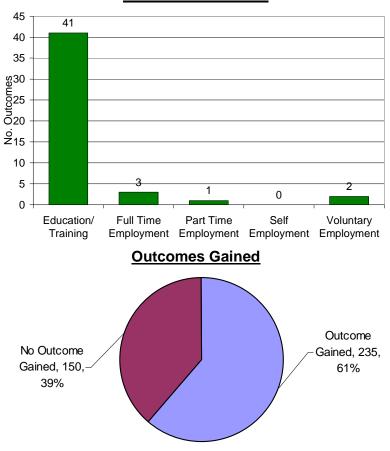
Hard ETE Outcomes

Hard Outcomes

- In total 75 hard outcomes were recorded by PS Plus staff.
- 47 hard outcomes had sufficient evidence for ESF auditing purposes.
- o In addition 5 supplementary hard outcomes were evidenced.
- Beneficiaries successfully achieved 6 employment outcomes and 41 education/training outcomes while on PS Plus 3.
- Employment included distribution, while education/training ranged from construction skills to horticulture.

Summary

 Overall, Cambridgeshire started 384 beneficiaries, achieved 47 hard ETE outcomes and 472 soft outcomes on the PS Plus 3 project.





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