



PROJECT SUMMARY

PS Plus 3 – Cheshire Probation

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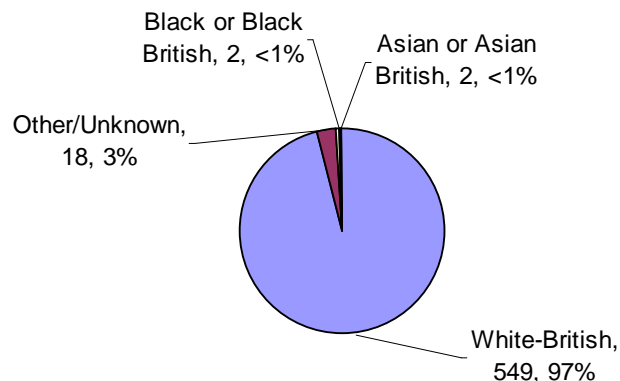
This report has been compiled to give information about the offenders (beneficiaries) worked with on the PS Plus 3 project by Cheshire probation. The project ran for 18 months between January 2007 and June 2008, in which time 571 beneficiaries started on the project. At its peak, it is estimated that Cheshire probation worked with approximately 240 beneficiaries.

60 beneficiaries were also worked with in Cheshire who had started on the project in a PS Plus prison, including 16 from HMPYOI Stoke Heath and 12 from HMP Kirkham, allowing PS Plus intervention to be continued upon release.

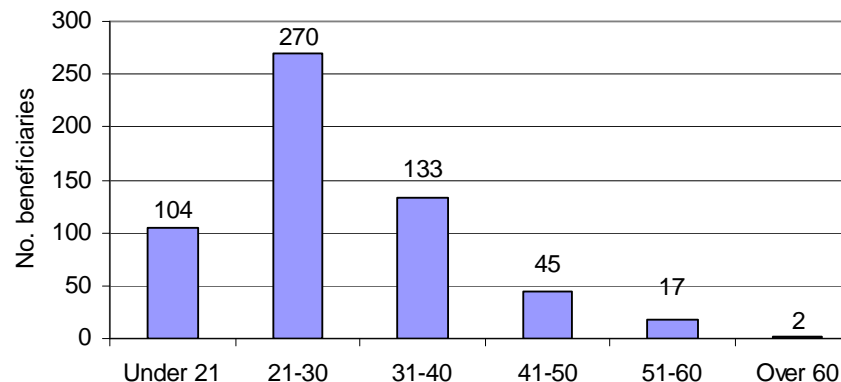
Demographics

- 97% (549) of the beneficiaries started in Cheshire were White-British. 3% (18) of the beneficiaries were from ethnic minority groups (where known), and 9 beneficiaries were from outside the United Kingdom.
- 47% (270) of beneficiaries started in Cheshire were aged between 21 and 30, with the average age on starting the project being 28 years 9 months.
- The most common offence type of beneficiaries started in Cheshire was violent offences (28%) followed by theft, burglary or robbery (25%).

Ethnic Origin



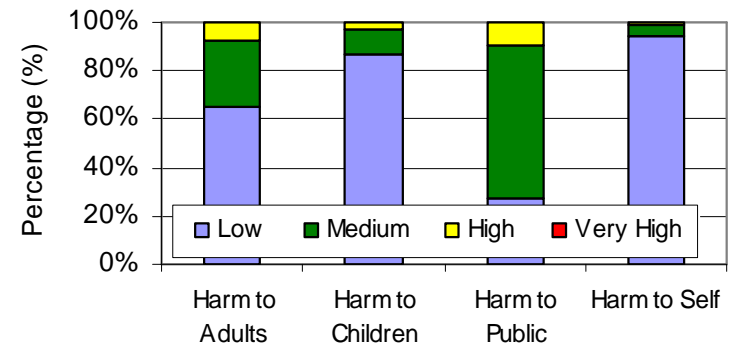
Age Groups



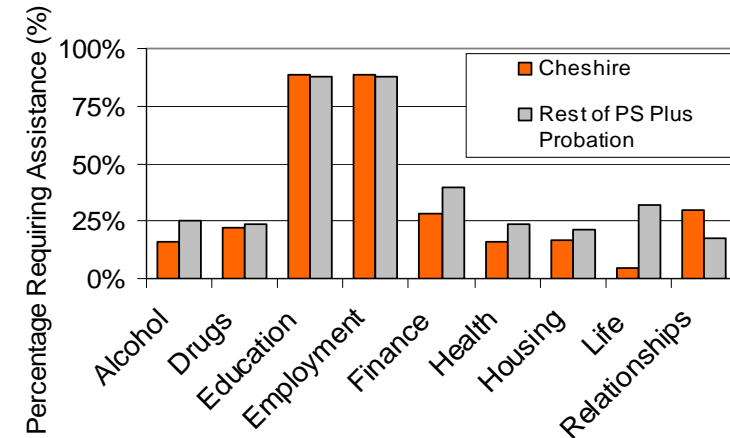
Assessment

- 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 10% were classed as high or very high risk in each category.
- Every beneficiary required help with either employment or education. 506 (89%) beneficiaries required help with employment, while 446 (78%) required help with both employment *and* education.
- 179 beneficiaries were identified as requiring assistance with substance abuse, with 16% and 22% 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 Cheshire were significantly *more* likely to require assistance with relationship issues. Analysis shows that beneficiaries started at Cheshire were significantly *less* likely to require assistance with alcohol, finance, health, housing and life issues.
- Comparison to beneficiaries worked with in other PS Plus probation areas shows that beneficiaries in Cheshire were significantly less motivated on starting the project.

Risk Levels



Assessed Needs



Soft Outcomes

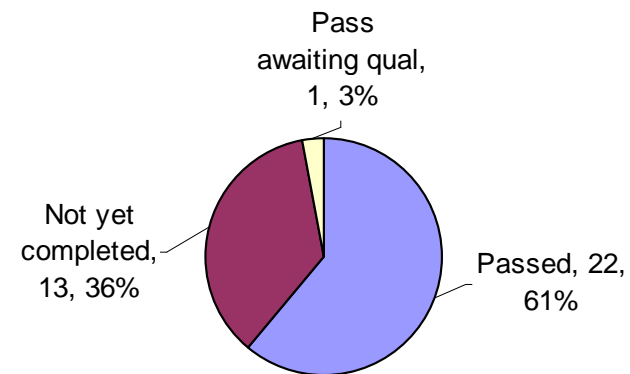
- 1734 soft outcomes were achieved by Cheshire.
- 99% (624) of the beneficiaries worked with in Cheshire achieved at least one outcome while there.
- 616 beneficiaries received advice and guidance.
- 622 beneficiaries received assistance with employment issues.
- 594 beneficiaries received assistance with education or training issues.

Qualifications

- 23 courses or qualifications were passed by beneficiaries on the PS Plus project at Cheshire.
- PS Plus beneficiaries completed courses in a wide range of subjects, from plastering to food hygiene.
- 7 adult literacy and adult numeracy courses, and 5 health and safety courses were passed.

<u>Soft Outcomes Gained</u>	<u>No. Bens</u>
IAG Assistance	614
Advice On Disclosure	590
Job Club	169
Accessed Beneficiary Fund	92
CV Assisted	75
Job Preparation	53
Job Interview	30
CSCS - Health And Safety Test	29
Non-NVQs Gained	25
FE College Interview	12
Financial Literacy	12
Other	33

Exam Results



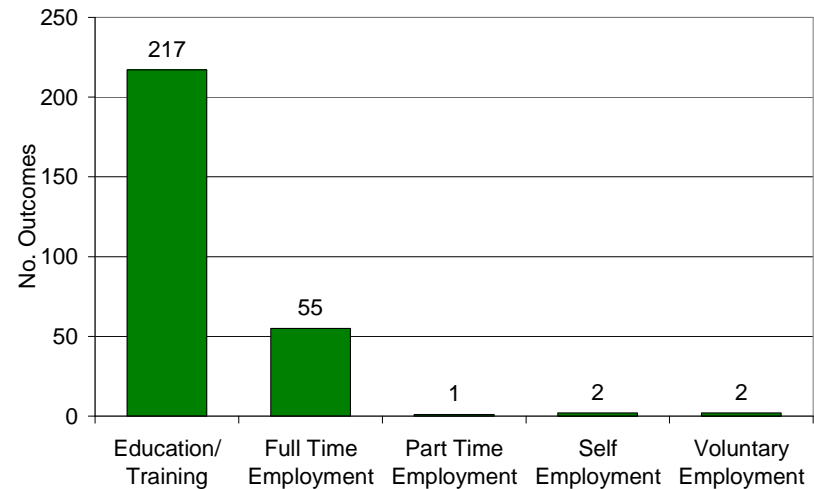
Hard Outcomes

- In total 313 hard outcomes were recorded by PS Plus staff.
- 277 hard outcomes had sufficient evidence for ESF auditing purposes.
- In addition 8 supplementary hard outcomes were evidenced.
- Beneficiaries successfully achieved 60 employment outcomes and 217 education/training outcomes while on PS Plus 3.
- Employment ranged from plumbing to shop work, while education/training ranged from fork lift truck training to garden maintenance.

Summary

- Overall, Cheshire started 571 beneficiaries, achieved 277 hard ETE outcomes and 1734 soft outcomes on the PS Plus 3 project.

Hard ETE Outcomes



Outcomes Received

