



# PS Plus 3 – East of England

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This report has been compiled to give information about beneficiaries in PS Plus 3 prisons who intend to live in the East of England on release and beneficiaries on probation in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Norfolk. The report contains information about beneficiaries on all three PS Plus 3 projects: PS3, LINK and Inclusion.

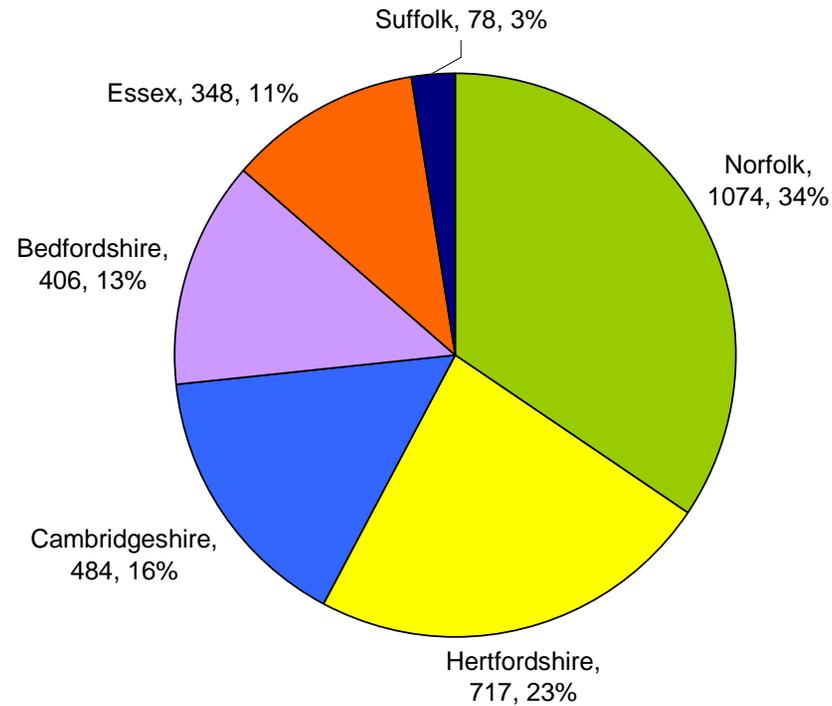
The PS Plus project ran in probation from April-October 2006 to June 2008, in HMP Risley from January 2007 to December 2007, and in all other PS3 and LINK prisons from April 2007 to June 2008.

During this time, **3107** beneficiaries who live or intended to live in the East of England on release were worked with. 45% of beneficiaries started at HMP Wayland and 30% of beneficiaries started at HMP Highpoint intended to live in the East of England on release.

This report will show the background of the beneficiaries worked with on the project (section 1), followed by the intervention given and outcomes gained from PS Plus 3 intervention (section 2).

Information in the report has been obtained from the PS Plus developed CATS database (Case Assessment and Tracking System).

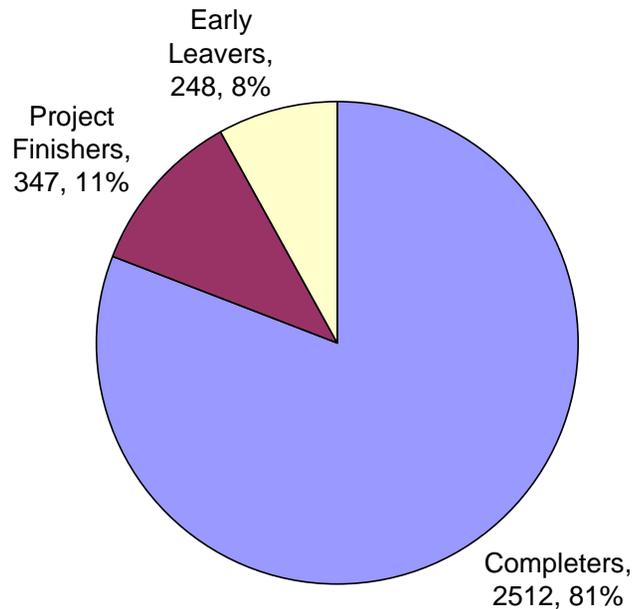
### Geographic Distribution



Breakdown of where beneficiaries intend to live upon completing their sentence

- Approximately 34% (1074) of East of England beneficiaries live or intend to live in Norfolk upon release.
- A further 23% (717) were due to live in Hertfordshire and 16% (484) in Cambridgeshire.

## Reasons for Leaving the Project



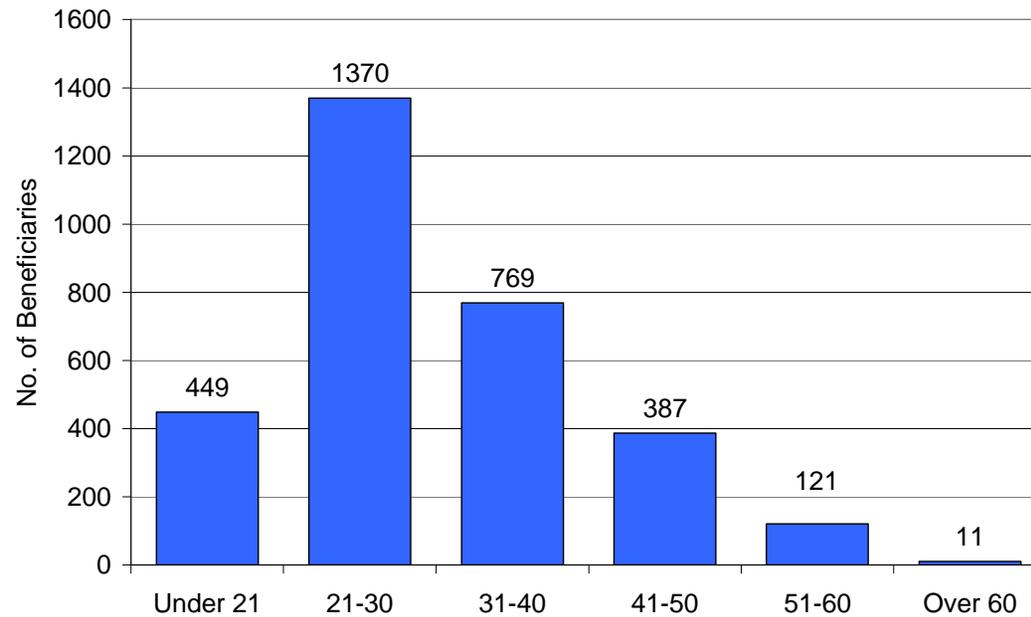
<u>Reason for leaving early</u>	<u>No. bens</u>
Transferred to Non PS Plus Establishment/Probation Area	130
Given Custodial Sentence/Recalled to Custody (probation only)	50
Decided not to continue on Project	27
Absconded (prison only)	2
Other	39
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>248</u></b>

How beneficiaries left the project

- o 81% (2512) of East of England beneficiaries were *completers* – they left PS Plus when their sentence expired.
- o 11% (347) of East of England beneficiaries on PS Plus 3 were *project finishers* – these beneficiaries completed the project before their release from prison or probation, due to the closure of PS Plus.
- o A further 8% (248) of beneficiaries were *early leavers*. The most common reason for leaving the project early was due to transfer to a non-PS Plus establishment or probation area.

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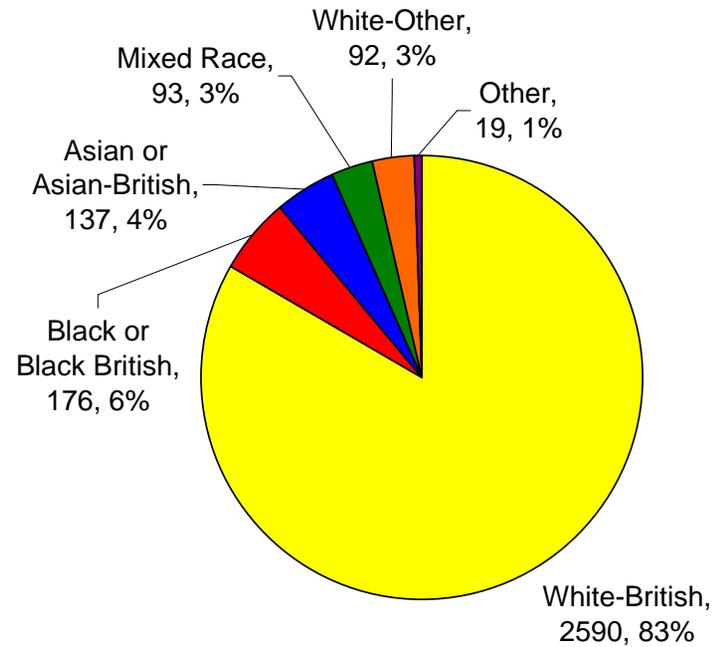
### Diversity: Age & Gender



Age groups of East of England beneficiaries worked with on PS Plus 3

- The average (mean) age of PS Plus beneficiaries on starting the project was 30 years 5 months.
- The most common age group is 21-30, accounting for 44% of East of England beneficiaries.
- 449 of the East of England beneficiaries worked with on PS Plus 3 were under 21 on starting the project, and 11 beneficiaries were over 60.
- 10% (297) and 90% (2810) of the beneficiaries were female and male respectively.

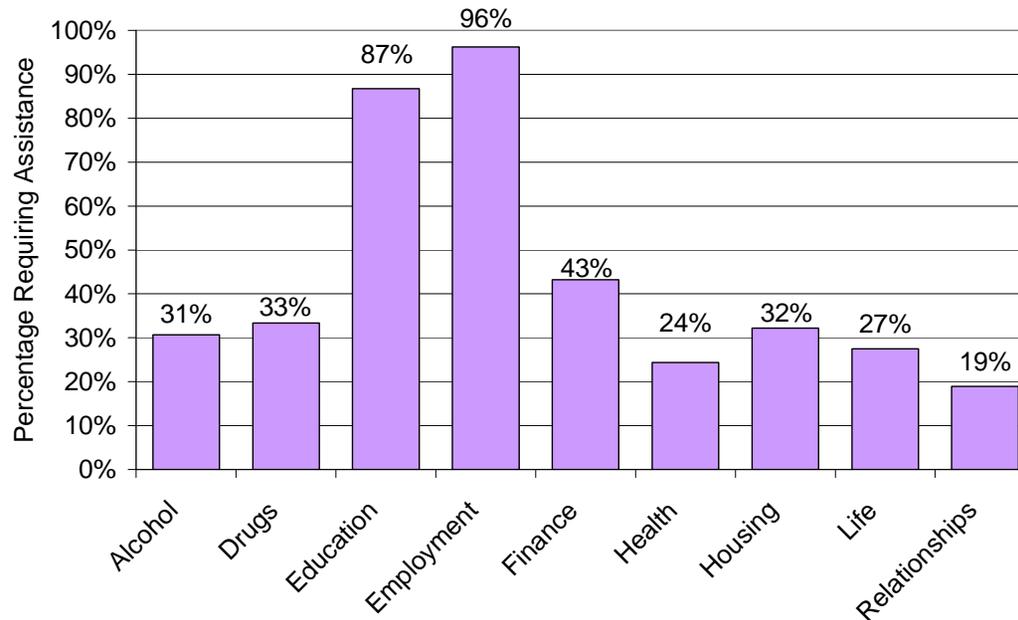
## Diversity: Ethnic Origin and Nationality



Ethnic origin of East of England beneficiaries on PS Plus 3

- 83% (2590) of East of England beneficiaries on PS Plus 3 were White-British. Ethnic minorities accounted for 17% of the population.
- 97% (3008) of East of England beneficiaries were from the United Kingdom. PS Plus worked with 87 beneficiaries from outside the United Kingdom and of these, 37 were from outside of the EU. The nationality of 12 East of England beneficiaries is unknown.

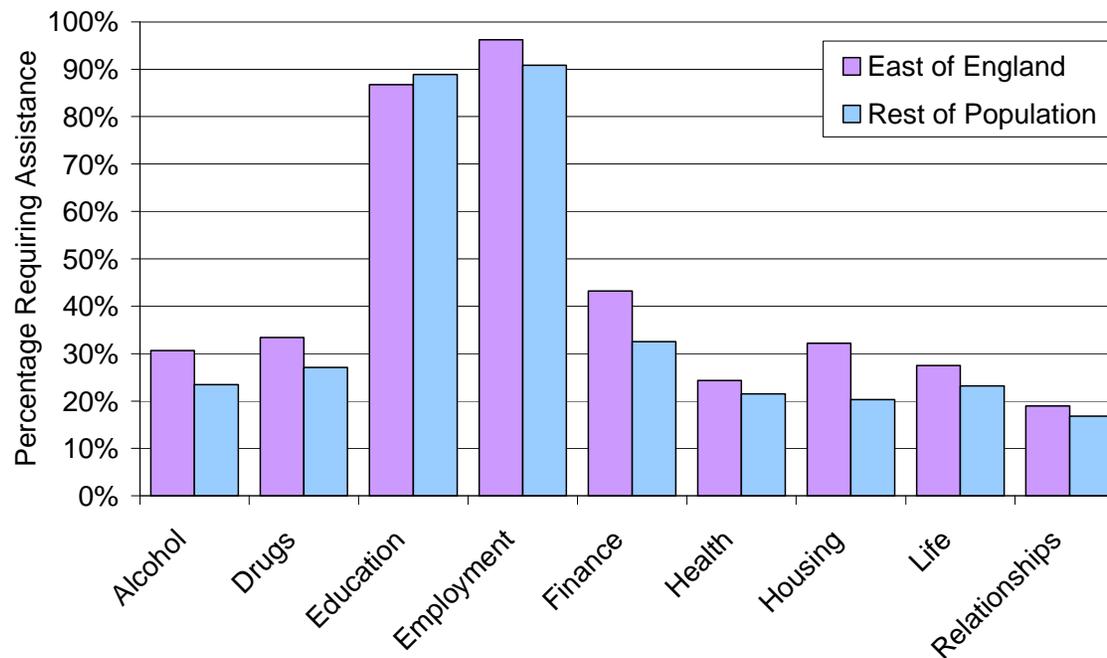
### Assessed Needs



Needs of East of England beneficiaries according to assessments

- Every beneficiary needed help with either employment or education. 2990 (96%) beneficiaries needed help with employment and 2696 (87%) beneficiaries required assistance with education issues.
- 32% (1000) of beneficiaries needed help with housing, and 1% (40) were identified as having no fixed abode. 24% (757) of beneficiaries needed help with health issues, and 115 (4%) beneficiaries considered themselves disabled.
- 1607 beneficiaries identified a need for help with either drugs or alcohol, which accounted for 52% of the total.

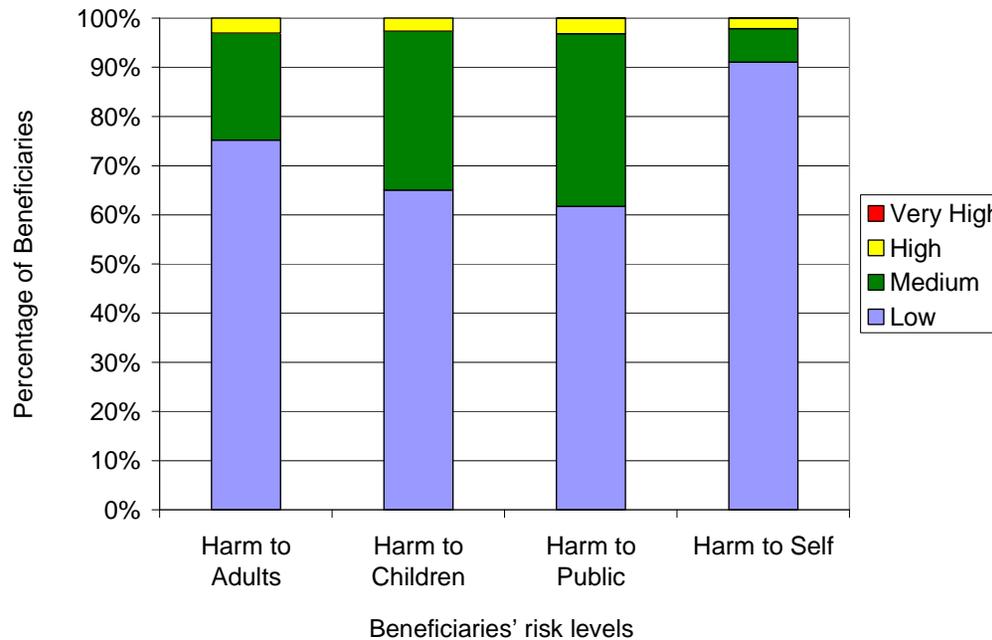
### Assessed Needs – Comparison with the rest of PS Plus 3



Needs of East of England beneficiaries compared to the rest of the PS Plus 3 population.

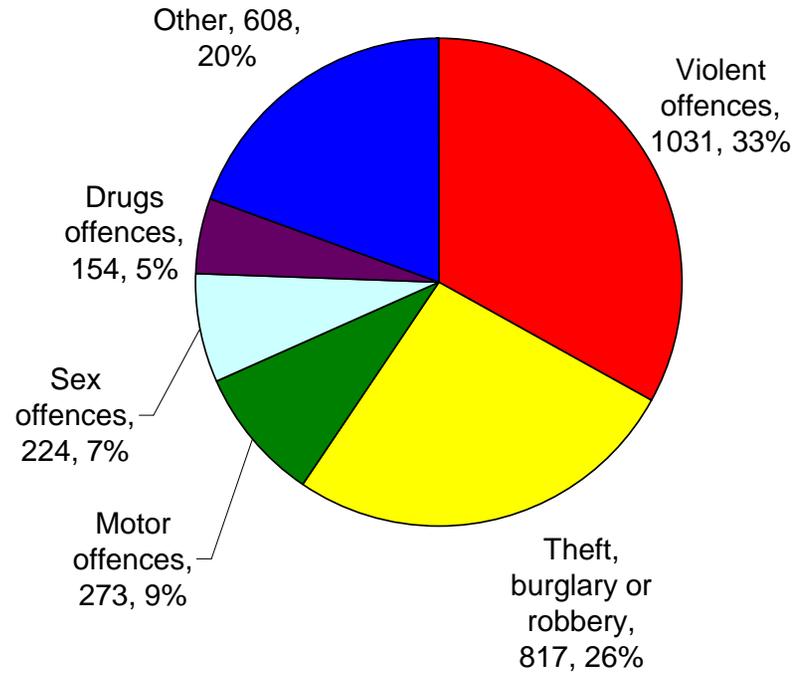
- Statistical analysis shows that East of England beneficiaries were significantly *more* likely to have problems with alcohol, drugs, employment, finance, health, housing, life and relationship issues than the rest of the PS Plus 3 population.
- Analysis shows that East of England beneficiaries were *less* likely to have problems with education issues than the rest of the PS Plus 3 population.

### Risk



- For risk of harm to adults, children and the public, approximately 30% of beneficiaries' risk was unknown. For risk of harm to self, approximately 45% of beneficiaries' risk was unknown.
- Where known, approximately 3% were classed as high or very high risk in each category.
- Where known, over 75% of prisoners were classed as low risk of harm towards adults and themselves. Where risk was known, roughly 60-65% of beneficiaries were classed as low risk to children and the public.

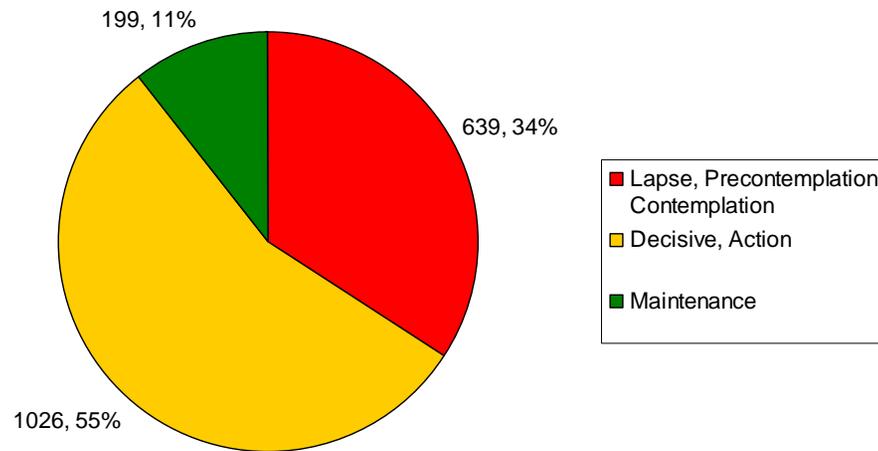
### Offences



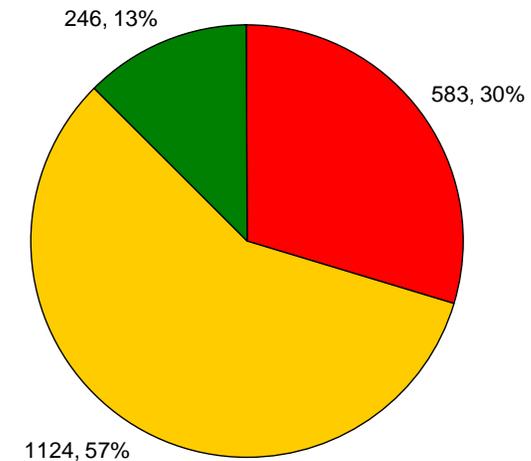
Offences committed by PS Plus beneficiaries

- The most common type of offence committed by East of England beneficiaries was violent offences (33%) followed by theft, burglary or robbery offences (26%).
- 273 (9%) beneficiaries had committed motoring offences.

## Motivation



Beneficiaries' Starting Motivation



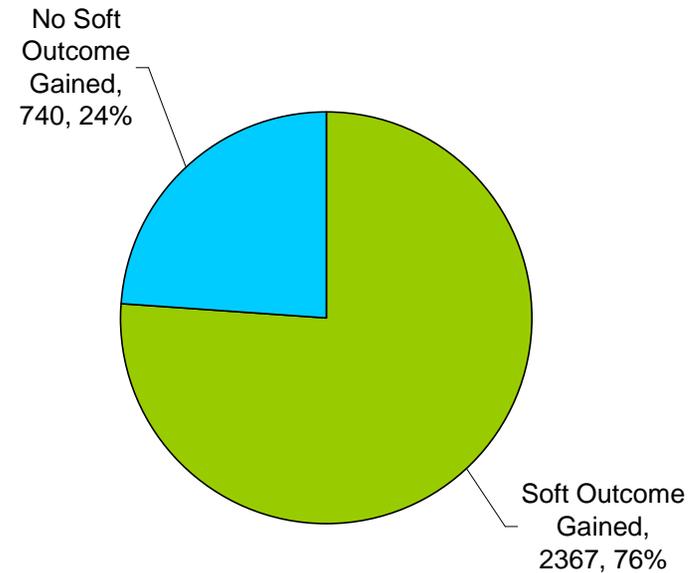
Beneficiaries' Finishing Motivation

- The proportion of beneficiaries whose motivation (where known) was lapse, pre-contemplation or contemplation decreased from 34% to 30%.
- 47 more beneficiaries had a motivation level of maintenance when beneficiaries' finishing motivation was calculated.
- Approximately 1200 beneficiaries had no motivation levels recorded.

## Soft Outcomes - Summary

<u>Outcome</u>	<u>No. bens</u>
Advice On Disclosure	1442
CV Assisted	999
IAG Assistance	863
Job Club	530
Accessed Beneficiary Fund	452
Job Interview	155
Other Programme	118
Non-NVQs Gained	108
CSCS - Health And Safety Test	100
Basic Skills	78
CV Written on Own	58
Financial Literacy	58
NVQs Gained	42
Other Motivational Programme	36
Other	133
<b>Total</b>	<b>5172</b>

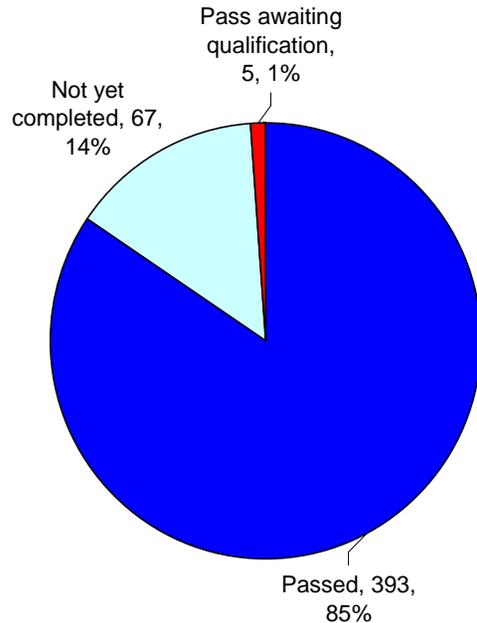
Soft outcomes gained by beneficiaries



Percentage gaining a soft outcome

- 5172 soft outcomes were achieved by the 3107 East of England beneficiaries on PS Plus 3.
- 76% (2367) of East of England beneficiaries achieved at least one soft outcome whilst on PS Plus 3.
- 60% (1873) beneficiaries received advice or guidance. 75% (2315) received help with employment and 58% (1800) received help with education.

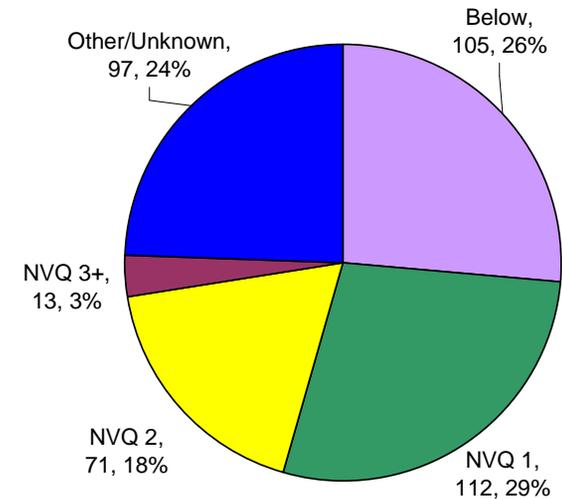
## Soft Outcomes – Qualifications



Exams passed by beneficiaries

<u>Subject passed</u>	<u>No. subjects</u>
Adult Numeracy	75
Adult Literacy	66
Employability Skills Programme	32
IT/ECDL	24
Health and Safety	18
Basic Skills	16
Bricklaying	16
Food Preparation & Hygiene	14
Industrial Cleaning	14
Sport, Gym, Fitness	11
Motor Mechanical Workshop	11
Fork Lift Truck Training	10
Painting and Decorating	10
Business Studies	8
Other	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>398</b>

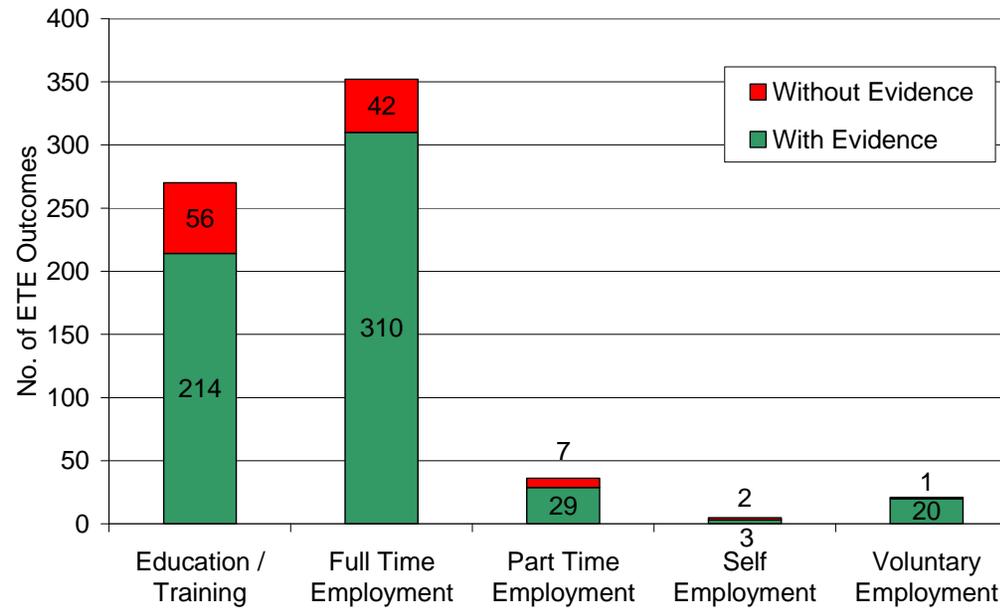
Subjects passed by beneficiaries



NVQs gained by beneficiaries

- 398 (86%) of exams taken by East of England PS Plus beneficiaries were passed, with a further 67 yet to be completed by the end of the project. No exams were failed.
- PS Plus beneficiaries completed courses in a wide range of subjects, from bricklaying to fitness courses. 141 adult numeracy and literacy courses 18 health and safety courses were passed.
- 196 NVQs (level 1 and above) were passed by East of England PS Plus beneficiaries.

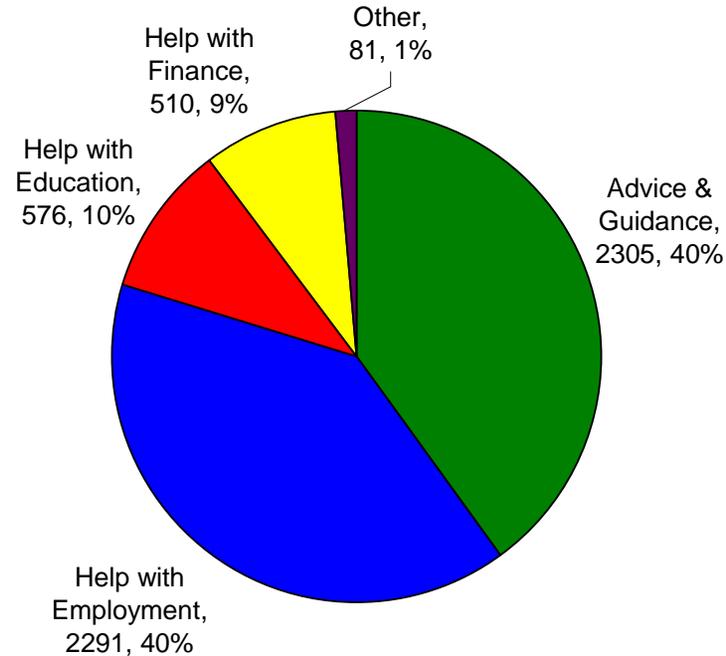
### Hard ETE Outcomes



ESF Hard ETE outcomes achieved by beneficiaries

- o 699 hard outcomes were recorded by PS Plus staff.
- o 576 hard outcomes had sufficient evidence for ESF auditing purposes. In addition, 15 supplementary outcomes were evidenced.
- o East of England beneficiaries on the PS Plus 3 project achieved 214 education/training outcomes and 362 employment outcomes.

### All Outcomes - Summary



Summary of All Outcomes Gained by East of England beneficiaries on PS Plus 3

- In total, 5763 outcomes were achieved by East of England PS Plus 3 beneficiaries, with 78% (2410) of beneficiaries receiving at least one outcome while on the PS Plus project.
- 40% (2291) of these outcomes have helped improve beneficiaries' employability, from writing CVs to gaining full-time employment.
- 510 finance outcomes and 41 housing outcomes were gained by East of England beneficiaries.