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PS Plus 3 – Female Dossier 061007ES3

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Introduction

This report has been compiled to give information about the offenders – beneficiaries – worked with on the PS Plus 3 project on dossier number 061007ES3 (female beneficiaries).

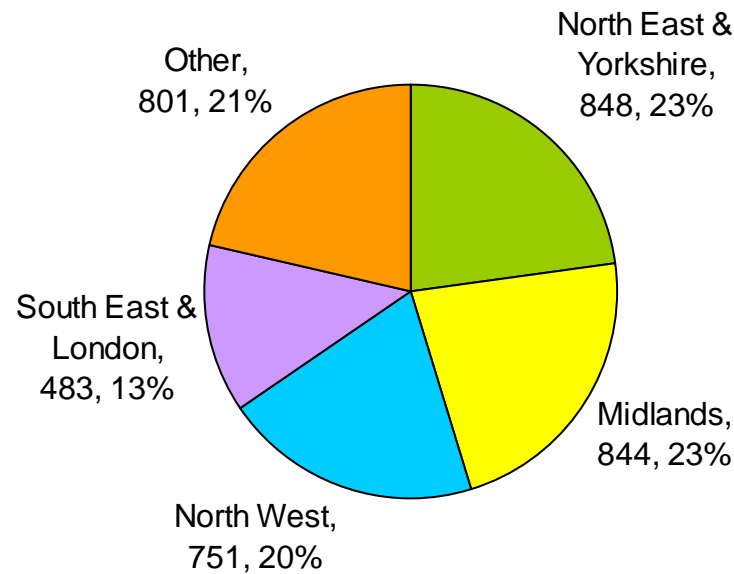
The PS Plus project started in April 2006 (with probation areas joining the project intermittently until January 2007 and prisons joining in April 2007), finishing in June 2008.

During this time, **3727** female beneficiaries were worked with. 40% (1478) of female beneficiaries started the project in prison – HMP Askham Grange, HMP Eastwood Park or HMP/YOI Styal. 60% (2249) started on PS Plus in one of 15 probation areas across England.

This report will firstly 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).

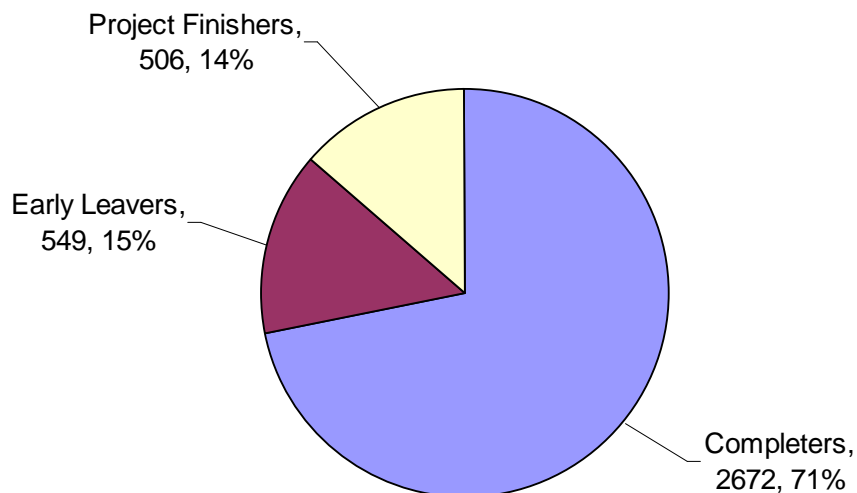
Geographic Distribution



Breakdown of where beneficiaries live or intend to live upon completing their sentence

- 23% (848) of PS Plus 3 female beneficiaries live or intend to live in the North East & Yorkshire upon completing their sentence.
- 22% (844) intended to live in the Midlands.
- 223 (6%) were due to move to Wales or Scotland on release.

Reasons for Leaving the Project



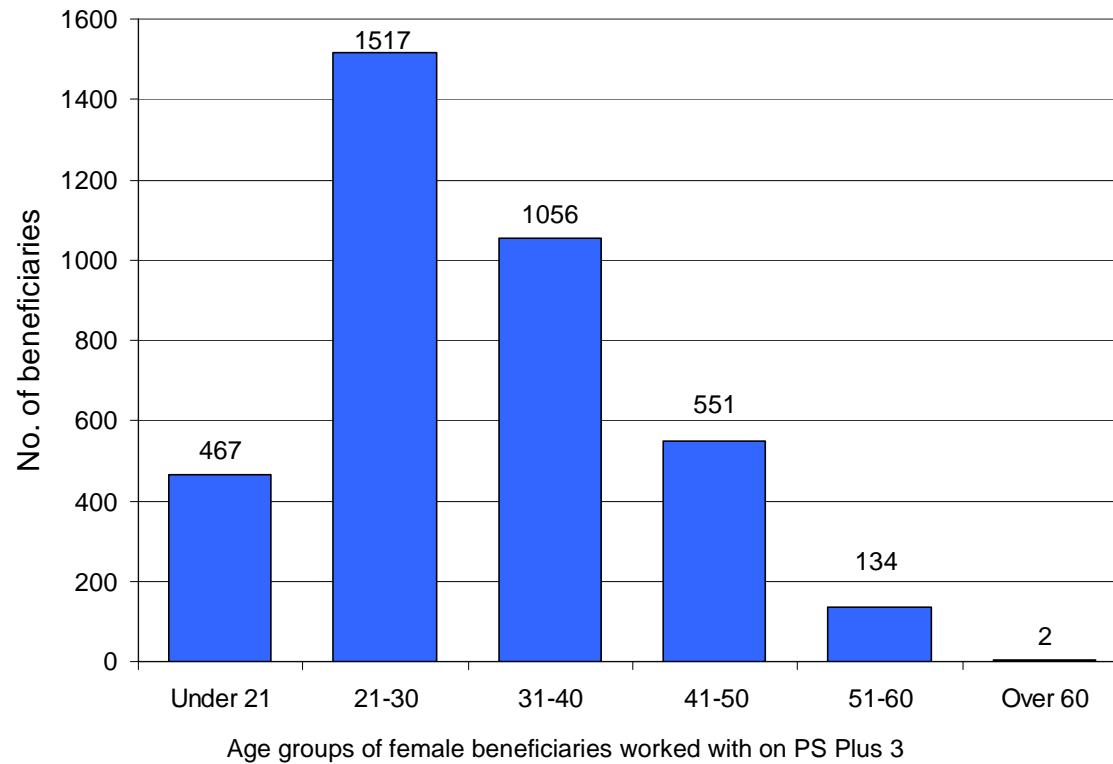
How beneficiaries left the project

<u>Reason for leaving early</u>	<u>No. bens</u>
Transferred to non-PS Plus establishment/probation area	326
Decided not to work with PS Plus	62
Given custodial sentence (probation only)	25
Absconded (prison only)	10
Health reasons	5
Other	121
TOTAL	506

Reasons for leaving the project early

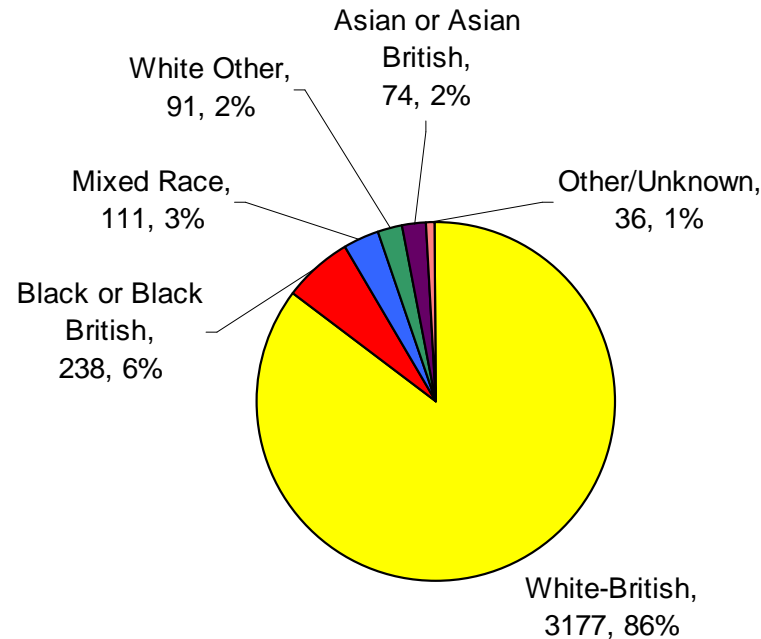
- 71% (2672) of female PS Plus 3 beneficiaries were *completers* – they left PS Plus when their sentence expired.
- 15% (549) of female beneficiaries on PS Plus 3 were *early leavers*. The most common reason for leaving the project early was transfer to a non-PS Plus establishment or probation area.
- A further 506 (14%) beneficiaries were *project finishers* – these beneficiaries completed the project between 1st May 2008 and 30th June 2008 before their sentence expired, due to the closure of PS Plus.
- Approximately 30 female beneficiaries who started the project in prison later worked with PS Plus while on probation.

Diversity: Age



- The average (mean) age of female PS Plus beneficiaries on starting the project was 31 years 3 months.
- The most common age group is 21-30 (41%). 13% of the female beneficiaries worked with on PS Plus 3 were under 21 on starting the project, and 2 were over 60

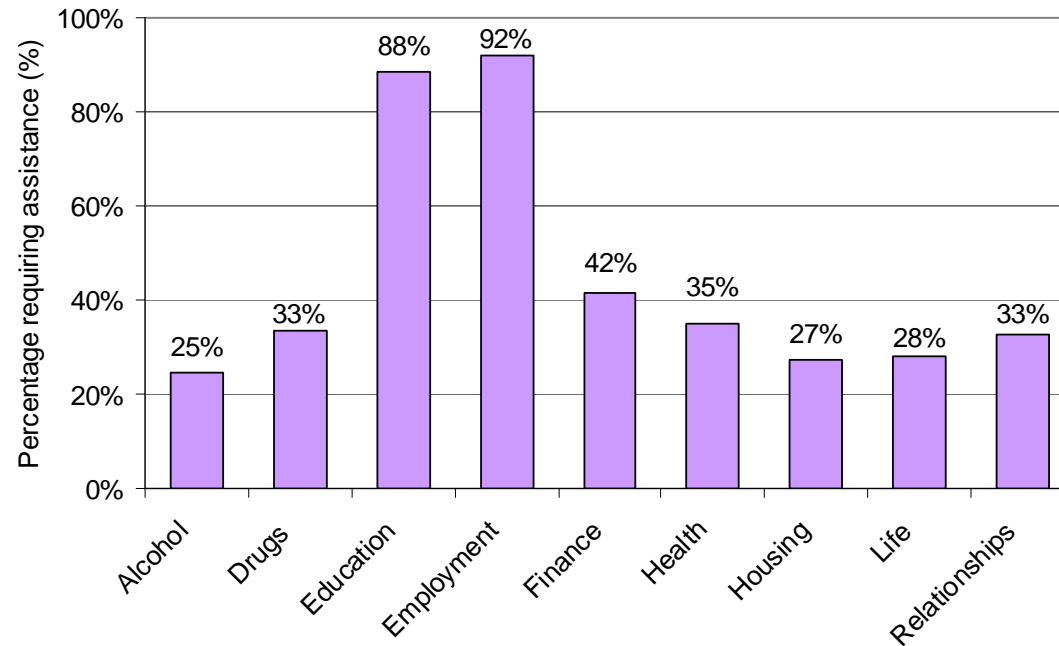
Diversity: Ethnic Origin and Nationality



Ethnic origin of female beneficiaries on PS Plus 3

- 86% (3177) of female beneficiaries on PS Plus 3 were White-British. Ethnic minorities accounted for 14% of the population. The ethnic origin of 8 beneficiaries was unknown.
- 96% (3580) of female beneficiaries were from the United Kingdom. PS Plus worked with a further 147 people from outside the United Kingdom and of these, 74 were from outside the European Union. The nationality of 5 beneficiaries was unknown. ESF constraints require that all PS Plus beneficiaries must be eligible to work in the U.K.

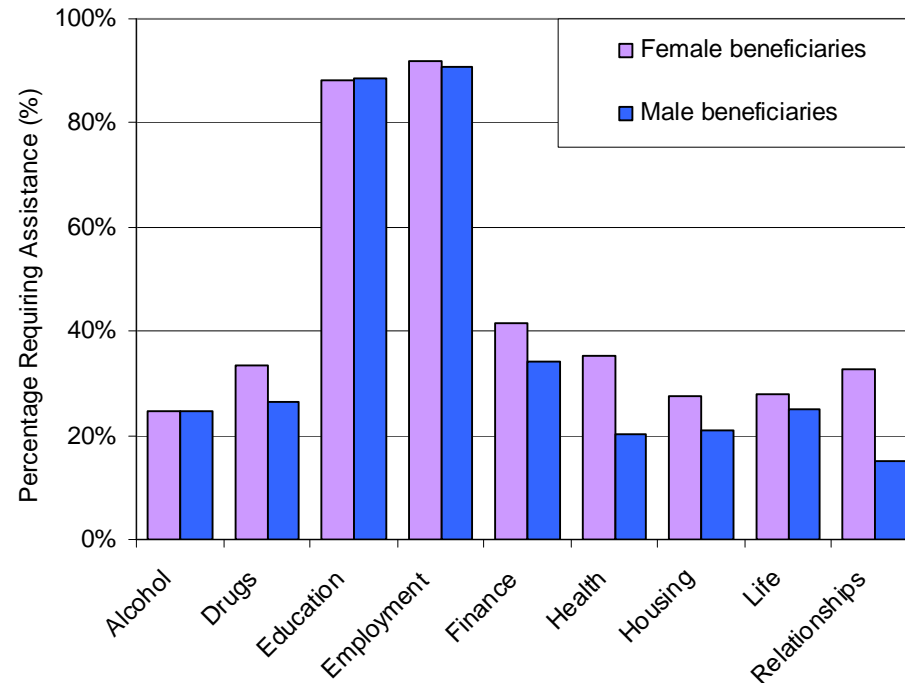
Assessed Needs



Needs of beneficiaries according to assessments

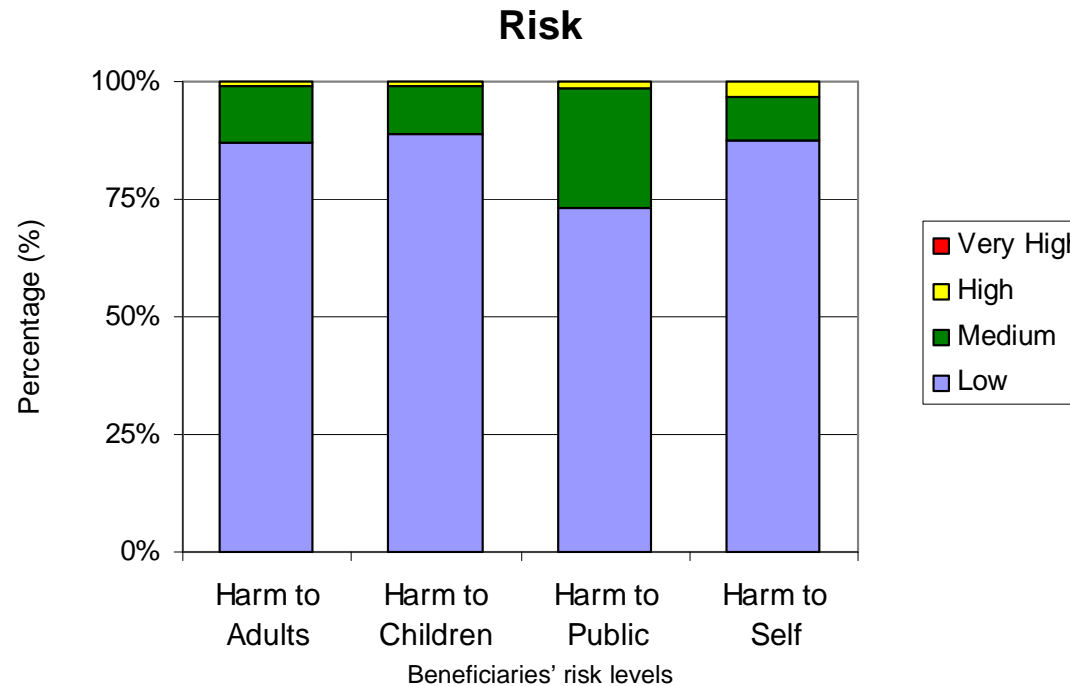
- Every beneficiary needed help with either employment or education. 3420 (92%) beneficiaries needed help with employment. The majority of beneficiaries (81%) needed help with both employment *and* education.
- 27% (1024) of beneficiaries needed help with housing, and 4% (162) were identified as having no fixed abode. 35% (1310) of beneficiaries needed help with health issues, and 87 (2%) beneficiaries considered themselves disabled.
- 1817 beneficiaries identified a need for help with either drugs or alcohol, which accounted for 49% of the total.

Assessed Needs – Comparison with Male Beneficiaries



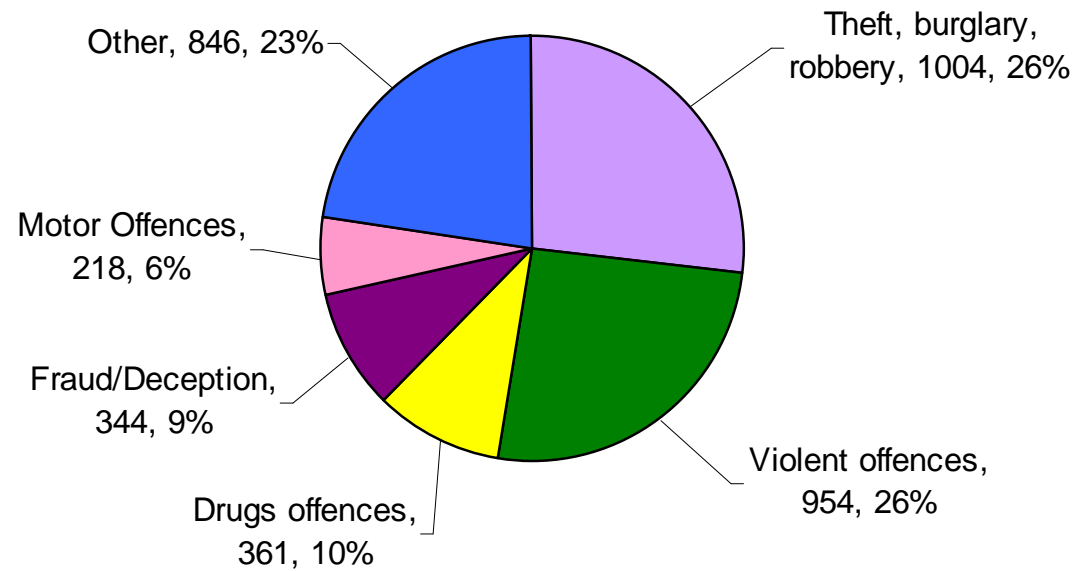
Needs of female PS Plus 3 beneficiaries compared to male PS Plus 3 beneficiaries.

- Statistical analysis shows that female PS Plus 3 beneficiaries were significantly *more* likely to have problems with drugs, finance, health, housing, life and relationships issues than male PS Plus 3 beneficiaries.
- Statistical analysis shows that female PS Plus 3 beneficiaries were *equally* likely to have problems with alcohol, education and employment as male PS Plus 3 beneficiaries.



- For each category of risk, approximately 40% of beneficiaries' risk was unknown.
- Less than 3% were classed as high or very high risk in each category.
- Where the risk was known, over 85% of prisoners were classified as low risk of harm towards adults, children and themselves.
- Where risk was known, the risk towards the public was classified as low for over 70% of beneficiaries.

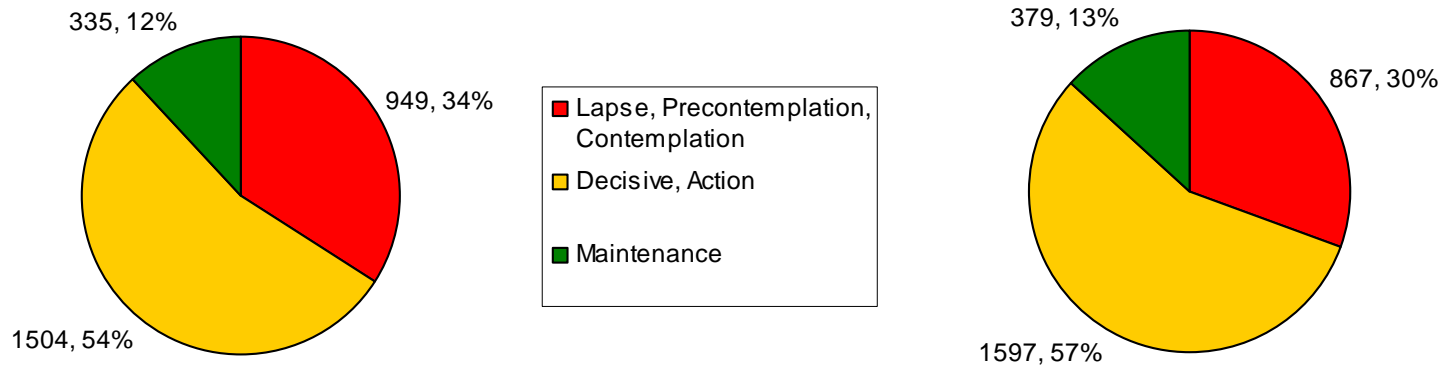
Offences



Offences committed by PS Plus beneficiaries

- The two most common types of offence committed by female PS Plus 3 beneficiaries were theft/burglary/robbery and violent offences, each accounting for 26% of the total.
- 361 (10%) beneficiaries were in custody or on probation for drugs offences.

Motivation



Beneficiaries' Starting Motivation

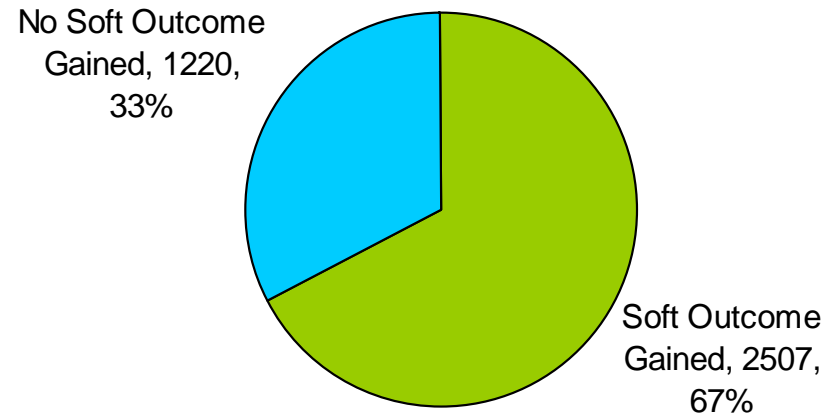
Beneficiaries' Finishing Motivation

- The proportion of beneficiaries whose motivation (where known) was lapse, pre-contemplation or contemplation decreased from 34% to 30%.
- 44 more beneficiaries had a motivation level of maintenance when beneficiaries' finishing motivation was calculated.

Soft Outcomes - Summary

Soft Outcome Gained	No. outcomes
Advice On Disclosure	1628
IAG Assistance	1243
CV Assisted	604
Non-NVQs Gained	389
Job Club	349
Other Programme	262
Accessed Beneficiary Fund	216
Financial Literacy	172
FE College Interview	161
Basic Skills	135
Housing Information	87
Job Interview	75
Job Preparation	69
Work Experience Community	66
Fresh Start Interview	61
Other	261
Total	5778

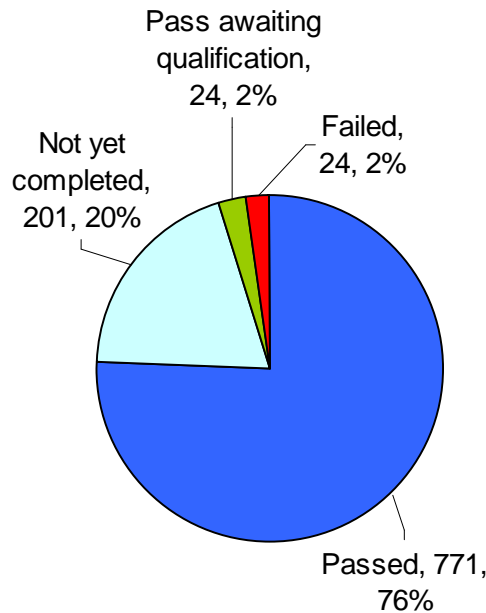
Soft outcomes gained by beneficiaries



Percentage gaining a soft outcome

- 5778 soft outcomes were achieved by the 3727 female beneficiaries on PS Plus 3.
- 67% (2507) of female beneficiaries achieved at least one soft outcome whilst on PS Plus 3.
- 56% (2099) beneficiaries received advice or guidance, 66% (2464) received help with employment and 54% (2009) received help with education.

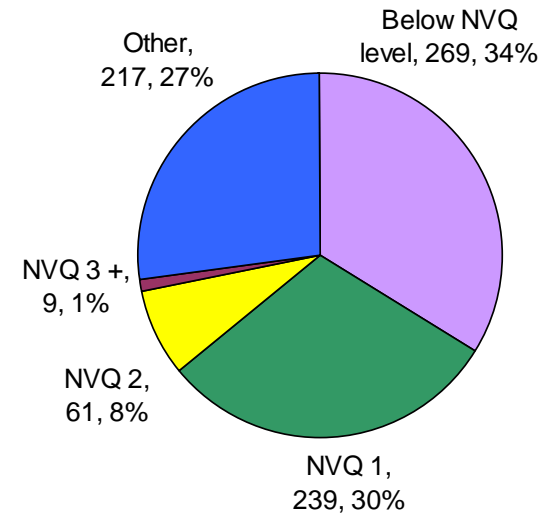
Soft Outcomes – Qualifications



Exams passed by beneficiaries

Subjects Passed	No. passed
Preparation for Work	179
Literacy	163
Numeracy	118
IT/ECDL	46
Employment Courses	41
Education	36
Food Preparation & Hygiene	30
Relationships & Counselling	29
First Aid	21
Sports & Fitness	21
Health & Safety	20
Art	20
Drugs & Alcohol Courses	4
Money Courses	2
Other Courses	65
Total	795

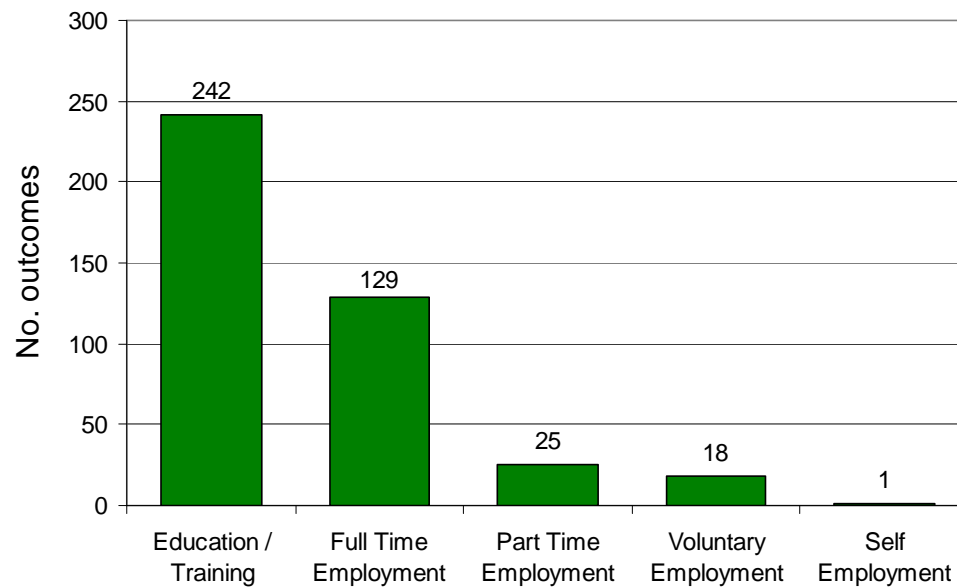
Subjects passed by beneficiaries



NVQs gained by beneficiaries

- 795 (78%) of exams taken by female PS Plus 3 beneficiaries were passed, with a further 20% (201) still to be completed by the end of the project.
- PS Plus beneficiaries completed courses in a wide range of subjects, from catering and hospitality to drug and alcohol awareness courses. 179 Preparation for Work courses and 22 hairdressing and beauty courses were passed.
- 309 NVQs (level 1 and above) were passed by female PS Plus 3 beneficiaries.

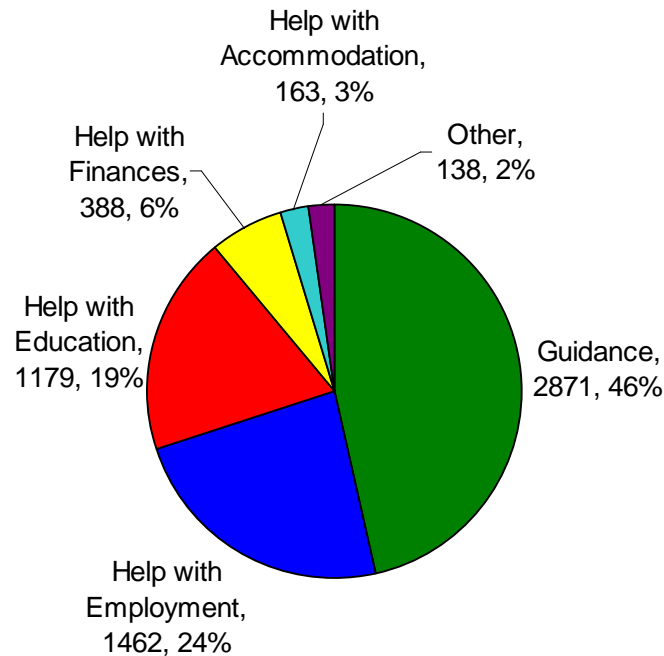
Hard ETE Outcomes



ESF Hard ETE outcomes achieved by beneficiaries

- 645 hard outcomes were recorded by PS Plus staff.
- 415 hard outcomes had sufficient evidence for ESF auditing purposes. In addition, 8 supplementary hard outcomes were evidenced.
- Female beneficiaries on the PS Plus 3 project achieved 242 education/training outcomes and 173 employment outcomes.

All Outcomes - Summary



Summary of All Outcomes Gained on PS Plus 3 (females)

- In total, 6201 outcomes were achieved by female PS Plus 3 beneficiaries.
- 69% (2565) received at least one outcome while on the PS Plus project.
- 24% (1462) of these outcomes have helped improve beneficiaries' employability, from writing CVs to gaining full-time employment.
- 388 finance outcomes and 163 housing outcomes were gained by PS Plus 3 female beneficiaries.