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## **PROJECT SUMMARY**

# PS Plus 3 – HMYOI Thorn Cross

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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 HMYOI Thorn Cross - a male open Young Offenders Institution in the North West. The project ran for 14 months between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008, in which time 255 beneficiaries were started on the project. At its peak, it is estimated that the project worked with approximately 44% of the prison population.

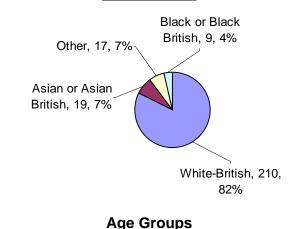
Of the 255 beneficiaries started, 22% (56) left the project early with 61% of these transferring to a non-PS Plus prison establishment.

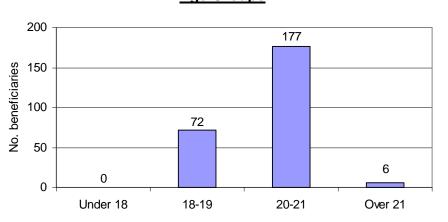
### **Demographics**

- 82% (210) of the beneficiaries started in Thorn Cross were White-British. 18% (45) of the beneficiaries were from ethnic minority groups, and there were no beneficiaries from outside the United Kingdom.
- 65% (166) of beneficiaries started in Thorn Cross were aged under 21, with the average age on starting the project being 20 years 0 months.
- The most common offence type of beneficiaries started in Thorn Cross was theft, burglary or robbery (36%) followed by violent offences (35%).



### **Ethnic Origin**





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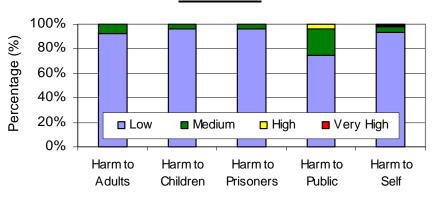




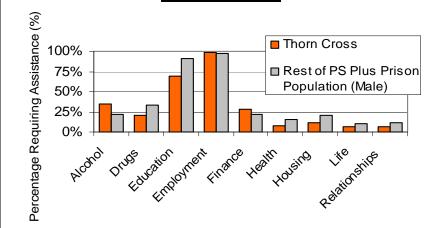
### **Assessment**

- 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 4% were classed as high or very high risk in each category.
- Every beneficiary required help with either employment or education. 251 (98.5%) beneficiaries required help with employment, while 181 (71%) required help with both employment *and* education.
- 117 beneficiaries were identified as requiring assistance with substance abuse, with 35% and 21% of beneficiaries requiring help with alcohol and drugs issues respectively.
- Comparison to the rest of the beneficiaries worked with in male PS Plus prisons shows that beneficiaries started at Thorn Cross were significantly *more* likely to require assistance with alcohol and finance issues. Analysis shows that beneficiaries started at Thorn Cross were significantly *less* likely to require assistance with drugs, education, health, housing and relationships.
- Comparison to beneficiaries worked with in other male PS Plus prisons shows that beneficiaries in Thorn Cross were significantly more motivated on starting the project.





### Assessed Needs



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Working together to reduce re-offending

### Soft Outcomes

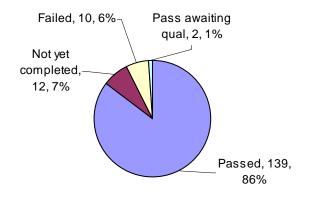
- o 447 soft outcomes were achieved by Thorn Cross.
- 64% (204) of the beneficiaries worked with at Thorn Cross achieved at least one outcome while there.
- o 71 beneficiaries received advice and guidance.
- 201 beneficiaries received assistance with employment issues.
- 126 beneficiaries received assistance with education or training issues.

### **Qualifications**

- 141 courses or qualifications were passed by beneficiaries on the PS Plus project at Thorn Cross.
- PS Plus beneficiaries completed courses in a wide range of subjects, from basic skills to plumbing.
- 8 adult literacy and adult numeracy courses, and 24 plastering courses were passed.

Soft Outcomes Gained	No. Bens
Job Club	113
Advice On Disclosure	66
Non-NVQs Gained	65
Work Experience ROTL	47
CV Assisted	25
CV Written on Own	25
Job Interview	24
Fresh Start Interview	22
Accessed Beneficiary Fund	16
FE College Interview	15
Work Experience Community	11
Other	18

### Exam Results



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### Hard Outcomes

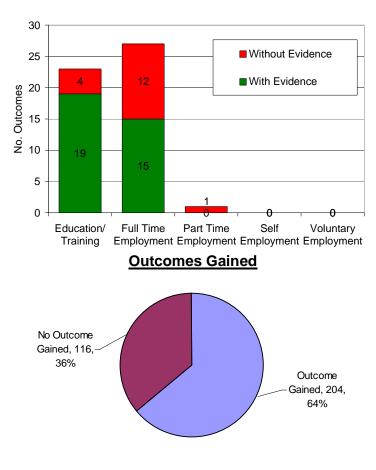
- o 51 hard outcomes were recorded by PS Plus staff.
- 34 hard outcomes had sufficient evidence for ESF auditing purposes.
- Beneficiaries successfully achieved 15 employment outcomes and 19 education/training outcomes while on PS Plus 3.
- Employment ranged from construction to glazing, while education/training ranged from logistics training to manual handling.

### **Summary**

 Overall, Thorn Cross started 255 beneficiaries, achieved 34 hard ETE outcomes and 447 soft outcomes on the PS Plus 3 project.



### Hard ETE Outcomes





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