



PROJECT SUMMARY

PS Plus 3 – Dorset Probation

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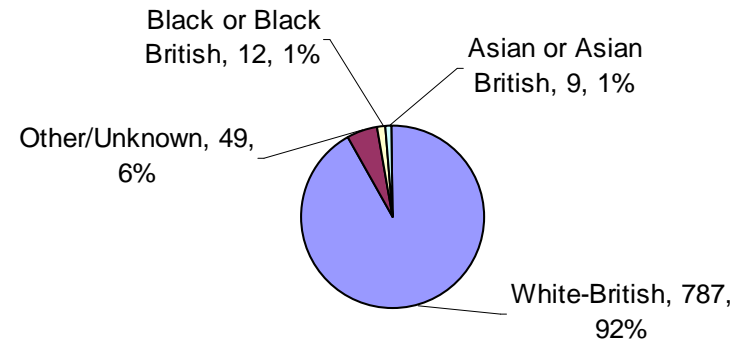
This report has been compiled to give information about the offenders (beneficiaries) worked with on the PS Plus 3 project by Dorset probation. The project ran for 21 months between October 2006 and June 2008, in which time 857 beneficiaries started on the project. At its peak, it is estimated that Dorset probation worked with approximately 520 beneficiaries.

19 beneficiaries were also worked with in Dorset who had started on the project in a PS Plus prison, including 10 from HMP Guys Marsh and 4 from HMP Leyhill, allowing PS Plus intervention to be continued upon release.

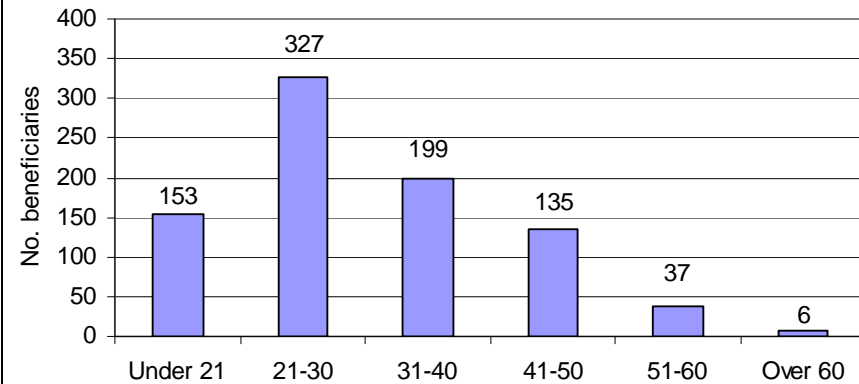
Demographics

- 92% (787) of the beneficiaries started in Dorset were White-British. 8% (66) of the beneficiaries were from ethnic minority groups (where known), and 28 beneficiaries were from outside the United Kingdom (where known).
- 38% (327) of beneficiaries started in Dorset were aged between 21 and 30, with the average age on starting the project being 30 years 9 months.
- The most common offence type of beneficiaries started in Dorset was violent offences (32%) followed by theft, burglary or robbery (16%).

Ethnic Origin

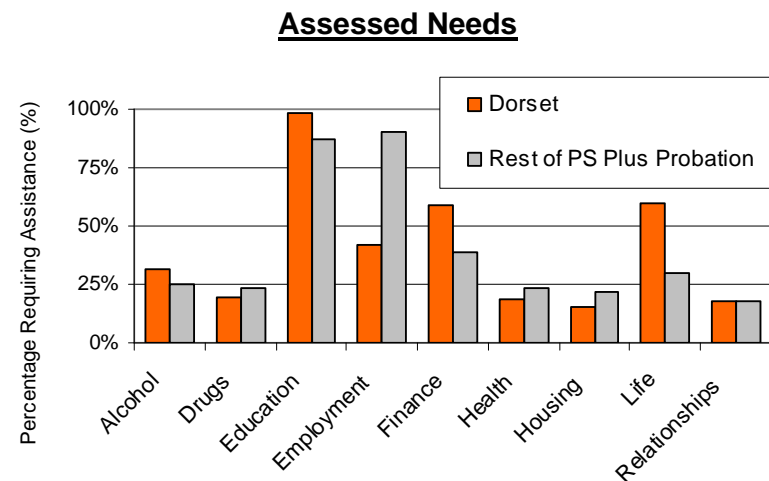
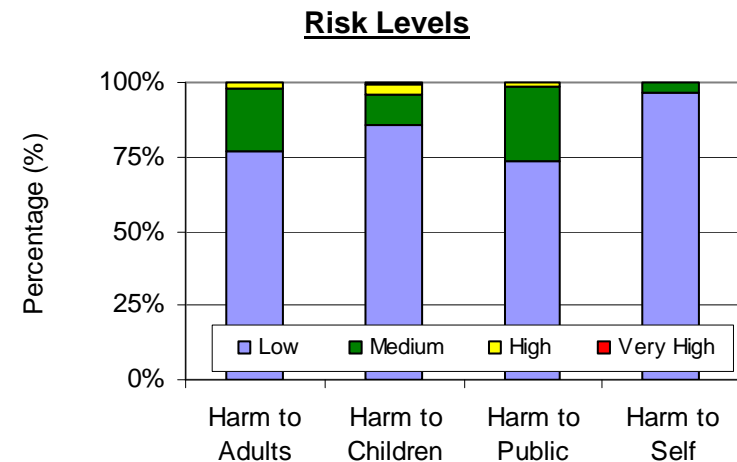


Age Groups



Assessment

- For the majority of prisoners (where known), the level of risk posed towards adults, children, staff, the public and themselves is low. Less than 5% were classed as high or very high risk in each category.
- Every beneficiary required help with either employment or education. 842 (98%) beneficiaries required help with employment, while 354 (41%) required help with both employment *and* education.
- 355 beneficiaries were identified as requiring assistance with substance abuse, with 32% and 20% 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 Dorset were significantly *more* likely to require assistance with alcohol, education, finance, and life issues. Analysis shows that beneficiaries started at Dorset were significantly *less* likely to require assistance with drugs, employment, health and housing issues.
- Comparison to beneficiaries worked with in other PS Plus probation areas shows that beneficiaries in Dorset were significantly more motivated on starting the project.



Soft Outcomes

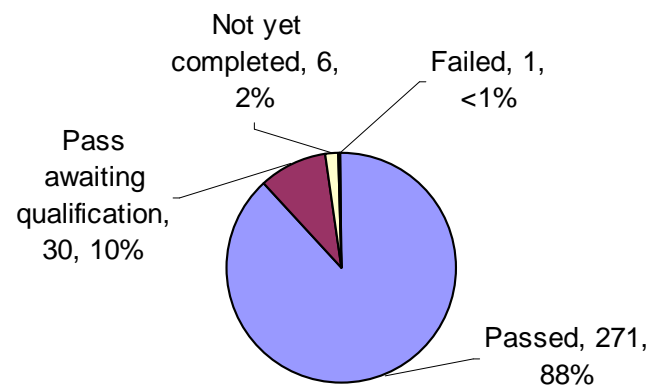
- 736 soft outcomes were achieved by Dorset.
- 56% (490) of the beneficiaries worked with in Dorset achieved at least one outcome while there.
- 214 beneficiaries received advice and guidance.
- 419 beneficiaries received assistance with employment issues.
- 299 beneficiaries received assistance with education or training issues.

Qualifications

- 301 courses or qualifications were passed by beneficiaries on the PS Plus project at Dorset.
- PS Plus beneficiaries completed courses in a wide range of subjects, from food hygiene to manual handling.
- 12 adult literacy and adult numeracy courses, and 86 Working With Others courses were passed.

<u>Soft Outcomes gained</u>	<u>No. Bens</u>
Accessed Beneficiary Fund	206
IAG Assistance	196
Non-NVQs gained	89
Basic Skills	73
Other Programme	58
NVQs Gained	31
Advice On Disclosure	23
Other Motivational Programme	18
FOR Motivational Programme	15
Progress To Work Programme	8
Work Experience Community	8
Other	11

Exam Results



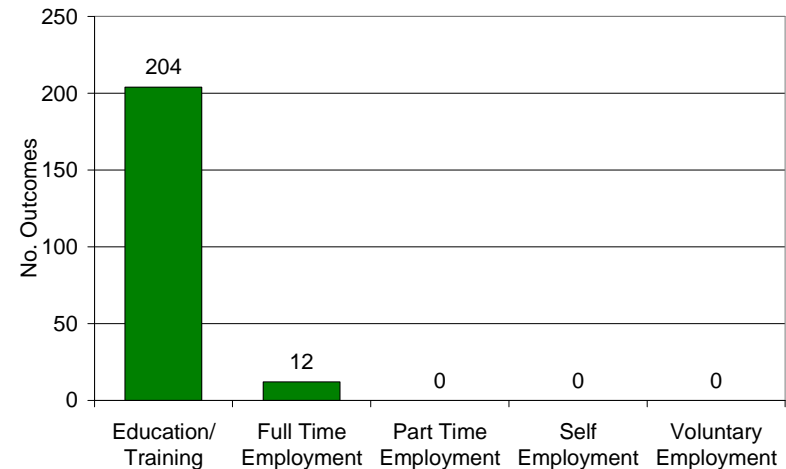
Hard Outcomes

- In total 265 hard outcomes were recorded by PS Plus staff.
- 216 hard outcomes had sufficient evidence for ESF auditing purposes.
- Beneficiaries successfully achieved 12 employment outcomes and 204 education/training outcomes while on PS Plus 3.
- Employment ranged from scaffolding to laundry, while education/training ranged from fork lift truck training to food hygiene.

Summary

- Overall, Dorset started 857 beneficiaries, achieved 216 hard ETE outcomes and 736 soft outcomes on the PS Plus 3 project.

Hard ETE Outcomes



Outcomes Gained

