



PROJECT SUMMARY

PS Plus 3 – Bedfordshire Probation

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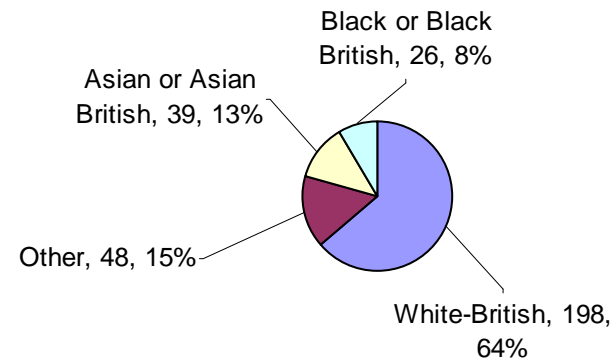
This report has been compiled to give information about the offenders (beneficiaries) worked with on the PS Plus 3 project by Bedfordshire probation. The project ran for 22 months between September 2006 and June 2008, in which time 311 beneficiaries started on the project. At its peak, it is estimated that Bedfordshire probation worked with approximately 200 beneficiaries.

3 of the beneficiaries worked with by Bedfordshire probation were received from a PS Plus prison establishment on release, thus enabling these beneficiaries to be worked with further.

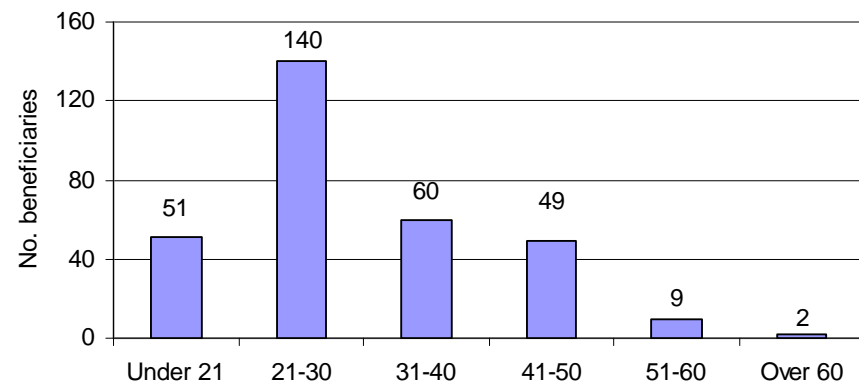
Demographics

- 64% (198) of the beneficiaries started in Bedfordshire were White-British. 36% (113) of the beneficiaries were from ethnic minority groups, and 11 beneficiaries were from outside the United Kingdom.
- 45% (140) of beneficiaries started in Bedfordshire were aged between 21 and 30, with the average age on starting the project being 29 years 8 months.
- The most common offence type of beneficiaries started in Bedfordshire was violent offences (37%) followed by theft, burglary or robbery (33%).

Ethnic Origin



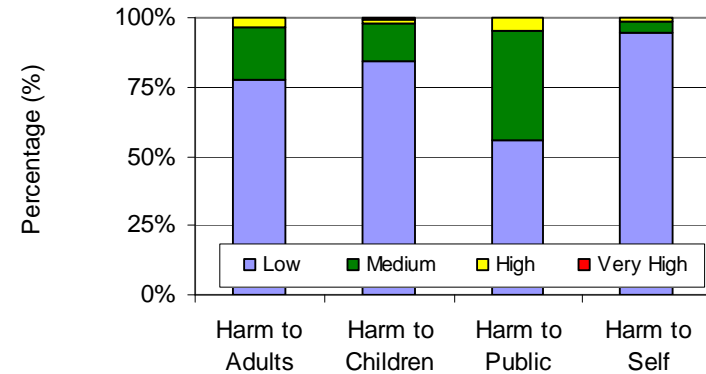
Age Groups



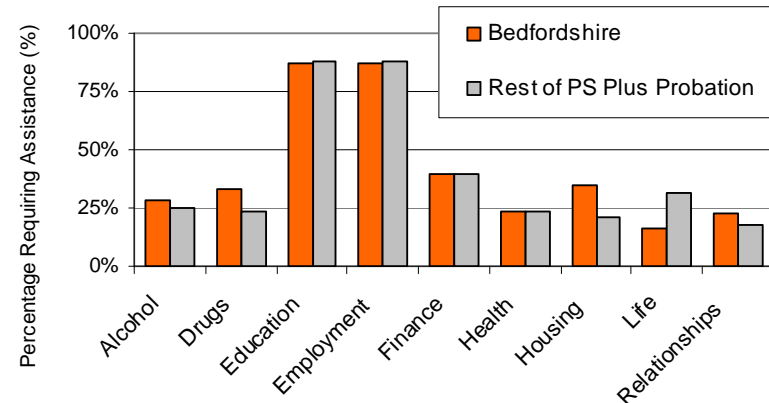
Assessment

- 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 5% were classed as high or very high risk in each category.
- Every beneficiary required help with either employment or education. 272 (88%) beneficiaries required help with employment, while 232 (75%) required help with both employment *and* education.
- 158 beneficiaries were identified as requiring assistance with substance abuse, with 28% and 33% 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 Bedfordshire were significantly *more* likely to require assistance with drugs, housing and relationships issues. Analysis shows that beneficiaries started at Bedfordshire were significantly *less* likely to require assistance with life issues.
- Comparison to beneficiaries worked with in other PS Plus probation areas shows that beneficiaries in Bedfordshire were significantly less motivated on starting the project.

Risk Levels



Assessed Needs

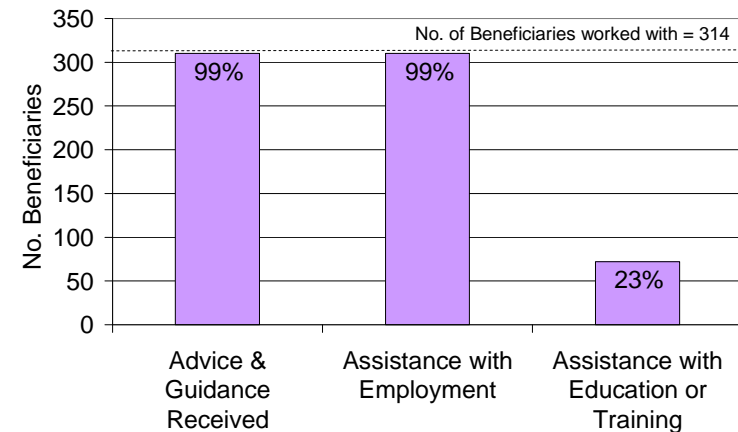


Soft Outcomes

- 489 soft outcomes were achieved by Bedfordshire.
- 99% (312) of the beneficiaries worked with in Bedfordshire achieved at least one outcome while there.
- 84 CVs were completed at Bedfordshire, of which 13 were written independently by the beneficiary.
- Beneficiaries at Bedfordshire attended 10 interviews of various types, including 3 job interviews.
- 9 beneficiaries at Bedfordshire benefited from the Beneficiary Access Fund. Examples of uses for this fund include CSCS Health and Safety tests, course fees and travel expenses.
- 310 beneficiaries received advice and guidance.
- 310 beneficiaries received assistance with employment issues.
- 72 beneficiaries received assistance with education or training issues.

<u>Soft Outcomes Gained</u>	<u>No. Bens</u>
IAG Assistance	309
CV Assisted	71
Advice On Disclosure	59
CV Written on Own	13
Accessed Beneficiary Fund	9
CSCS - Health And Safety Test	7
Basic Skills	6
FE College Interview	6
Job Interview	3
Job Preparation	2
Work Experience Community	2
Other	2

Assistance Received



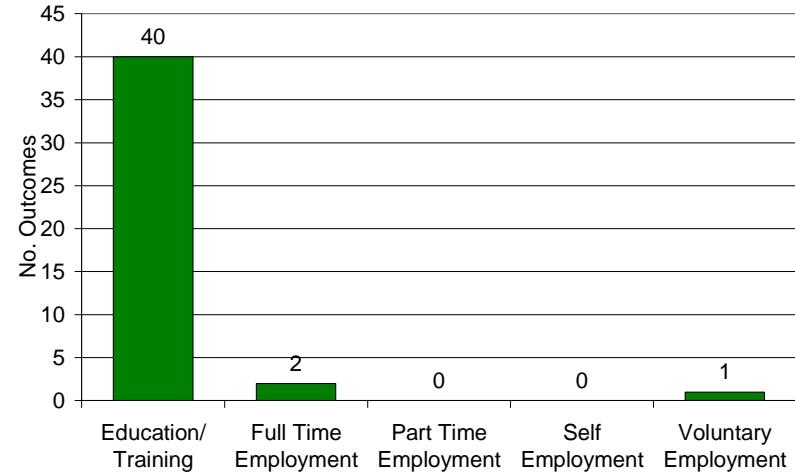
Hard Outcomes

- In total 49 hard outcomes were recorded by PS Plus staff.
- 43 hard outcomes had sufficient evidence for ESF auditing purposes.
- In addition 2 supplementary hard outcomes were evidenced.
- Beneficiaries successfully achieved 3 employment outcomes and 40 education/training outcomes while on PS Plus 3.
- Employment included work in the financial sector, while education/training included training in brickwork, plastering and tiling.

Summary

- Overall, Bedfordshire started 311 beneficiaries, achieved 43 hard ETE outcomes and 489 soft outcomes on the PS Plus 3 project.

Hard ETE Outcomes



Outcomes Gained

