



## PROJECT SUMMARY

# PS Plus 3 – Hertfordshire Probation

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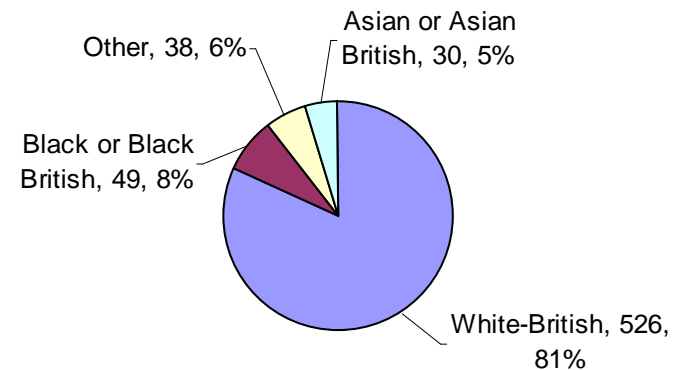
This report has been compiled to give information about the offenders (beneficiaries) worked with on the PS Plus 3 project by Hertfordshire probation. The project ran for 26 months between May 2006 and June 2008, in which time 643 beneficiaries started on the project. At its peak, it is estimated that Hertfordshire probation worked with approximately 350 beneficiaries.

14 beneficiaries were also worked with in Hertfordshire who had started on the project in a PS Plus prison, including 5 from HMP Wayland and 4 from HMP Wellingborough, allowing PS Plus intervention to be continued upon release.

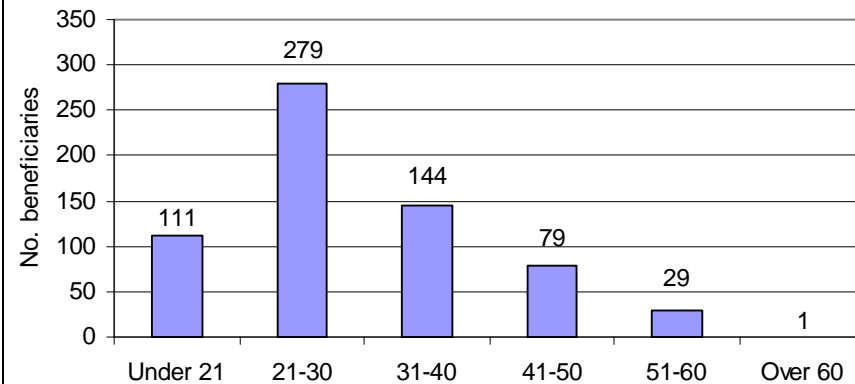
### Demographics

- 82% (526) of the beneficiaries started in Hertfordshire were White-British. 18% (117) of the beneficiaries were from ethnic minority groups, and 13 beneficiaries were from outside the United Kingdom.
- 43% (279) of beneficiaries started in Hertfordshire were aged between 21 and 30, with the average age on starting the project being 30 years 2 months.
- The most common offence type of beneficiaries started in Hertfordshire was violent offences (37%) followed by theft, burglary or robbery (25%).

### Ethnic Origin



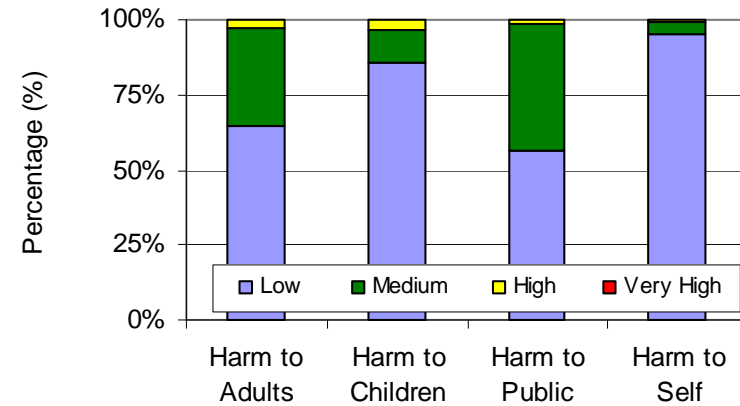
### Age Groups



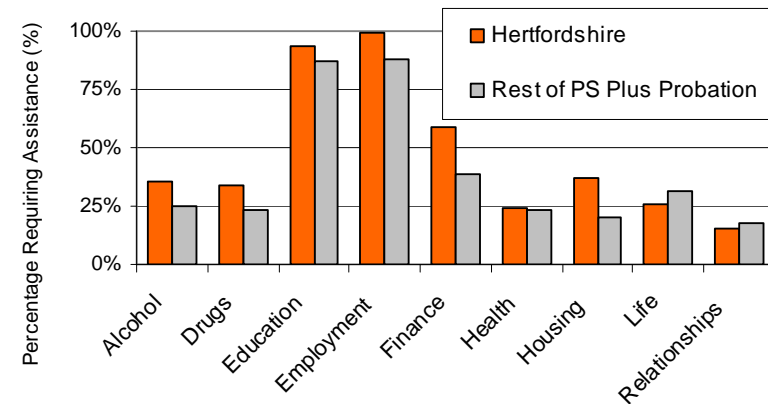
### Assessment

- 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 4% were classed as high or very high risk in each category.
- Every beneficiary required help with either employment or education. 637 (99%) beneficiaries required help with employment, while 593 (92%) required help with both employment *and* education.
- 361 beneficiaries were identified as requiring assistance with substance abuse, with 36% and 34% 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 Hertfordshire were significantly *more* likely to require assistance with alcohol, drugs, education, employment, finance and housing issues. Analysis shows that beneficiaries started at Hertfordshire 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 Hertfordshire were just as motivated on starting the project.

### Risk Levels



### Assessed Needs



### Soft Outcomes

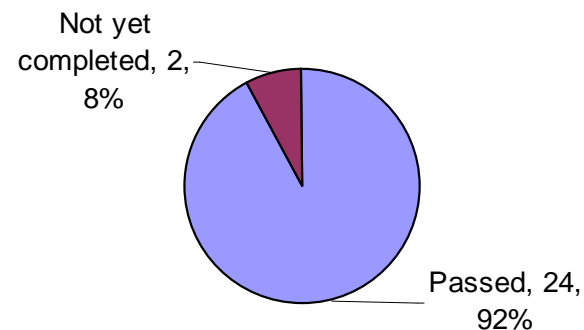
- 1192 soft outcomes were achieved by Hertfordshire.
- 75% (496) of the beneficiaries worked with in Hertfordshire achieved at least one outcome while there.
- 406 beneficiaries received advice and guidance.
- 483 beneficiaries received assistance with employment issues.
- 441 beneficiaries received assistance with education or training issues.

### Qualifications

- 24 courses or qualifications were passed by beneficiaries on the PS Plus project at Hertfordshire.
- PS Plus beneficiaries completed courses in a wide range of subjects, from driver training to carpet and upholstery cleaning.
- 5 adult literacy and adult numeracy courses, and 10 health and safety courses were passed.

<u>Soft Outcomes Gained</u>	<u>No. Bens</u>
Advice On Disclosure	367
CV Assisted	297
IAG Assistance	214
Accessed Beneficiary Fund	163
Financial Literacy	48
Non-NVQs Gained	27
Other Programme	21
Other Motivational Programme	15
Job Interview	12
Accommodation Secured	5
CSCS - Health And Safety Test	5
Other	18

### Exam Results



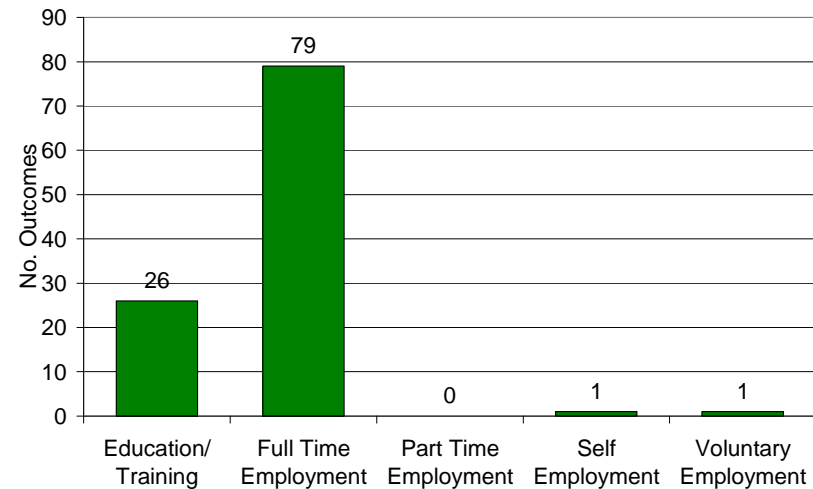
**Hard Outcomes**

- In total 126 hard outcomes were recorded by PS Plus staff.
- 107 hard outcomes had sufficient evidence for ESF auditing purposes.
- In addition one supplementary hard outcomes was evidenced.
- Beneficiaries successfully achieved 81 employment outcomes and 26 education/training outcomes while on PS Plus 3.
- Employment ranged from construction to distribution, while education/training ranged from fork lift truck training to plastering.

**Summary**

- Overall, Hertfordshire started 643 beneficiaries, achieved 107 hard ETE outcomes and 1192 soft outcomes on the PS Plus 3 project.

**Hard ETE Outcomes**



**Outcomes Gained**

