



PS Plus 3 – Inclusion

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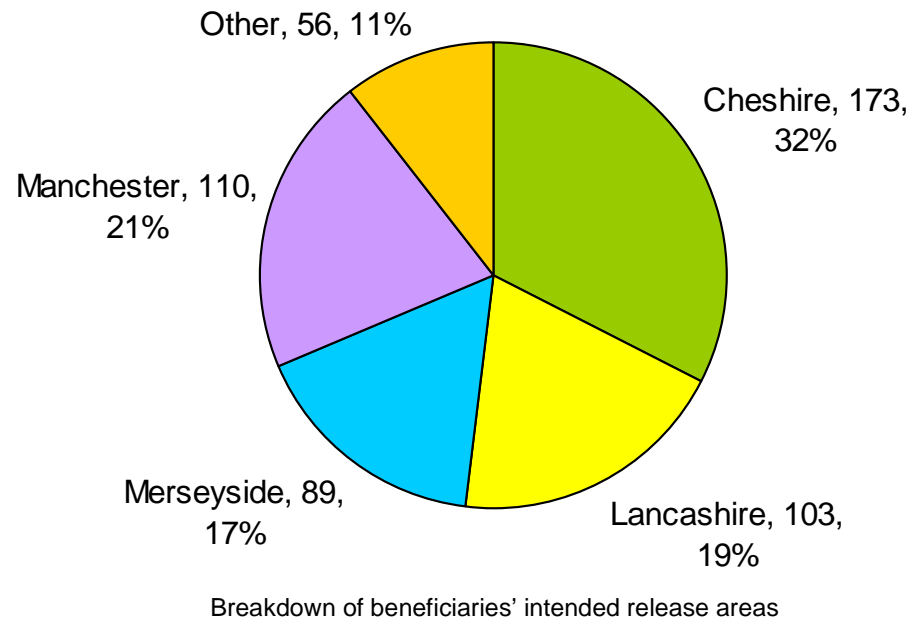
Introduction

This report has been compiled to give information about the offenders – beneficiaries – worked with on the PS Plus 3 Inclusion project in HMP Risley – a male category C training prison in the North West of England. The project ran for one year, between 1st January 2007 and 31st December 2007, in which time **531** beneficiaries were worked with. At its peak, it is estimated that the project worked with approximately 20% of the prison population.

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).

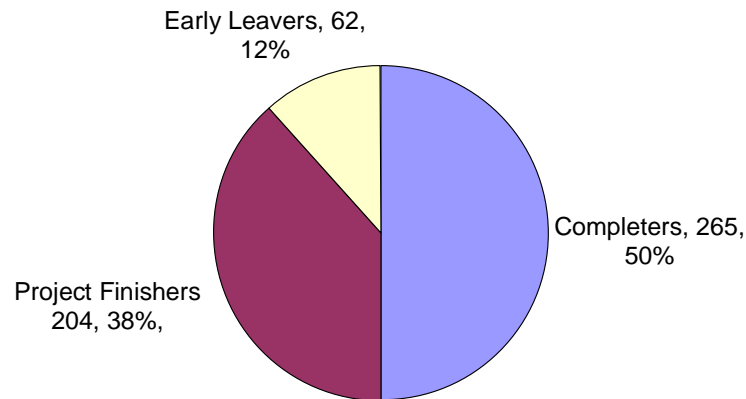
Information in the report has been obtained from the PS Plus developed CATS database (Case Assessment and Tracking System).

Intended Release Areas



- Almost one third (173) of beneficiaries in HMP Risley intended to live in Cheshire on release.
- 90% (476) of beneficiaries intended to stay within the North West.
- 11 beneficiaries intended to live in Wales on release.

Reasons for Leaving the Project



How beneficiaries left the project

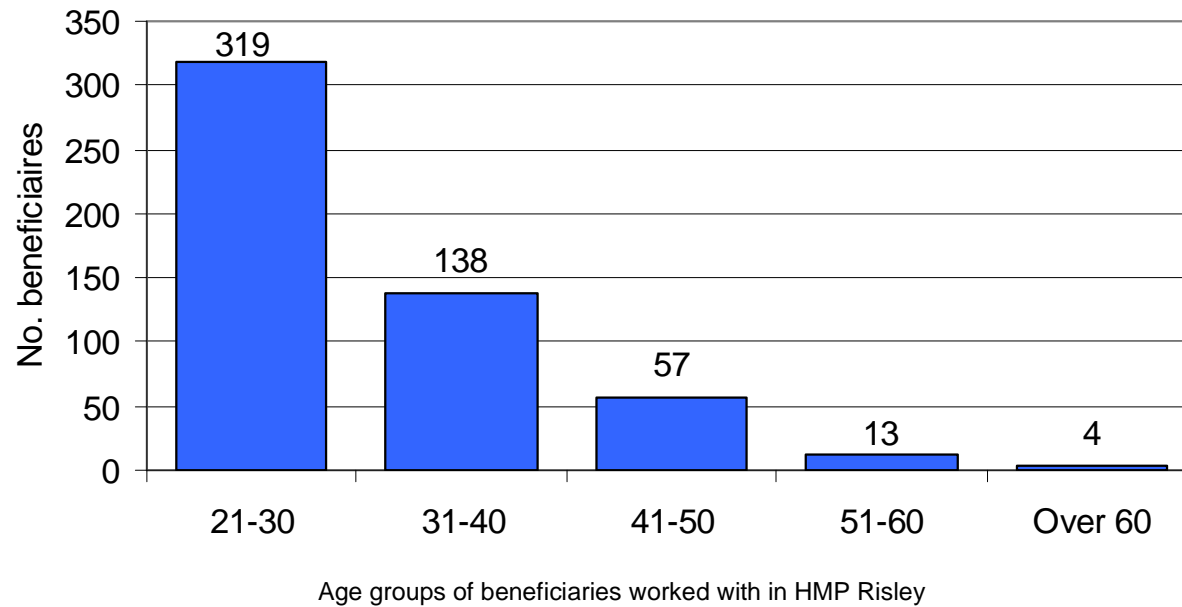
Early Leaver Reasons

Reason for leaving	No. Bens
Transferred to non-PS Plus establishment	58
No assistance required	2
Decided not to continue on project	1
Deported	1

Reasons for leaving the project early

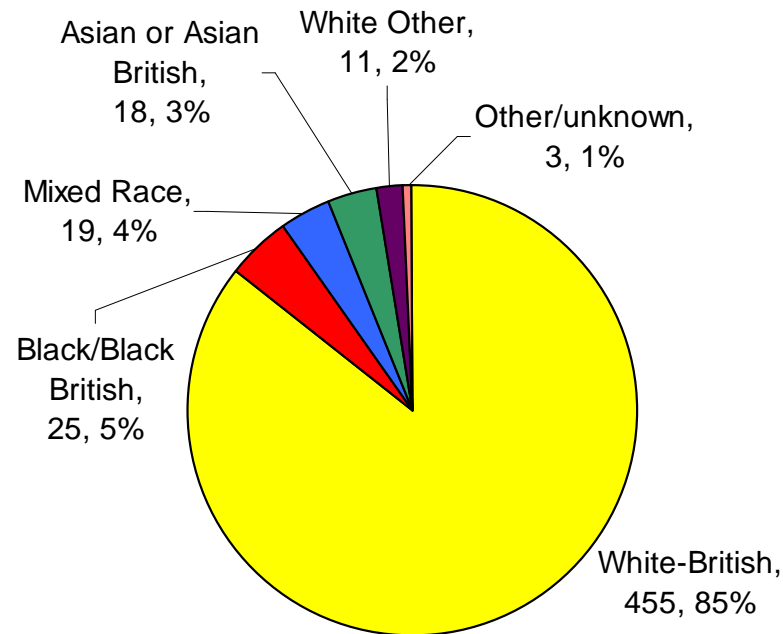
- 265 (50%) beneficiaries were *completers* – they left PS Plus when they were released from custody.
- 204 (38%) beneficiaries were *project finishers* – they completed the project in December 2007 before their release date due to the closure of the PS Plus project. This figure is particularly high due to the short length of this project and the need to close all files before 31st December 2007.
- A further 62 (12%) beneficiaries were *early leavers*. The most common reason for leaving the project early was due to transfer to another establishment. Because PS Plus at Risley operated as a separate project, direct transfer onto other PS Plus projects running in prisons or on probation at this time (PS3 or Link) was not possible.

Diversity: Age



- The average (mean) age of PS Plus beneficiaries on starting the project at Risley was 30 years 8 months.
- The most common age group was 21-30, accounting for 60% of beneficiaries.
- There were no beneficiaries aged under 21, and four beneficiaries aged over 60 were worked with.

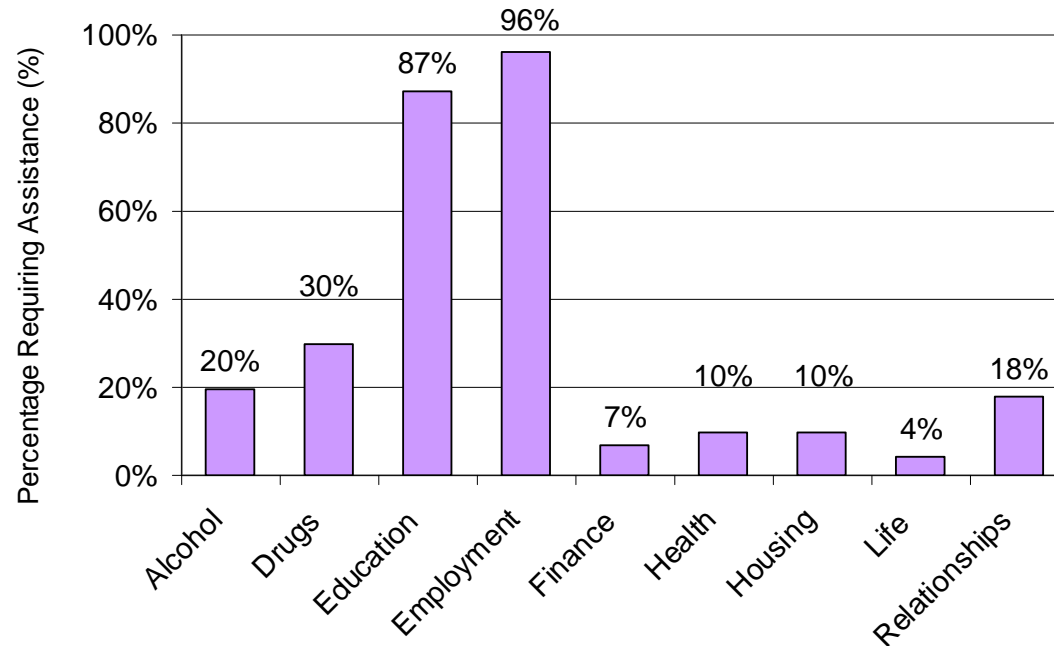
Diversity: Ethnic Origin and Nationality



Ethnic origin of beneficiaries in HMP Risley

- 86% (455) of beneficiaries on PS Plus were White-British. Ethnic minorities accounted for 14% of the PS Plus population.
- 98% (519) of beneficiaries were from the United Kingdom. PS Plus worked with 12 people from outside the United Kingdom and of these, six were from outside the European Union. ESF constraints require that all PS Plus beneficiaries must be eligible to work in the U.K.

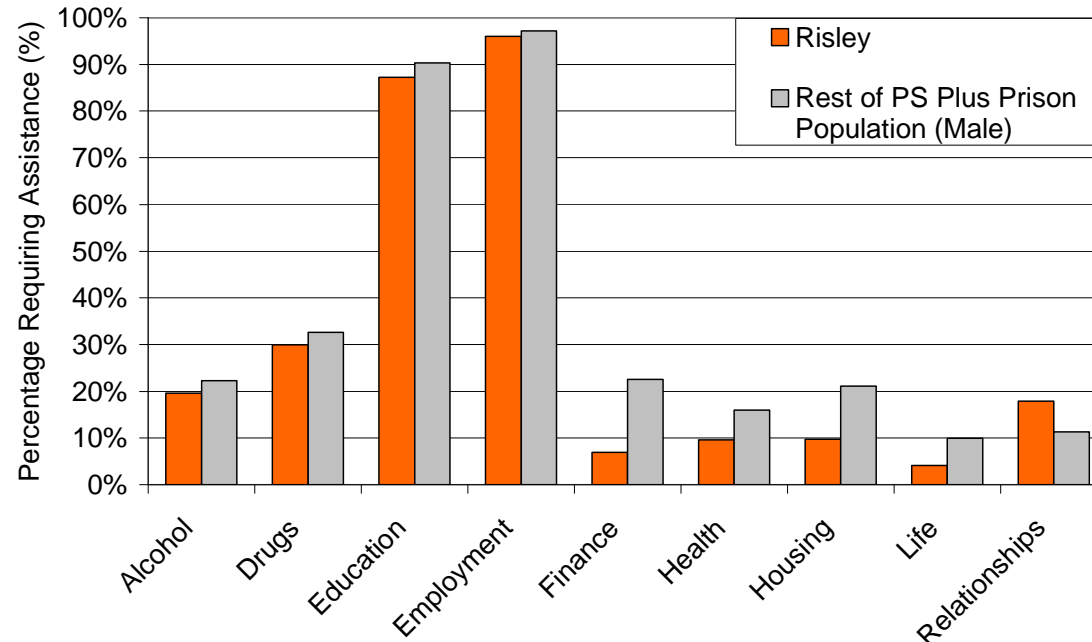
Assessed Needs



Needs of beneficiaries according to assessments

- Every beneficiary needed help with either employment or education. 510 (96%) beneficiaries needed help with employment. The vast majority of beneficiaries (83%) needed help with both employment *and* education.
- 10% (52) of beneficiaries needed help with housing, and 8% (45) were identified as having no fixed abode.
- 10% (51) of beneficiaries needed help with health issues, and three beneficiaries considered themselves disabled.
- 250 beneficiaries identified a need for help with either drugs or alcohol, which accounted for 43% of the total.

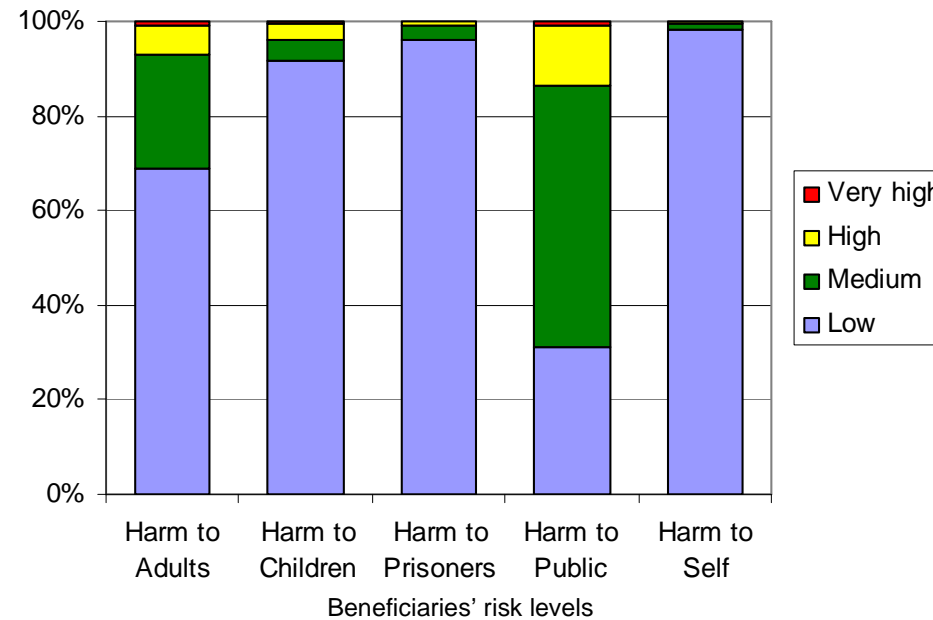
Assessed Needs - Comparison



Needs of beneficiaries compared to rest of PS Plus male prison population

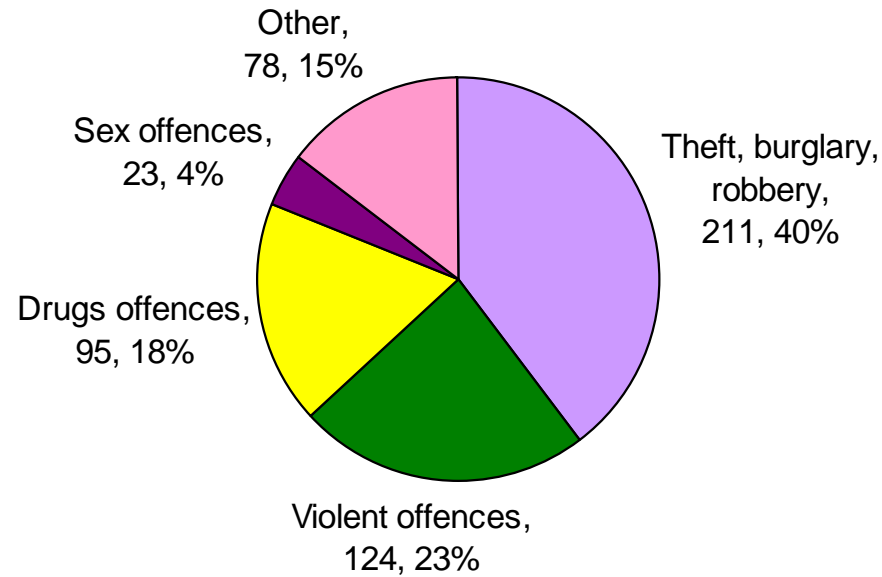
- o Statistical analysis shows that PS Plus beneficiaries at Risley are significantly *less* likely to have problems with education, finance, health, housing and life than the rest of the PS Plus male prison population.
- o Statistical analysis shows that PS Plus beneficiaries at Risley are significantly *more* likely to have problems with relationships than the rest of the PS Plus male prison population.

Risk



- For each category of risk, approximately 20% of beneficiaries' risk was unknown.
- Less than 1% were classed as very high risk in each category.
- Where the risk was known, over 90% of prisoners were classified as low risk of harm towards children, other prisoners and themselves.
- Where risk was known, the risk towards adults and the public was classified as low or medium for over 85% of beneficiaries.

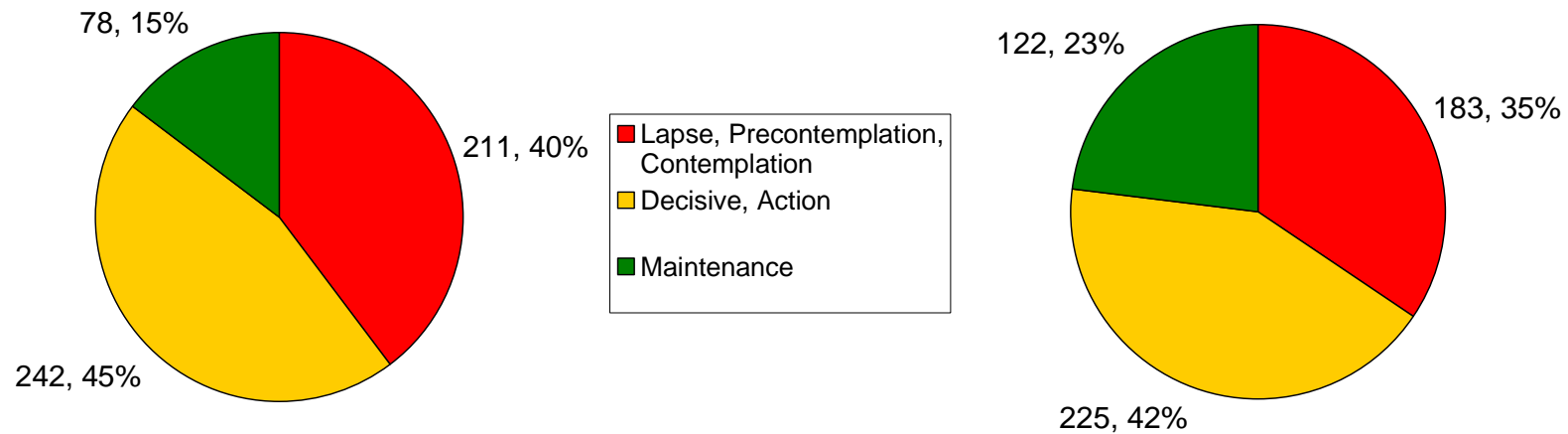
Offences



Offences committed by PS Plus beneficiaries at Risley

- The most common type of offence committed by PS Plus beneficiaries was theft/burglary/robbery, accounting for over 40% of offences.
- Violent offences made up 23% of beneficiaries' offences.

Motivation



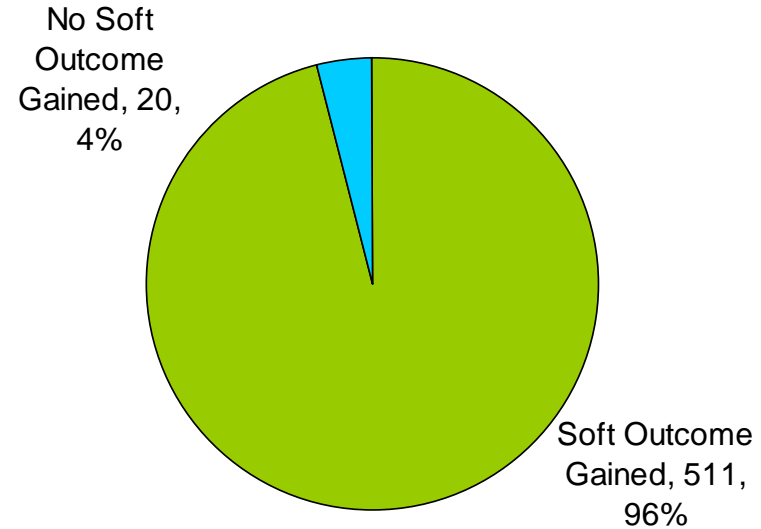
Beneficiaries' Starting Motivation

Beneficiaries' Finishing Motivation

- The proportion of beneficiaries whose motivation (where known) was lapse, pre-contemplation or contemplation decreased from 40% to 35%.
- 44 more beneficiaries had a motivation level of maintenance when beneficiaries' finishing motivation was calculated.

Soft Outcomes - Summary

<u>Soft Outcome</u>	<u>No. Outcomes</u>
Rickter Assessment	452
Advice on Disclosure	437
Non-NVQs Gained	60
Accessed Beneficiary Fund	39
CV Assisted	27
FE College Interview	5
IAG Assistance	3
NVQs Gained	3
Accommodation Secured	2
Progress To Work Interview	2
Financial Literacy	1
Job Interview	1
TOTAL	1032

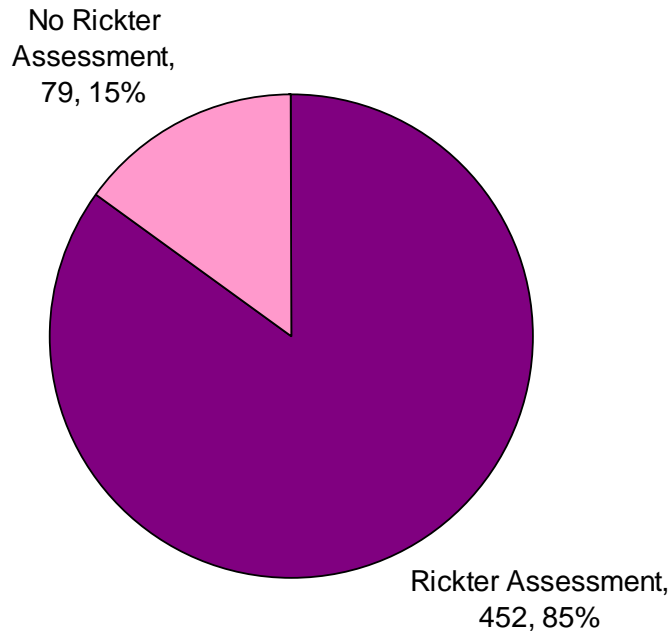


Soft outcomes gained by beneficiaries

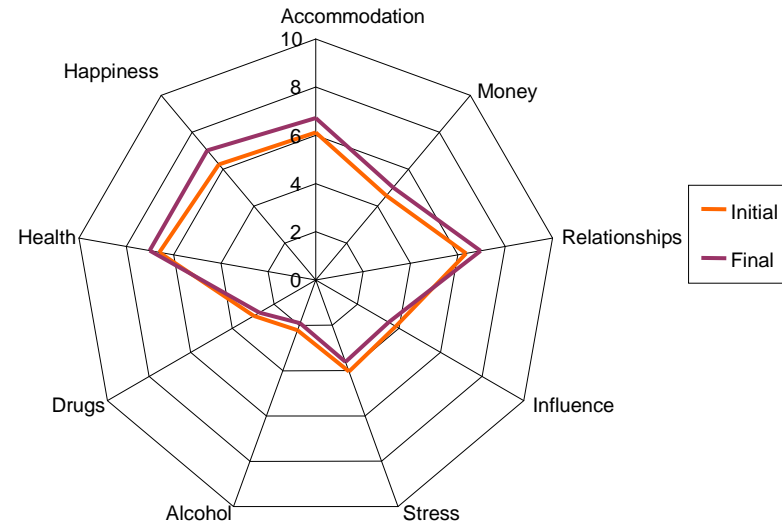
Percentage gaining a soft outcome

- o 1032 soft outcomes were achieved by the 531 beneficiaries at Risley.
- o 96% (511) of beneficiaries achieved at least one soft outcome whilst on PS Plus.
- o 437 (82%) beneficiaries received Advice on Disclosure.

Soft Outcomes - Rickter



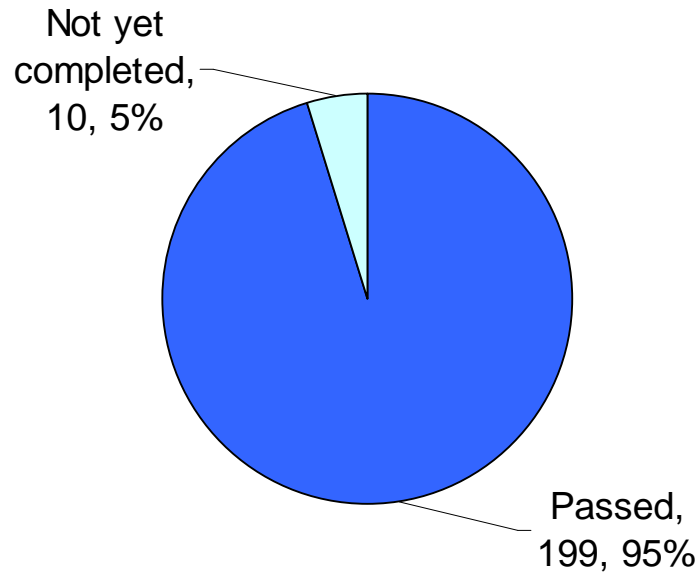
Proportion of beneficiaries who undertook a Rickter assessment



Rickter results for beneficiaries assessed twice

- o 452 (85%) beneficiaries completed the Rickter Assessment.
- o 87 (16%) beneficiaries were assessed twice, and thus a comparison can be made. Health, happiness, accommodation, money and relations all show an improvement from the average initial score. However, their drugs, alcohol, stress and influence scores have, on average, decreased since their initial assessment.

Soft Outcomes - Qualifications



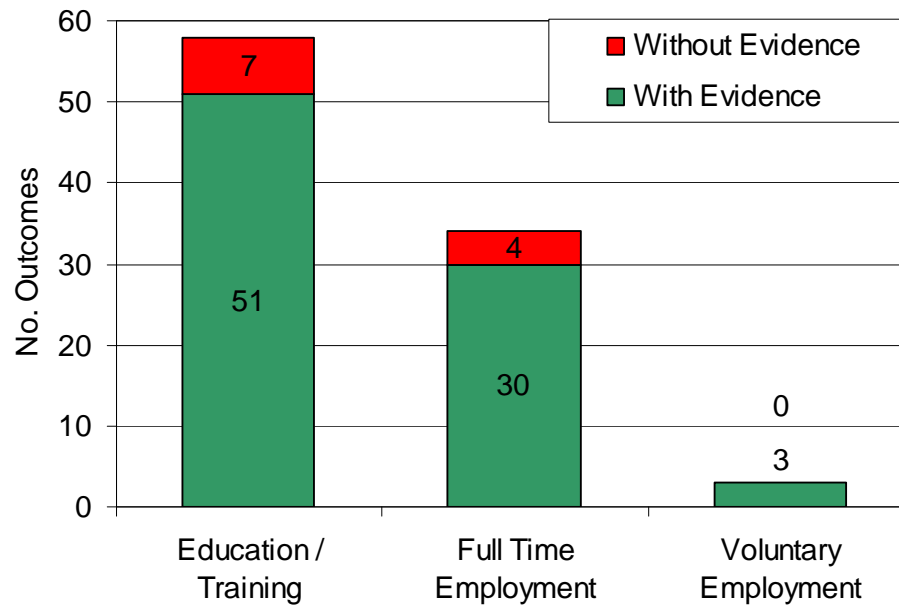
Exams passed by PS Plus beneficiaries

<u>Subjects Passed</u>	<u>No. passed</u>
Literacy	34
Numeracy	28
Health & Safety	27
Life Skills	21
Art	18
IT/ECDL	15
Food Hygiene	15
Family Relationships	10
Other Education Courses	8
Other Trade/Employment Courses	8
Drug & Alcohol Awareness	7
Preparation for Work	4
Food Preparation	2
Other Guidance Courses	2
TOTAL	199

Subjects passed by PS Plus beneficiaries

- No exams were failed by PS Plus beneficiaries at HMP Risley. 199 were passed, with 10 exams yet to be completed by the end of the project.
- PS Plus beneficiaries completed courses in a wide range of subjects, from life skills courses to drug and alcohol awareness courses. 62 adult literacy and adult numeracy courses and 27 health & safety courses were passed.

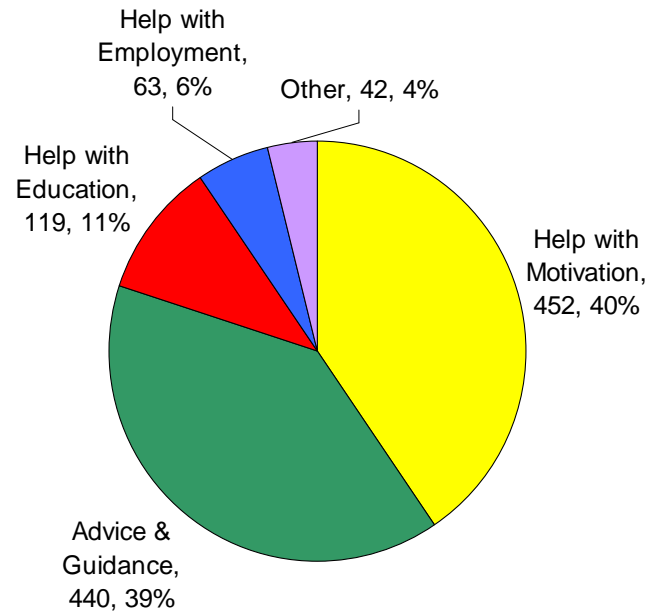
Hard ETE Outcomes



ESF Hard ETE outcomes achieved by beneficiaries

- 95 hard outcomes were recorded by PS Plus staff.
- 84 hard outcomes had sufficient evidence for ESF auditing purposes.
- Beneficiaries on the Inclusion project at HMP Risley achieved 51 education/training outcomes and 33 employment outcomes.

All Outcomes - Summary



Summary of All Outcomes Gained on PS Plus 3

- In total, 1116 outcomes have been achieved by PS Plus beneficiaries on the Inclusion project, with 513 beneficiaries (97%) achieving at least one outcome.
- 40% (452) of outcomes have helped beneficiaries with motivation, through the Rickter Assessment.
- 6% (63) of these outcomes have helped improve beneficiaries' employability, from writing CVs to gaining full-time employment.
- 40 finance outcomes and 2 housing outcomes were achieved by beneficiaries at HMP Risley.