



PROJECT SUMMARY

PS Plus 3 – Northumbria Probation

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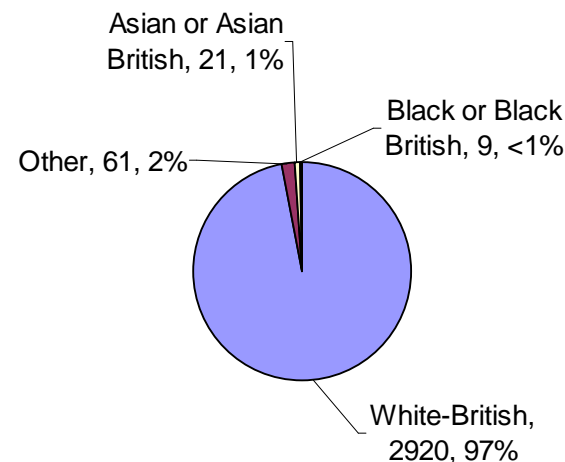
This report has been compiled to give information about the offenders (beneficiaries) worked with on the PS Plus 3 project by Northumbria probation. The project ran for 27 months between April 2006 and June 2008, in which time 3011 beneficiaries started on the project. At its peak, it is estimated that Northumbria probation worked with approximately 2270 beneficiaries.

2 beneficiaries were also worked with in Northumbria who had started on the project in HMP/YOI Askham Grange, allowing PS Plus intervention to be continued upon release.

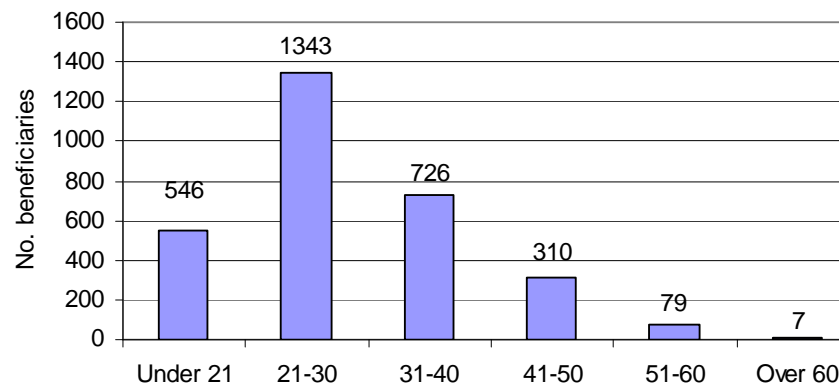
Demographics

- 97% (2920) of the beneficiaries started in Northumbria were White-British. 3% (91) of the beneficiaries were from ethnic minority groups, and 30 beneficiaries were from outside the United Kingdom (where known).
- 45% (1343) of beneficiaries started in Northumbria were aged between 21 and 30, with the average age on starting the project being 29 years 2 months.
- The most common offence type of beneficiaries started in Northumbria was violent offences (25%) followed by theft, burglary or robbery (22%).

Ethnic Origin

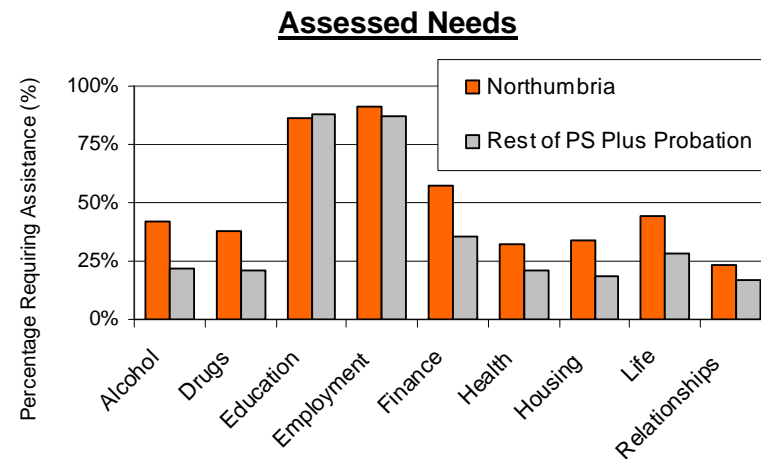
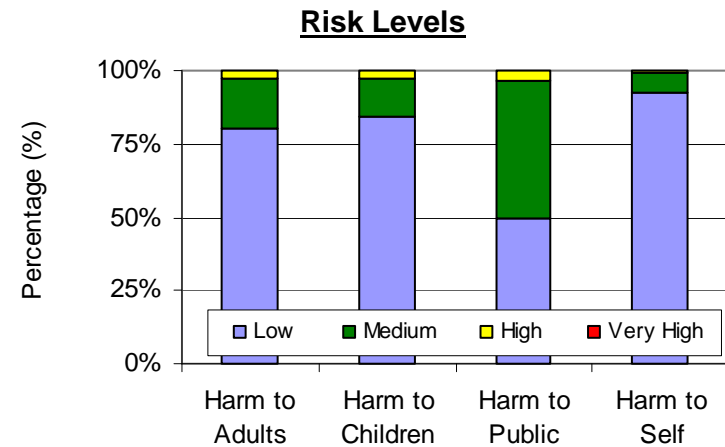


Age Groups



Assessment

- For the majority of prisoners (where known), the level of risk posed towards adults, children, staff, the public and themselves is 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. 2746 (91%) beneficiaries required help with employment, while 2392 (79%) required help with both employment *and* education.
- 1890 beneficiaries were identified as requiring assistance with substance abuse, with 42% and 38% 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 Northumbria were significantly *more* likely to require assistance with alcohol, drugs, employment, finance, health, housing, life and relationship issues.
- Comparison to beneficiaries worked with in other PS Plus probation areas shows that beneficiaries in Northumbria were significantly more motivated on starting the project.



Soft Outcomes

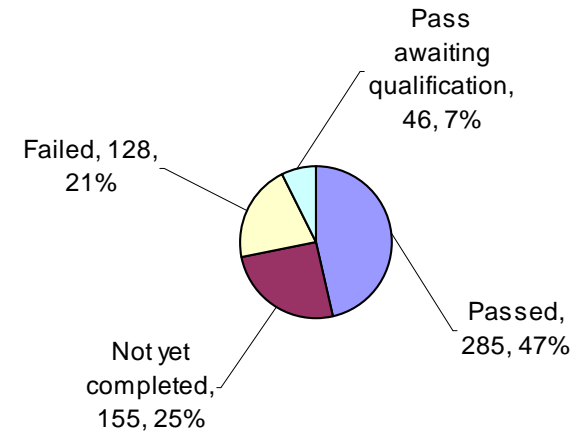
- 3736 soft outcomes were achieved by Northumbria.
- 43% (1296) of the beneficiaries worked with in Northumbria achieved at least one outcome while there.
- 1289 beneficiaries received advice and guidance.
- 1295 beneficiaries received assistance with employment issues.
- 1128 beneficiaries received assistance with education or training issues.

Qualifications

- 331 courses or qualifications were passed by beneficiaries on the PS Plus project at Northumbria.
- PS Plus beneficiaries completed courses in a wide range of subjects, from bricklaying to first aid.
- 229 adult literacy and adult numeracy courses, and 60 Employability Skills Programme courses were passed.

<u>Soft Outcomes Gained</u>	<u>No. Bens</u>
IAG Assistance	1281
Advice On Disclosure	1077
Non-NVQs Gained	301
FE College Interview	272
Basic Skills	235
CV Assisted	157
Job Club	89
Job Preparation	80
Other Programme	76
Other Motivational Programme	70
Accessed Beneficiary Fund	64
Other	34

Exam Results



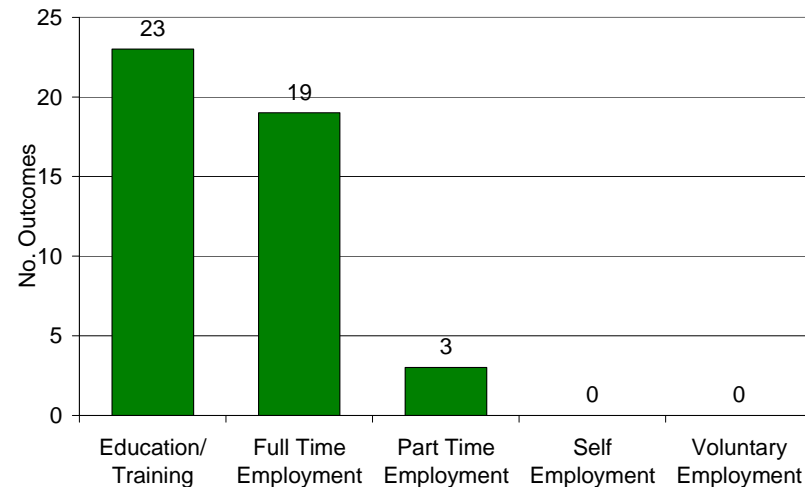
Hard Outcomes

- In total 306 hard outcomes were recorded by PS Plus staff.
- 45 hard outcomes had sufficient evidence for ESF auditing purposes.
- Beneficiaries successfully achieved 22 employment outcomes and 23 education/training outcomes while on PS Plus 3.
- Employment ranged from scaffolding to haulage, while education/training ranged from folk lift truck training to construction skills.

Summary

- Overall, Northumbria started 3011 beneficiaries, achieved 45 hard ETE outcomes and 3736 soft outcomes on the PS Plus 3 project.

Hard ETE Outcomes



Outcomes Gained

