



PS Plus 3 – South West

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This report has been compiled to give information about beneficiaries in PS Plus 3 prisons who intend to live in South West England on release and beneficiaries on probation in Dorset. The report contains information about beneficiaries on all three PS Plus 3 projects: PS3, LINK and Inclusion.

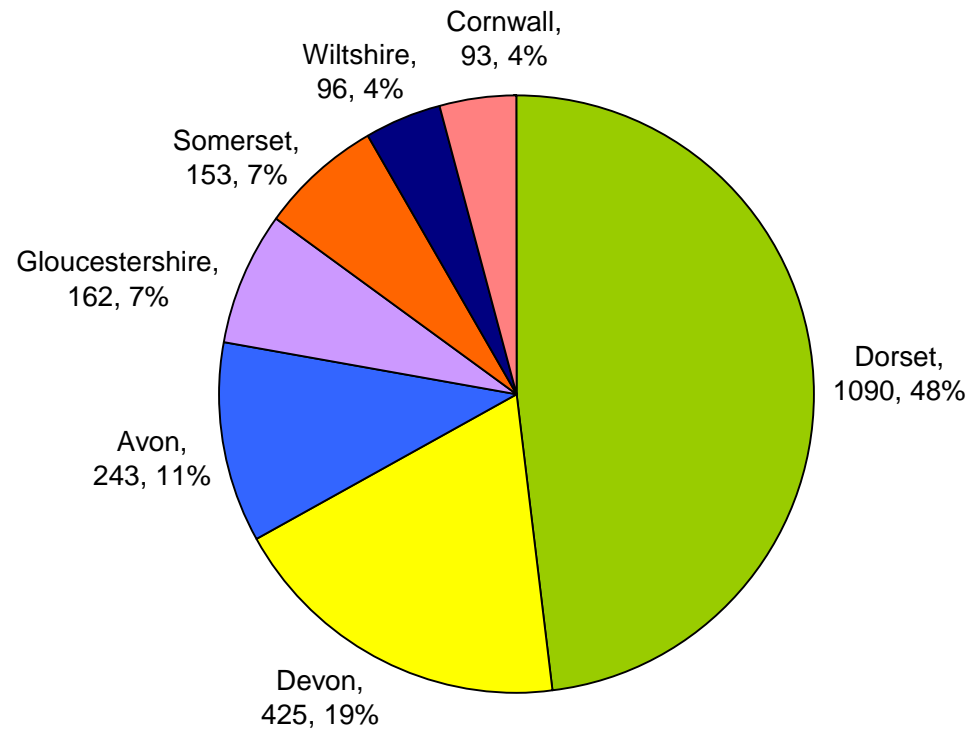
The PS Plus project ran in Dorset probation from October 2006 to June 2008, in HMP Risley from January 2007 to December 2007, and in all other PS Plus 3 and LINK prisons from April 2007 to June 2008.

During this time, **2262** beneficiaries who live or intended to live in the South West on release were worked with. This accounts for almost 8% of the total PS Plus 3 population. 72% of beneficiaries started at HMP Dartmoor and 68% of beneficiaries started at HMP Channings Wood intended to live in the South West on release.

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).

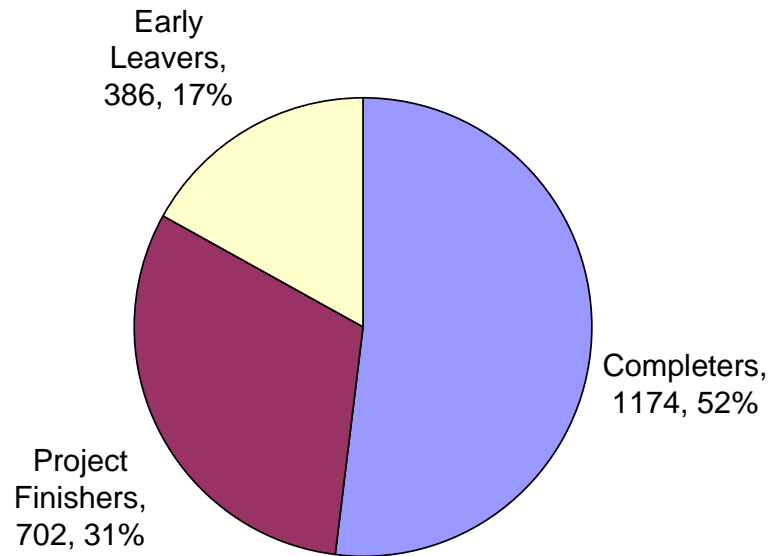
Geographic Distribution



Breakdown of where beneficiaries intend to live upon completing their sentence

- Almost 50% (1090) of South West beneficiaries live or intend to live in Dorset upon release.
- 19% (425) were due to live in Devon and 11% (243) in Avon.

Reasons for Leaving the Project



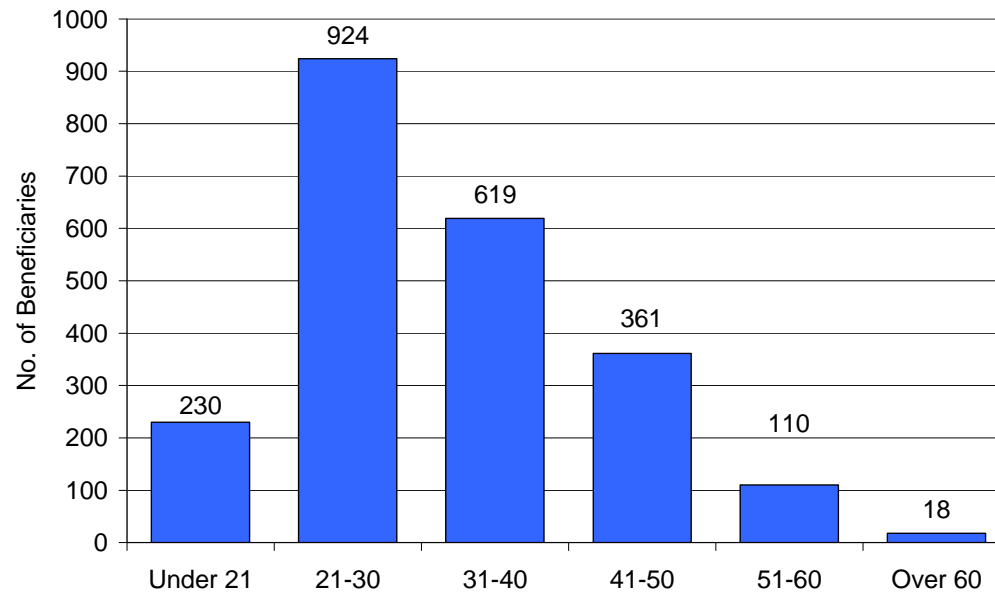
How beneficiaries left the project

<u>Reason for leaving early</u>	<u>No. bens</u>
Transferred to Non PS Plus Establishment/Probation Area	180
Absconded (prison only)	13
Decided not to continue on Project	13
Given Custodial Sentence/Recalled to Custody (probation only)	5
Other	175
<u>Total</u>	<u>386</u>

Reasons for leaving the project early

- 52% (1174) of South West beneficiaries were *completers* – they left PS Plus when their sentence expired.
- 31% (702) of South West beneficiaries on PS Plus 3 were *project finishers* – these beneficiaries completed the project before their release from prison or probation, due to the closure of PS Plus.
- A further 17% (386) of beneficiaries were *early leavers*. The most common reason for leaving the project early was due to transfer to a non-PS Plus establishment.

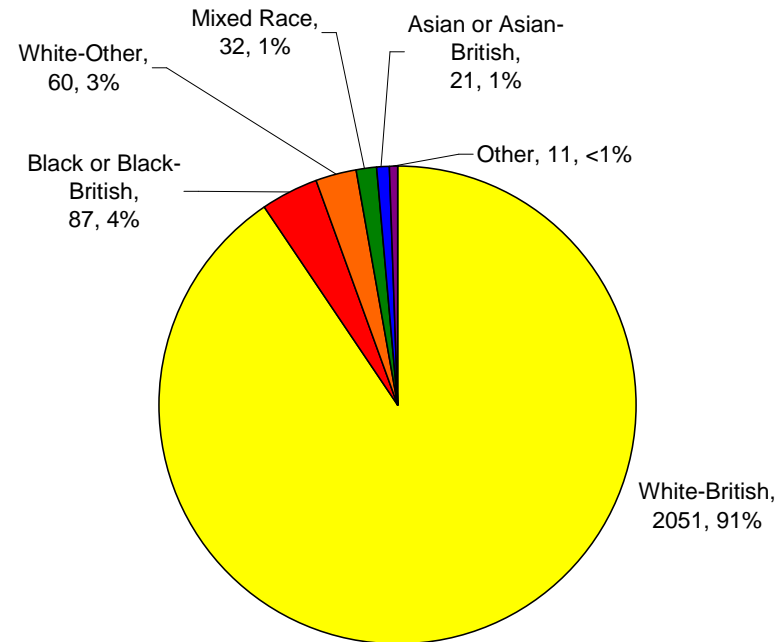
Diversity: Age & Gender



Age groups of South West beneficiaries worked with on PS Plus 3

- The average (mean) age of PS Plus beneficiaries on starting the project was 32 years 2 months.
- The most common age group is 21-30, accounting for 41% of South West beneficiaries.
- 230 of the South West beneficiaries worked with on PS Plus 3 were under 21 on starting the project, and 18 beneficiaries were over 60.
- 12% (281) and 88% (1981) of the beneficiaries were female and male respectively.

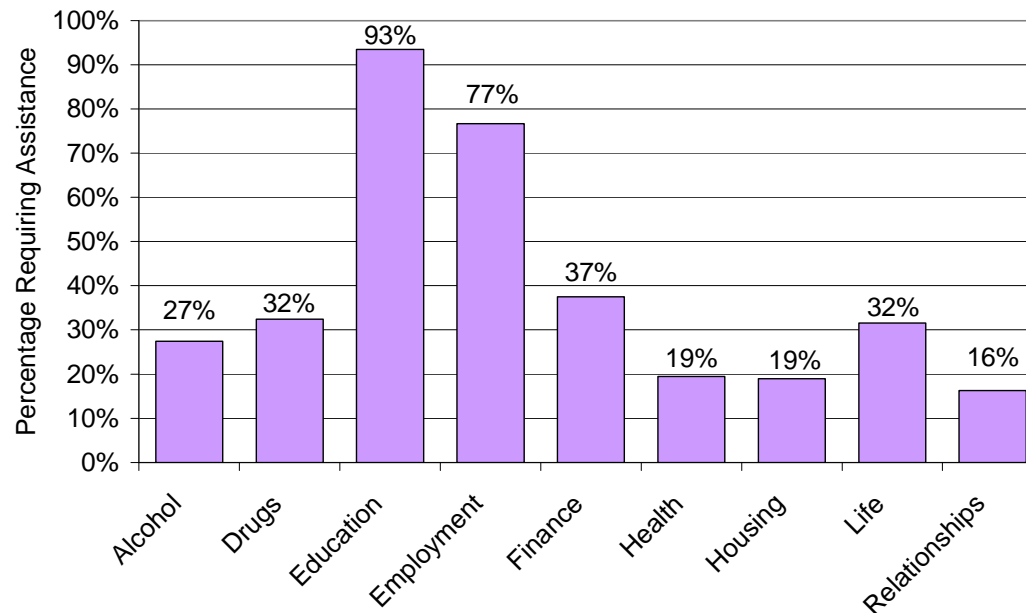
Diversity: Ethnic Origin and Nationality



Ethnic origin of South West beneficiaries on PS Plus 3

- 91% (2051) of South West beneficiaries on PS Plus 3 were White-British. Ethnic minorities accounted for 9% of the population.
- 96% (2180) of South West beneficiaries were from the United Kingdom. PS Plus worked with 62 beneficiaries from outside the United Kingdom and of these, 25 were from outside of the EU. The nationality of 20 South West beneficiaries is unknown.

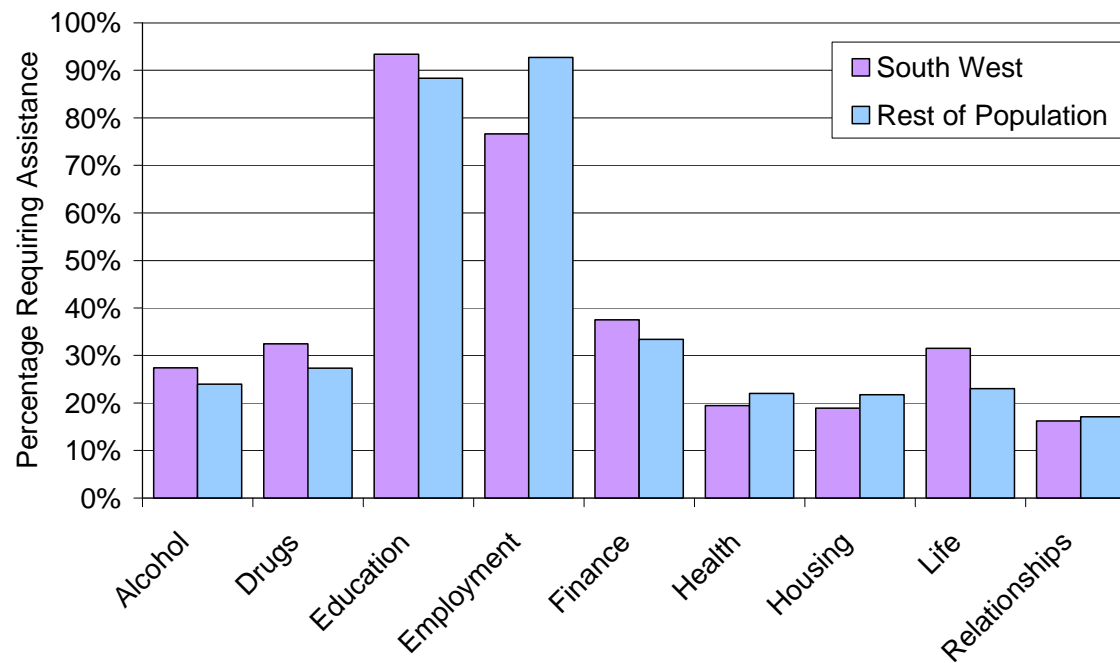
Assessed Needs



Needs of South West beneficiaries according to assessments

- Every beneficiary needed help with either employment or education. 1734 (77%) beneficiaries needed help with employment and 2113 (93%) required assistance with education issues.
- 19% (429) of beneficiaries needed help with housing, and 6% (132) were identified as having no fixed abode. 19% (440) of beneficiaries needed help with health issues, and 82 (4%) beneficiaries considered themselves disabled.
- 1109 beneficiaries identified a need for help with either drugs or alcohol, which accounted for 49% of the total.

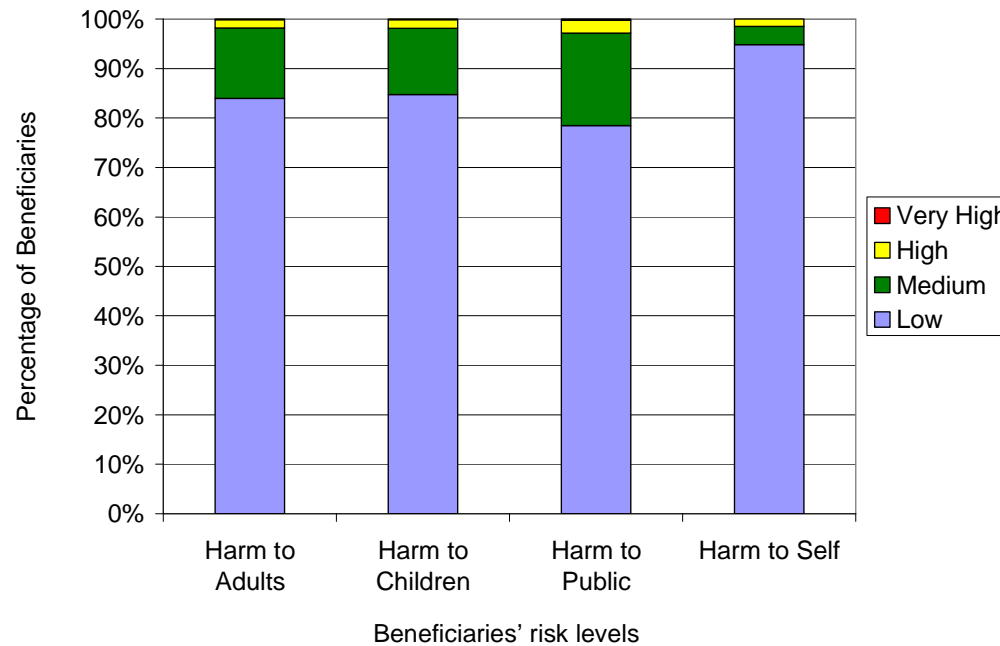
Assessed Needs – Comparison with the rest of PS Plus 3



Needs of South West PS Plus 3 beneficiaries compared to the rest of the PS Plus 3 population.

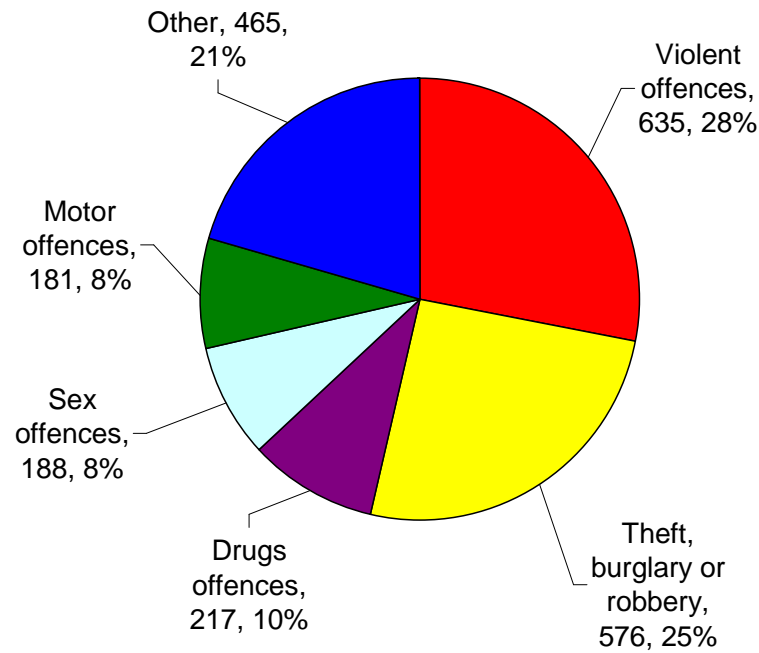
- Statistical analysis shows that South West beneficiaries were significantly *more* likely to have problems with alcohol, drugs, education, finance, and life issues than the rest of the PS Plus 3 population.
- Statistical analysis shows that South West beneficiaries were significantly *less* likely to have problems with employment, health and housing issues than the rest of the PS Plus 3 population.

Risk



- For risk of harm to adults, children and the public, approximately 35% of beneficiaries' risk was unknown. For risk of harm to self, approximately 61% of beneficiaries' risk was unknown.
- Where known, less than 3% were classed as high or very high risk in each category.
- Where known, over 75% of prisoners were classified as low risk of harm towards adults, children and the public. Where risk was known, 95% of beneficiaries were classed as low risk towards themselves.

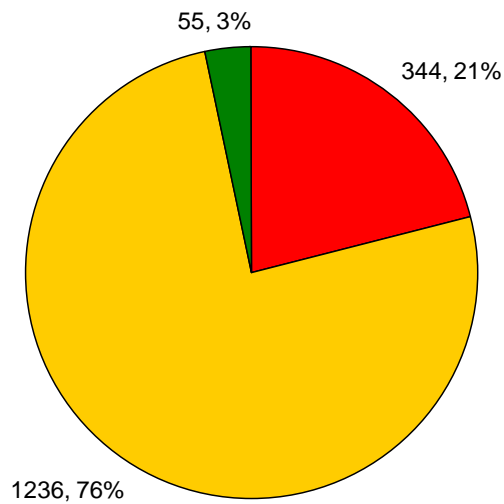
Offences



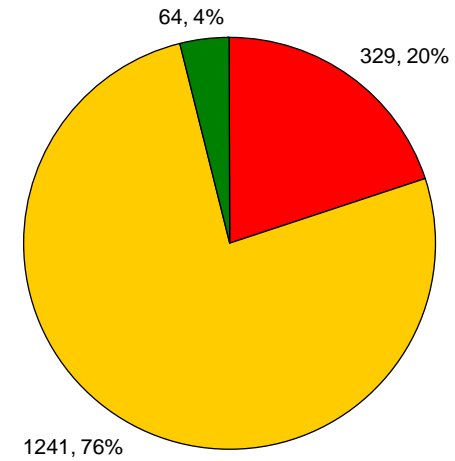
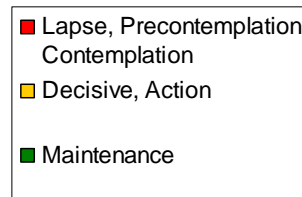
Offences committed by PS Plus beneficiaries

- The most common type of offence committed by South West 3 beneficiaries was violent offences (28%) followed by theft, burglary or robbery (25%).
- 217 (10%) beneficiaries had committed drugs offences.

Motivation



Beneficiaries' Starting Motivation

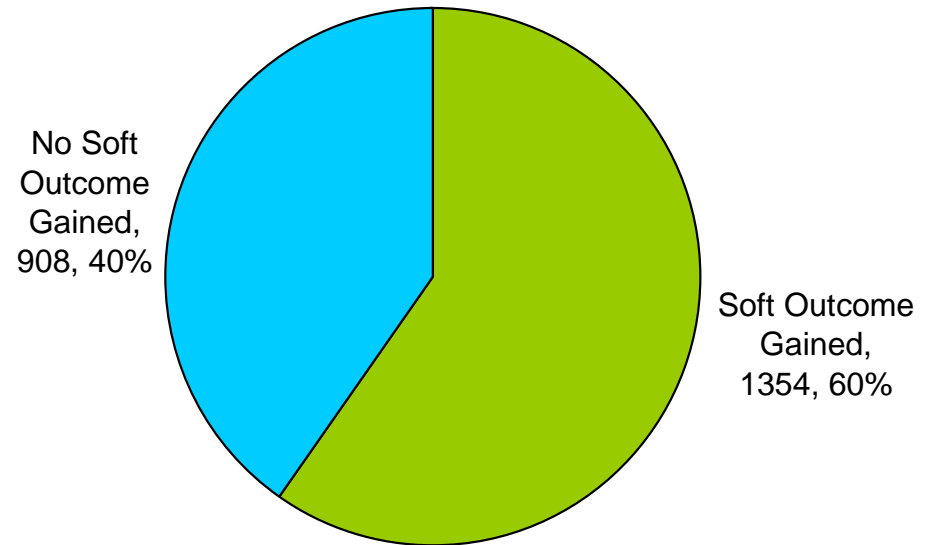


Beneficiaries' Finishing Motivation

- The proportion of beneficiaries whose motivation (where known) was lapse, pre-contemplation or contemplation decreased from 21% to 20%.
- 9 more beneficiaries had a motivation level of maintenance when beneficiaries' finishing motivation was calculated.
- Approximately 630 beneficiaries had no motivation recorded.

Soft Outcomes - Summary

<u>Outcome</u>	<u>No. bens</u>
Advice On Disclosure	728
Accessed Beneficiary Fund	406
IAG Assistance	303
Non-NVQs Gained	245
CV Assisted	100
Basic Skills	75
NVQs Gained	72
Other Programme	63
Portfolio Of Achievement	61
Job Interview	47
Work Experience ROTL	34
FE College Interview	19
Other Motivational Programme	19
CSCS - Health And Safety Test	17
Other	95
Total	2284

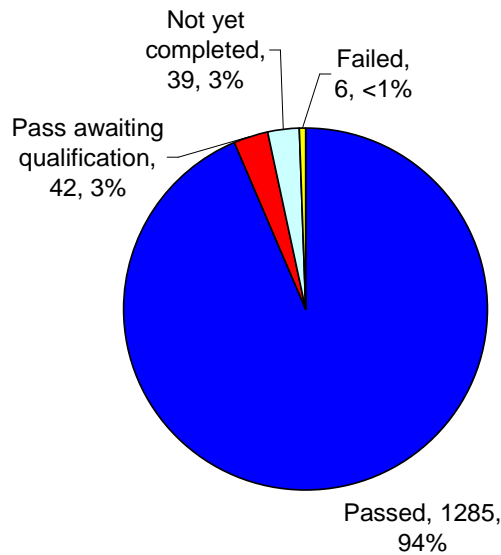


Soft outcomes gained by beneficiaries

Percentage gaining a soft outcome

- 2284 soft outcomes were achieved by the 2262 South West beneficiaries on PS Plus 3.
- 60% (1354) of South West beneficiaries achieved at least one soft outcome whilst on PS Plus 3.
- 41% (937) beneficiaries received advice or guidance. 58% (1321) received help with employment and 52% (1170) received help with education.

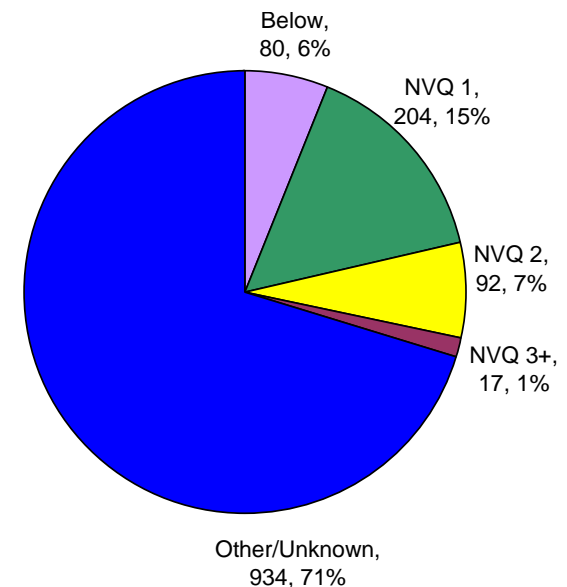
Soft Outcomes – Qualifications



Exams passed by beneficiaries

<u>Subject passed</u>	<u>No. subjects</u>
Adult Literacy	213
Adult Numeracy	213
Health and Safety	103
Working with others	87
Food Hygiene	60
First Aid	56
Plant & Machinery Operations	53
IT/ECDL	51
Manual Handling	43
Fork Lift Truck Training	36
Industrial Cleaning	35
Painting and Decorating	28
Life Skills	23
Anger management	21
Other	305
Total	1327

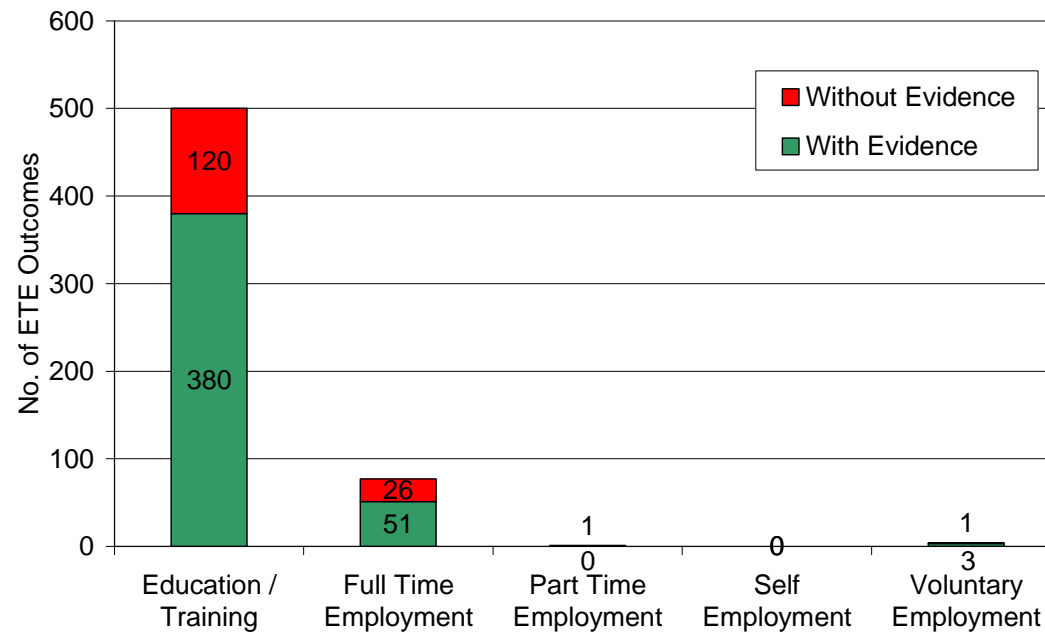
Subjects passed by beneficiaries



NVQs gained by beneficiaries

- 1327 (97%) of exams taken by South West PS Plus beneficiaries were passed, with a further 39 yet to be completed by the end of the project. Only 6 exams were failed.
- PS Plus beneficiaries completed courses in a wide range of subjects, from anger management to industrial cleaning. 426 adult literacy and numeracy courses and 103 health and safety courses were passed.
- 313 NVQs (level 1 and above) were passed by South West PS Plus beneficiaries.

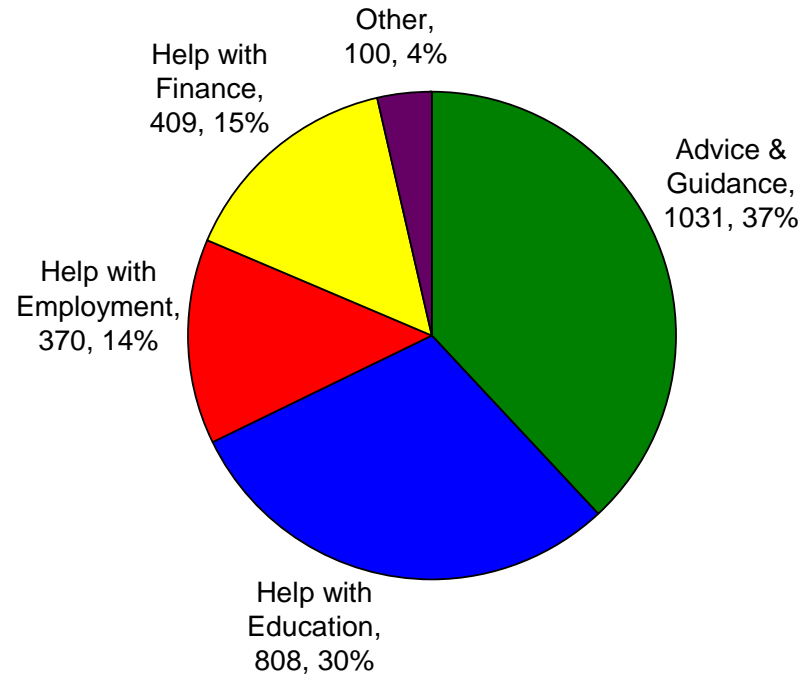
Hard ETE Outcomes



ESF Hard ETE outcomes achieved by beneficiaries

- 582 hard outcomes were recorded by PS Plus staff.
- 434 hard outcomes had sufficient evidence for ESF auditing purposes.
- South West beneficiaries on the PS Plus 3 project achieved 380 education/training outcomes and 54 employment outcomes.

All Outcomes - Summary



Summary of All Outcomes Gained by South West beneficiaries on PS Plus 3

- In total, 2718 outcomes were achieved by South West PS Plus 3 beneficiaries, with 63% (1414) of beneficiaries receiving at least one outcome while on the PS Plus project.
- 14% (370) of these outcomes have helped improve beneficiaries' employability, from writing CVs to gaining full-time employment.
- 409 finance outcomes and 5 housing outcomes were gained by South West beneficiaries.