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PROJECT SUMMARY

PS Plus 3 – HMP/YOI Styal

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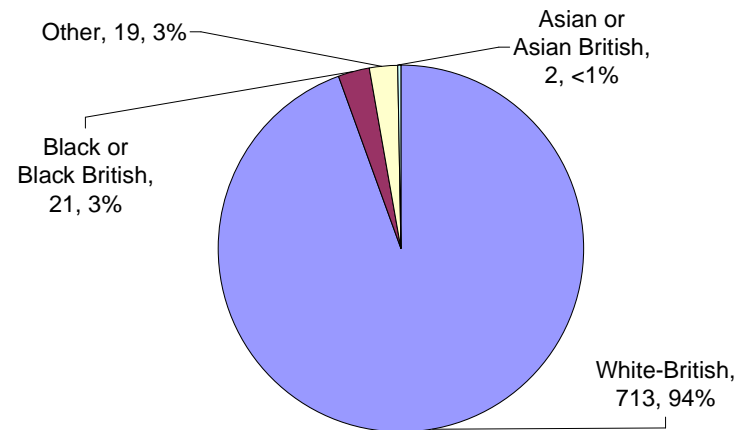
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This report has been compiled to give information about the offenders (beneficiaries) worked with on the PS Plus 3 project in HMP/YOI Styal - a female closed local prison in the North West. The project ran for 14 months between 1st April 2007 and 30th June 2008, in which time 755 beneficiaries were started on the project. At its peak, it is estimated that the project worked with approximately 40% of the prison population.

Of the 755 beneficiaries started, 30% (224) left the project early with 91% of these transferring to a non-PS Plus prison establishment.
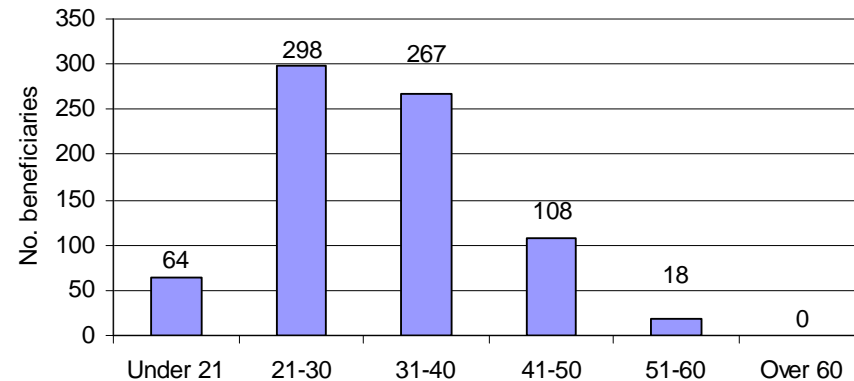
Demographics

- 94% (713) of the beneficiaries started in Styal were White-British. 6% (42) of the beneficiaries were from ethnic minority groups, and 20 beneficiaries were from outside the United Kingdom.

- 39% (298) of beneficiaries started in Styal were aged between 21 and 30, with the average age on starting the project being 31 years 10 months.

- The most common offence type of beneficiaries started in Styal was theft, burglary or robbery (39%) followed by violent offences (23%).
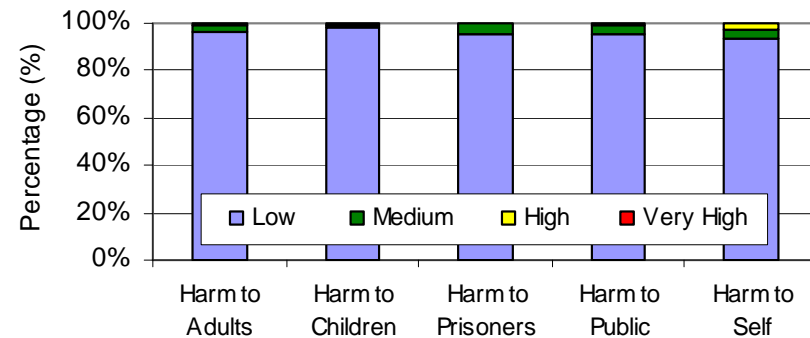
Ethnic Origin

Other, 19, 3%
Asian or Asian British, 2, <1%
Black or Black British, 21, 3%
White-British, 713, 94%

Age Groups

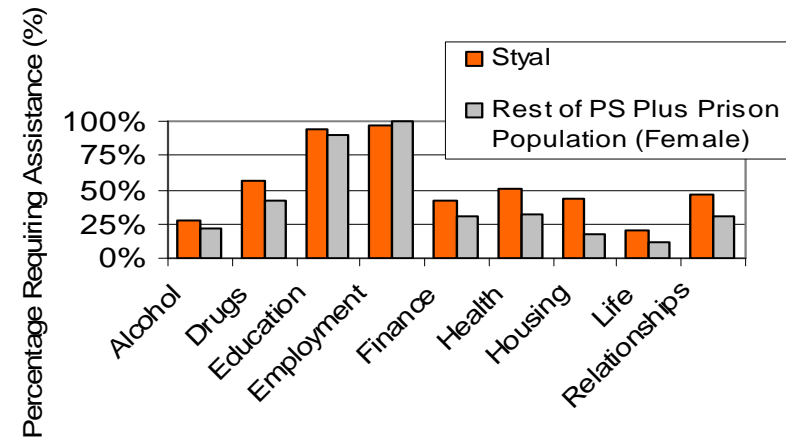| Age Group	No. beneficiaries
Under 21	64
21-30	298
31-40	267
41-50	108
51-60	18
Over 60	0

Assessment

- For the majority of prisoners (where known), the level of risk posed towards adults, children, other prisoners, the public and themselves is low. Less than 3% were classed as high or very high risk in each category.

- Every beneficiary required help with either employment or education. 728 (96.5%) beneficiaries required help with employment, while 690 (91%) required help with both employment *and* education.

- 518 beneficiaries were identified as requiring assistance with substance abuse, with 28% and 57% of beneficiaries requiring help with alcohol and drugs issues respectively.

- Comparison to the rest of the beneficiaries worked with in female PS Plus prisons shows that beneficiaries started at Styal were significantly *more* likely to require assistance with alcohol, drugs, education, finance, health, housing, life and relationship issues. Analysis shows that beneficiaries started at Styal were significantly *less* likely to require assistance with employment.

- Comparison to beneficiaries worked with in other female PS Plus prisons shows that beneficiaries in Styal were just as motivated on starting the project.

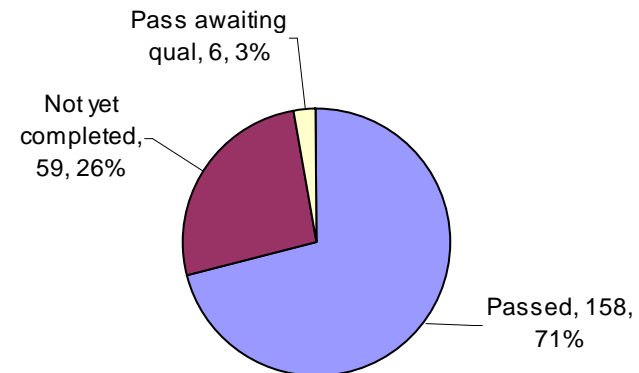### Risk Levels

Assessed Needs

Soft Outcomes

- 773 soft outcomes were achieved by Styal.

- 55% (415) of the beneficiaries worked with at Styal achieved at least one outcome while there.

- 346 beneficiaries received advice and guidance.

- 398 beneficiaries received assistance with employment issues.

- 374 beneficiaries received assistance with education or training issues.

Qualifications

- 164 courses or qualifications were passed by beneficiaries on the PS Plus project at Styal.

- PS Plus beneficiaries completed courses in a wide range of subjects, from customer care to drug and alcohol awareness.

- 68 adult literacy and adult numeracy courses, and 21 information technology courses were passed.

Soft Outcomes Gained	No. Bens
Advice On Disclosure	328
IAG Assistance	110
Housing Information	55
Financial Literacy	49
Accessed Beneficiary Fund	38
Non-NVQs Gained	38
CV Assisted	34
Other Programme	27
NVQs Gained	25
FE College Interview	17
Other Motivational Programme	13
Other	39

Exam Results

Pass awaiting qual, 6, 3%
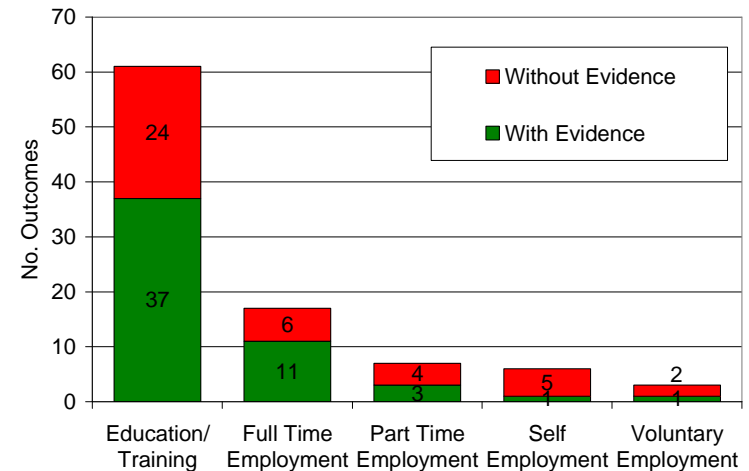Not yet completed, 59, 26%
Passed, 158, 71%

Hard Outcomes

- 94 hard outcomes were recorded by PS Plus staff.

- 53 hard outcomes had sufficient evidence for ESF auditing purposes.

- Beneficiaries successfully achieved 16 employment outcomes and 37 education/training outcomes while on PS Plus 3.

- Employment ranged from chiropody to driving, while education/training ranged from accounting to construction skills.

Summary

- Overall, Styal started 755 beneficiaries, achieved 56 hard ETE outcomes and 773 soft outcomes on the PS Plus 3 project.

Hard ETE Outcomes

Outcomes Gained