



PROJECT SUMMARY

PS Plus 3 – West Mercia Probation

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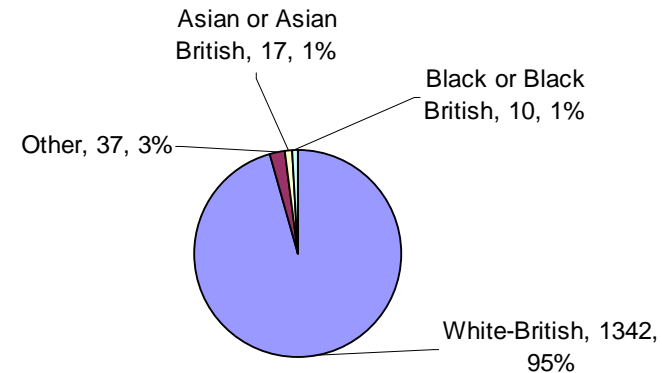
This report has been compiled to give information about the offenders (beneficiaries) worked with on the PS Plus 3 project by West Mercia probation. The project ran for 27 months between April 2006 and June 2008, in which time 1406 beneficiaries started on the project. At its peak, it is estimated that West Mercia probation worked with approximately 790 beneficiaries.

9 beneficiaries were also worked with in West Mercia who had started on the project in a PS Plus prison, including 2 from HMP Ashwell and 2 from HMP Eastwood Park, allowing PS Plus intervention to be continued upon release.

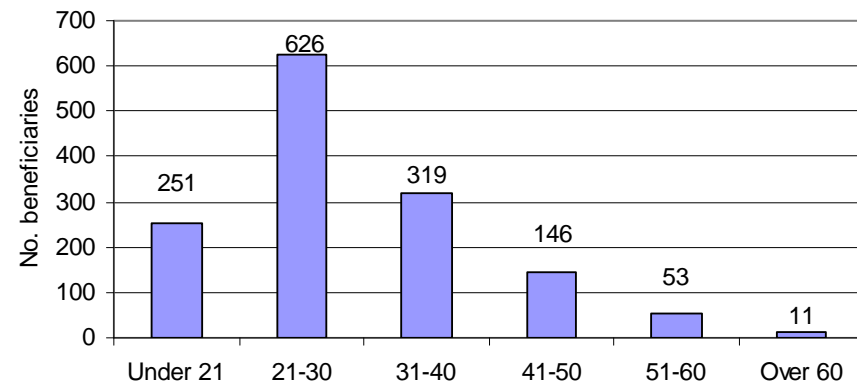
Demographics

- 95% (1342) of the beneficiaries started in West Mercia were White-British. 5% (64) of the beneficiaries were from ethnic minority groups, and 19 beneficiaries were from outside the United Kingdom (where known).
- 45% (626) of beneficiaries started in West Mercia were aged between 21 and 30, with the average age on starting the project being 29 years 6 months.
- The most common offence type of beneficiaries started in West Mercia was violent offences (34%) followed by theft, burglary or robbery (23%).

Ethnic Origin



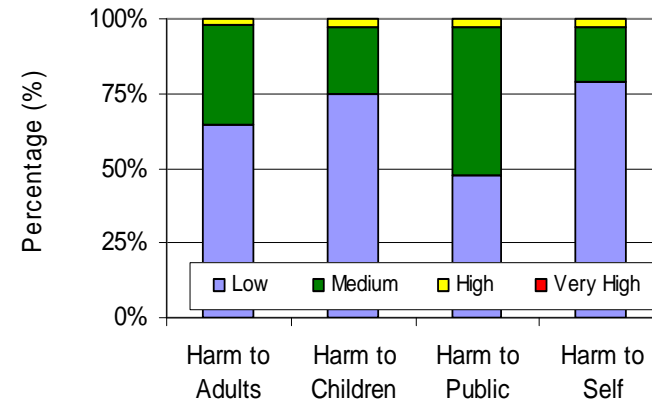
Age Groups



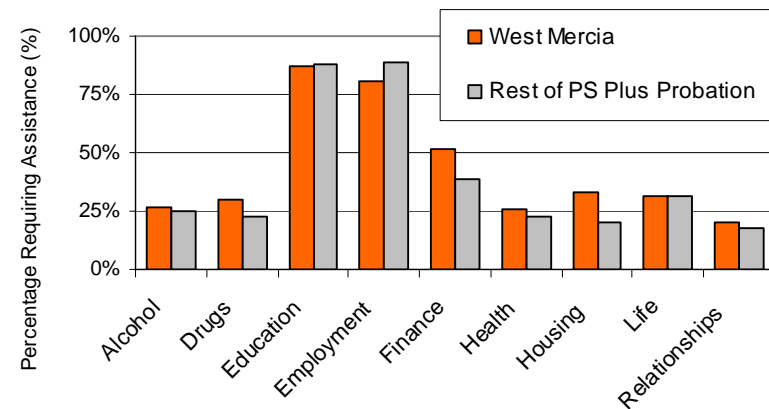
Assessment

- 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 3% were classed as high or very high risk in each category.
- Every beneficiary required help with either employment or education. 1132 (81%) beneficiaries required help with employment, while 991 (70%) required help with both employment *and* education.
- 675 beneficiaries were identified as requiring assistance with substance abuse, with 26% and 30% 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 West Mercia were significantly *more* likely to require assistance with drugs, finance, health, housing and relationship issues. Analysis shows that beneficiaries started at West Mercia were significantly *less* likely to require assistance with employment.
- Comparison to beneficiaries worked with in other PS Plus probation areas shows that beneficiaries in West Mercia were significantly less motivated on starting the project.

Risk Levels



Assessed Needs



Soft Outcomes

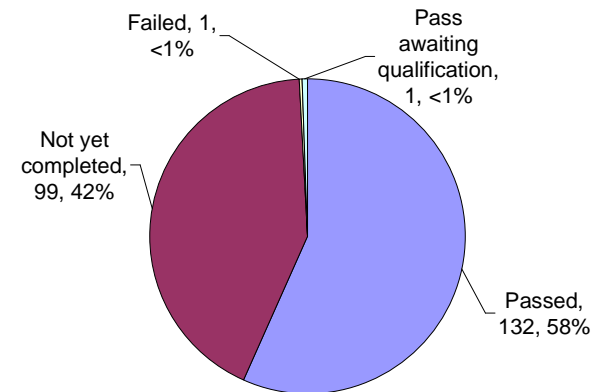
- 2980 soft outcomes were achieved by West Mercia.
- 91% (1287) of the beneficiaries worked with in West Mercia achieved at least one outcome while there.
- 395 beneficiaries received advice and guidance.
- 1208 beneficiaries received assistance with employment issues.
- 758 beneficiaries received assistance with education or training issues.

Qualifications

- 133 courses or qualifications were passed by beneficiaries on the PS Plus project at West Mercia.
- PS Plus beneficiaries completed courses in a wide range of subjects, from driver training to plastering.
- 52 adult literacy and adult numeracy courses, and 52 fork lift truck training courses were passed.

<u>Soft Outcomes Gained</u>	<u>No. Bens</u>
Other Programme	1079
FE College Interview	398
IAG Assistance	336
Financial Literacy	176
Advice On Disclosure	150
Job Club	146
Accessed Beneficiary Fund	126
CV Assisted	121
Housing Advice/Interview	102
Non-NVQs gained	77
Rent Arrears Addressed	62
NVQs Gained	44
Other	163

Exam Results



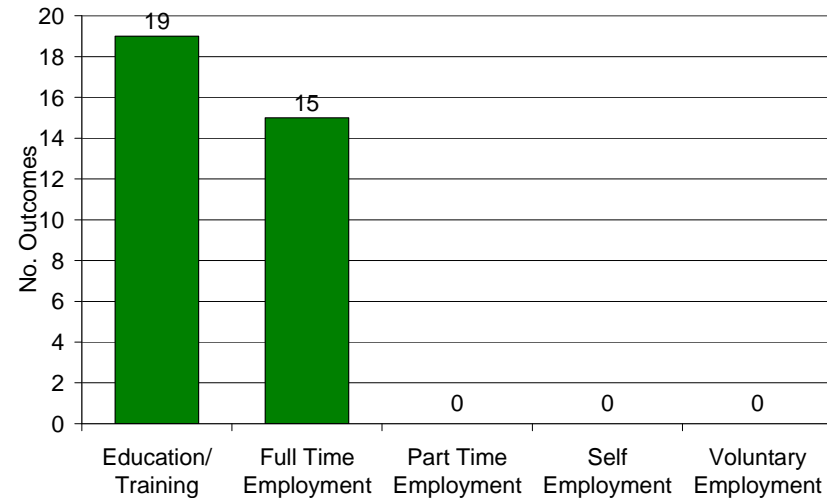
Hard Outcomes

- In total 142 hard outcomes were recorded by PS Plus staff.
- 34 hard outcomes had sufficient evidence for ESF auditing purposes.
- In addition 3 supplementary hard outcomes were evidenced.
- Beneficiaries successfully achieved 15 employment outcomes and 19 education/training outcomes while on PS Plus 3.
- Employment ranged from manufacturing to shop work, while education/training included fork lift truck training and basic skills training.

Summary

- Overall, West Mercia started 1406 beneficiaries, achieved 34 hard ETE outcomes and 2980 soft outcomes on the PS Plus 3 project.

Hard ETE Outcomes



Outcomes Gained

