



Durham County Council Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny & Overview Committee Probation Service Update

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Introduction



- Probation Challenges – prison capacity
- Good Practice – Hub Delivery Model / Local Initiatives / Case Study
- Partnership Developments

Probation Challenges

Probation Challenges in 2024

ECSL – End of Custody Supervised Licence early release scheme - quick turn around, one-off activity to release people 18 days early.

SDS40 – Standard Determinate Sentences – early release scheme from September – October 2024; those eligible were released at the 40% not the usual 50% point of sentence

Probation Reset – from April 2024 – Supervision suspended at the last 1/3 of sentence. Exemption of Counter Terrorist, Child Protection, Very High Risk cases...

Probation Hub Delivery

- Shakespeare Hall, North Road – NORTH DURHAM
- West Auckland Community Centre – SOUTH DURHAM
& St Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe (Women only)
- St Cuthbert's Community Hall – PETERLEE
- Enterprise House, DARLINGTON

In a One Stop Shop approach to supervision / promoting desistance...

- Community Rehabilitation Services – *St Giles Wise, Thirteen, Wise Group*
- HMPPS Co-Financing Organisation - *Ingeus*
- Local Authority Public Health Recovery Services
- Engaging People on Probation representatives
- Probation Structured Interventions delivery...
- Unpaid Work placements for women



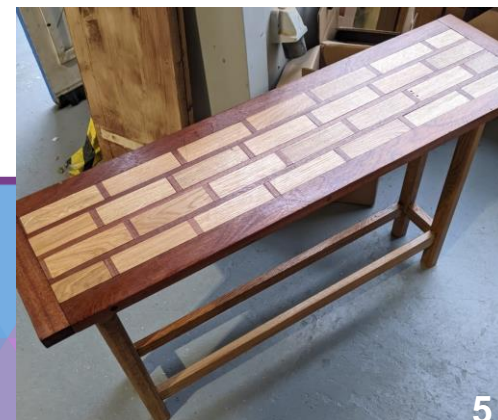
Good News – Case Example

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- **The Police/Probation Integrated Offender Management Team use the services of *Handcrafted* at Willington as constructive activities...**
- **Charity with a Christian ethos where people learn woodwork/skills**
- **Empowers people excluded from the mainstream to gain skills/work**
- **John has an extensive criminal history and has not come to authorities' attention since prison release in November 2022.**
- **John has been welcomed at *Handcrafted* since his release and has recognised talents.**



Local Initiatives - Engagement

- Staff Engagement & Wellbeing Committee
- CHAT Box initiative
- Reward & Recognition Panel
- Good Practice & Positivity Teams Call
- Engaging People on Probation Forum

Reducing Reoffending Delivery Group

Priority 1

To deliver an effective, multi-agency Integrated Offender Management scheme

Priority 2

To focus on the drivers of offending and clarify and develop Criminal Justice Pathways in relation to Substance Misuse, Health, Mental Health, Accommodation & Education, Training and Employment

Priority 3

To coordinate and align rehabilitative activity across County Durham and Darlington eg activity from the LCJB, CSPs and their subgroups, the combating drugs and alcohol partnership and the serious violence duty partnership

Potential Partnership Developments for Women...

