OFFENDER PROBATION MANAGEMENT DRUG USER - MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES - DRUG DEBT - SERVED LESS THAN 12 MONTHS IN PRISON An Offender's well managed journey Through The Gate PRE-RELEASE RELEASE SUPPORT THROUGH SENTENCE PLAN Phases **Support With Substance Abuse** Skills Development Support Post-Sentence Supervision Subphases Sentence Plan Development Mental Health Support **Contact Initiated** Financial Support Touchpoints Meets with RO Performs risk Jointly agrees inititiated workshops accomodation accomodation success of appointments and meets accomodation of relapse recommendati assessment to Plan mentor booked develop skills voluntary work Sentence Plan success sentence prison course on application appointment Finances Whilst in custody Steven has engaged with the substance misuse team and has been informed that an appointment Steven reports to his responsible officer on the day of Steven is accompanied to his pre-booked appointment The RO talks to Steven about his offending behaviour Steven's mentor offers to accompany him to Steven's issues with debt prompt his RO to direct him to a course aimed Steven meets with his RO who suggests that he looks With his RO, Steven reviews his progress against his Sentence Plan. Narrative with the Substance Misuse Services by his Mentor. will be arranged for him to make sure he has support in the community. and factors that contribute towards the risk of his pre-booked appointment with Mental at helping Steven manage his finances. develops his skillset in order to increase his chances of release as required. His RO confirms that Steven has successfully followed his Plan. reoffending. Health Services. finding appropriate employment in the future. Steven is made aware of his licence conditions and the He mentions his fear of relapse and is given appropriate Steven attends the course and subsequently proceeds to open a bank Steven enters a period of post-sentence supervision, which includes reduced reporting advice to support abstinence, including the times and post sentence supervision period. The RO has gathered information about his previous His mental health issues have been correctly His RO also suggests that Steven could engage in requirements. communicated to the Services in charge and dates of peer support groups. offending and advised him that since he has been voluntary work in order to develop his skillset. He then goes to his allocated accomodation. identified as being at high risk of reoffending, he will the treatment he receives is a continuation of In the following months, Steven stays in touch with his RO and offers to become a mentor for other meet with his RO on a weekly basis. what he received in Prison. ex-offenders going through their Sentence Plans. Steven was made aware that his frequency of reporting will be reviewed based on the progress he makes. Within 6 months of release 12 weeks prior to release Day of release Within 72 hours of release Within 15 days of release Within 20 days of release Within 4 months of release Within 9 months of release Elapsed time Journey Context Live/In-Person (🔊 Paper Mail (Phone (Web/Internet I will be supported in planning my release. My accomodation will be suitable. I will receive the same level of support that I My RO will be familiar with my case. I will receive the same level of • I will be supported through a 'warm referral' process, i.e. I will I will be supported through a 'warm referral' • I will be informed of how I performed against my goals. Expectations did in Prison. support than I did in Prison. not only be given some contact details but I my information will process, i.e. I will not only be given some contact be passed onto the relevant administrators. details but I my information will be passed onto the relevant administrators. • I will receive follow-up support. I will be able contribute to the development of The SMS will have been given my my Sentence Plan. With my consent, the Health information and will be aware of my specific Services will be communicated with needs and requirements. my information and will be aware of my specific needs and requirements. I will leave the meeting with a clear idea of the follow up actions I need to take in order to make good progress against my Sentence Plan. I will have been able to talk about any immediate concerns with my RO. My RO will be the same person throughout the entire process. My RO asked me what I wanted to achieve and involved I thinkn probation have been helpful, despite what everyone in prison says, they have helped me get a flat, and if I have any questions as to what I can do, I can ask and they will tell me the answer. What We Heard I attended classes (...) It was insiring to learn how to deal with someone who wants to bring trouble to you, and how to not get in trouble. I could not live with my family for six months, my I got help from my case manager to get appointments I like m y RO, we got on well, he knows where I am coming from. me in the planning, I feel that my RO is a good listener, If I wanted to talk for an hour he would make If I wanted to talk for an hour with my RO, he would make the time and work through things with me. the time and work through things with me. return was carefully monitored by my RO, he/she shows compassion, gives me inspiration when I am was attentive to risks, I understood that. feeling down, and provide good advice about how I can access services. • I am greeted and supported right from going • I get the information I need and feel prepared for my release. • There is continuity in the support I am provided My RO knows my case and I do not have to I feel supported by my mentor. • My RO works with me through my priority areas and anticipate I am able to bond with my RO as a result of • I am given feedback and feel confident in my chances of never going back to Prison. Gain points explain it again. through the gate. my needs. meeting with the same person everytime. • I have benefited from my relationship with my RO. • I feel reassured to have my accommodation provided as soon as I am released. I am able to bond with him as we have • I am able to contribute to the development of I am able to go to my accomodation right away I am able to quickly get the support that I need. been through similar experiences. The prospect of managing my finances appear less daunting I am given tailored support in the development and avoid the stress of having to look for a place of my skillset and feel more confident in my my plan and don't feel forced into requirements now that I have received training. or living with my parents. that I would not have agreed to. chances of securing a job. • My positive experience has empowered me into becoming a Mentor for other ex-offenders. The Health Services have been I feel comfortable being accompanied by my communicated my details and as a Mentor to my appointment as we already I feel listened to. result, the treatment I receive is I understand my sentence and licence made contact at the gate. conditions. personalised and build on what I received in Prison. Because I have jointly contributed and agreed to my Sentence Plan, I feel more confident in being able to reach my goals. Emotional Journey Positive Reassured Negative Apprehensive Supported Comforted Overwhelmed **Data Points** 26% of prisoners enter employment on release. 312% of offenders reoffended in the UK in the period from April to June 2016.* of community or suspended sentance orders now contain a rehabilitation activity requirement. Failure to receive needed treatment or access to services The 'first few weeks after release from custody are critical, and personal often leads to relapse and re-arrest, usually during the first finances can be both stretched and a cause of anxiety'. 12 months after release. Extract from a joint report by the Prison Reform Trust found in a report Sources **House of Commons** MOJ - The Journey for Offenders Entering the NIH Fact Sheet on addiction and the Criminal Justice Report on The Implementation and Delivery of Offender Management Community Cohort Stated in report from the House of Commons Work and * CRC and NPS offender cohorts had an average of 31.2% of proportion of offenders who reoffend, Work and Pensions Committee **Probation System** Rehabilitation Activity Requirements from the House of Commons Work and Pensions Committee - 'Support Pensions Committee - 'Support for ex-offenders' (2016-UK-wide. for ex-offenders' (2016-17) Support for ex-offenders HM Inspectorate of Probation for England and Wales Ministry of Justice. (2017). 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