



SWM/DNLR CRC: Resettlement Services/Housing & Welfare

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Transforming Rehabilitation

- TR is the name given to the gov's. programme for management of offenders in England and Wales from February 2015.
- The reforms have replaced the previous 35 individual Probation Trusts with a single National Probation Service, responsible for the management of high-risk offenders (APs, VLU, MAPPA, Courts)
- 21 CRCs responsible for the management of low to medium risk offenders in 21 areas across England and Wales, these are referred to as Contract Package Areas (CPAs).
- Introduction of intervention for all short term < 12 month prisoners
- The CRCs have assumed responsibility for supervising short-sentence prisoners (those sentenced to less than 12 months in prison) after release

Resettlement Services

- Our role is to work with low to medium risk offenders to address offending needs and secure/maintain appropriate accommodation
- We work in seven resettlement Prisons across SWM including 5 male estates:

Birmingham, Oakwood, Dovegate Hewell & Brinsford.

2 female prisons; Drake Hall & Foston.

Community offices across SWM including a centralised office in Birmingham and Wolverhampton, with a satellite office in Dudley.

Centre City:
Conrad Sterling
Dionne Hare

Stafford
Rob Francis

Coventry& Solihull
Heather Butler

Wolverhampton
Nicky Howells

Sandwell/Dudley
Elaine Robinson

Stoke
Wendy Taylor

Carrie Peters
(Head of Service)
Dawn Bakewell (Resettlement
SAA)

Jacqui Ayee/John Hobbs
(SPO/PDM)

Rachael Smith/Andy Wilcoxson
(Senior H&W Caseworker)

Azim Azam & Paul Wilton
(Community Support Workers)

Resettlement Prisons
Birmingham Settlement
Kamran Latif

HMP B/Ham
Shahidur Rahman/Nicky
Howells

HMP /Oakwood
Elaine Robinson

HMP YOI Brinsford
Martin Gainer

HMP Hewell
Ebrahim Memi

HMP Drake
Emily Dixon

HMP Dovegate
Robert Francis

Why are we here today

There is a well evidenced and complex relationship between homelessness and offending:

- Homelessness is significantly higher amongst prison leavers
- A lack of stable accommodation increases the risk of (re-)offending
- 4 groups of prison leavers face particular barriers: remand, short sentences; women; young people; homeless on entering prison
- Effective approaches to supporting prison leavers include: proactively providing advice & info on housing needs well before release (Your Housing Options)
- Post release support to sustain tenancies; support engagement with partnership other agencies

Improving Tenancy Sustainment

H&W team referrals:

Often have complex needs including prior evictions, rent arrears, substance misuse, mental health, ASB.

These individuals will often require supported housing options – additional wrap around support

Allocation of a CSW

Referral to Getting a Home Keeping a Home

What to H&W offer?

SWM/DNLR CRC H&W teams work across both prisons and community:

In prison:

Assessment, Referral & Advice
Your Housing Options – Group
Peer Mentor Support
FBD Advice & Support

In the community:

Assessment, Referral & Advice
CSW/SOVA
Group (Getting a Home, Keeping a Home).

Getting a Home, Keeping a Home

- 4 module programme: can be delivered as individual modules or entire programme (January 2016)
- **Aim** of the programme is to equip service users with knowledge about their housing options and to give them the skills to maintain accommodation and reduce the risk of repeat homelessness.
- **Session 1. Nowhere to live**
- **Session 2. Tenancy Sustainment**
- **Session 3. Managing A Personal Budget**
- **Session 4. Benefits and work**

Further work required

SWM/DNLR CRC have developed good working links with LHAs, and supported housing providers across the region.

Lack of move on provision

‘Stuck’ tenants – benefit trap

Require ‘staged’ approach – pathways to greater independence

What this means for you:

- Tenants who have demonstrated ability to maintain supported tenancy
- Tenants who have demonstrated willingness to engage with support
- Tenants who have completed a targeted tenancy sustainment programme.
- Tenants who will have ongoing support (via CSW), H&W and Case Managers



Any Questions???