



REDUCING REOFFENDING

EU Project News



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Welcome to the second newsletter from the ISEC Reducing Reoffending project. We are now 10 months into the project, so let's see how we are getting on . . .

ACTION LEARNING SET 2 - UK

The second Action Learning Set took place in Liverpool at LJMU's Redmonds Building on 7 June 2013.

LJMU have now published their findings in a report which is being translated into Dutch and Italian. If you would like to read the full report please request a copy by email. Below are some taster paragraphs that refer to MALS Merseyside . . .



"Whilst they work in partnership with criminal justice agencies (and by extension the organization secures the gravitas of being a partner agency and secures the access opportunities this grants them) they retain their independence and their own professional integrity in working with individuals."

"Many of the offenders are victims and or vulnerable people themselves and there is a need to work with and beyond criminal justice orientated interventions to tackle many of the underlying root causes of their behavior . . . Offenders may need only one or two mentoring inputs lasting a couple of weeks whereas others may require more sustained and intensive input over a series of months."

2011—2012
Overall Crime **reduced by 6.1%**
Antisocial Behaviour **reduced by 20.02%**
Drug offences **reduced by 17%**

Police Commissioner praises crime reduction in Knowsley

Merseyside Police Commissioner, Jane Kennedy, praised the multi-agency approach of the Safer Knowsley Partnership in achieving a reduction in crime in the Borough. Crime in Knowsley dropped by 6.1% between 2011 and 2012 and by 11% since November 2012.

Jane Kennedy said "Knowsley should be congratulated on their achievements in making the Borough safer for its residents". The Commissioner praised some of the "pioneering techniques" used by the Partnership, including using emerging legislation to tackle antisocial behaviour and crime; also, commissioning a health-led domestic violence needs assessment to tackle violence in the home.

The Partnership's Community Messaging service has also impressed the Commissioner - the service now keeps more than 8,700 people informed on key issues in the Borough.



MALS TO DELIVER LCP IN PRISON

Excellent news! From November 2013 MALS will deliver their Life Change Programme from HMP Liverpool.

Now 10 months into the Project, MALS have completed two volunteer mentor training sessions, two life change programmes and have delivered in excess of 650 mentoring sessions to offenders with complex needs. Working in the prison will be a great opportunity to bring the LCP to a greater number of offenders and also engage their families in the programme at an early stage in the rehabilitation process. Here is a brief overview of what the programme will look like:

Life Change Programme					
Wk 1	Monday	am	Introduction and making a change	pm	Values and beliefs
	Tuesday	am	Why we offend	pm	Victim impact
Wk 2	Monday	am	Anger management	pm	Domestic Violence
	Tuesday	am	CV and interview training		
Wk 3	Monday	am	Communicating change and action planning	pm	Family session and service market
	Tuesday	am	Team building session	pm	Review learning
Wk 4	Monday	am	Evaluation with offenders	pm	Evaluation with LJMU (focus group)
	Tuesday			pm	Presentation of certificates (with families present)

Clare and Anthony will run the programme together and, depending on the mix of offenders, sessions can be tailored to suit by, for example, substituting drugs and alcohol sessions with anger management or domestic violence sessions. LJMU will attend in the last week of each programme to evaluate progress.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

In the last issue we told you about Operation Encompass, an information sharing initiative which alerts a teacher when a school child has been affected by domestic abuse in the home, allowing the school to support the child. Since its launch in December 2012 there have been **239** incidents involving **375** children. In 89% of cases, schools would not have the information they are now routinely provided with.

Knowsley Council and Merseyside Police have entered Operation Encompass for the [European Crime Prevention Awards 2013](#). Look out in the next newsletter to see how they got on!

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