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# ALS Activity 6: Taking Stock, Looking Ahead

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## **Aim of the Project:**

To reduce crime rates by reducing reoffending through coordinated targeting of resources at those offenders whose criminogenic needs require additional intervention and support

# Objectives

## **The project will deliver, over 3 years:-**

- Multi agency approach to improve offenders' self-worth, self-motivation, desire to change and willingness to engage, and increase their opportunities to receive education, training and employment opportunities
- Life Change programme with the Voluntary Sector, to assist with mentoring, re-integration through access to the 7 Pathways out of reoffending, and improving public confidence that reoffending rates are reducing.
- It will target over 250 offenders across the EU

# Project Methodology

- Development of over 250, 12 month Individual Life Change plans with key milestones, for male and female offenders in response to the specific needs of the individual
- A 24 hour mentoring helpline for offenders, initially for 3 years
- 6 Action Learning sets across Europe to share our best practice with other EU partners and learn from others experience within the reducing reoffending field, that will continue after the project has ceased
- Improve information sharing practices at local, sub-regional, regional and trans-national levels by introducing the Mi-case management information system

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## **Mi-case management will enable:**

- Provision of a quick accurate reference point for any staff involved with IOM
- Supporting the gathering and approval of additional useful information across all partners involved within the IOM process
- Management of performance against set criteria
- Management of cross border offending between Merseyside and Greater Manchester
- Effective integration with other solutions to avoid duplication of effort and provide information for management strategy and policy making
- Use the results of Life Change to create a new training guidance for practitioners within the offender management field that will be disseminated at local, regional, national and European levels

# Project Outcomes

- A reduction in crime and reoffending rates
- Over 250 Ex-offenders across Europe will have significantly increased access to advice and key services which meet their criminogenic and social needs
- Ex-offenders will be empowered to make positive life choices, reducing their risk of re-offending and improving their quality of life
- Increased (sustainable) involvement of the host community in enabling ex-offenders to re-settle effectively and lead positive crime-free lives
- Number of Offender management practitioners accessing the Life Change training resource

**Where are we now?**

Expected Results	What has been delivered so far...
Reduction in Reoffending rates/crime rates	Ongoing work trying to establish baselines for the cohorts
Increase in information sharing amongst EU partners and partners at the local level	Regular contact and information sharing between all partner agencies
6 ALS with a minimum of 16 at each event	4 ALS to date
6 research reports based on the ALS in 3 languages	3 ALS reports produced to date
1 Life Change Programme Guide produced in EN, IT, and NL	Completed and being tested in Italy
1 End of Project best practice LCP training guide produced	To be completed November 2015
1 End of Project Conference with 250 people from across the EU	Hilton Hotel booked for the Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2015
7000 mentoring sessions	5059 mentoring sessions delivered to date
25 Life Change Programmes delivered	17 LCP delivered (11 in Italy, 6 in the UK)
263 offenders mentored	134 offenders mentored (11 in Italy, 123 in UK)
180 hours of volunteer mentoring training	90 hours of training delivered
Installation of Mi Case offender management system in Merseyside	CORVUS case management system implemented in March 2014.



**What needs to be completed in the  
next 12 months?**

Action	Lead	Timescales
Establish baseline Reducing Reoffending/ Crime rates on the IOM cohorts	KMBC/ LJMU	December 2014
Provide evidence of the increase in information sharing amongst all partners	ALL	November 2015
1 Life Change Training guide produced on Best practice	MALS/ LJMU/ ERI	October 2015
7000 mentoring sessions delivered	MALS/ KMBC	November 2015
25 Life Change Programmes delivered	MALS/ ERI	November 2015
A further 129 Offenders mentored	MALS/ ERI	November 2015
180 hours of volunteer mentoring training delivered	MALS	November 2015

# What are the barriers?

- Changing Landscape of Probation over the last 6 months has been unprecedented and it is having an impact on the number of referrals coming over to MALS
- Prime Contractor to be announced for Probation services in October 14
- Funding- ensuring MALS are sustainable once the EU funding ceases

Any questions?