

Action Learning Set 6: Turin
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Update from Knowsley Partners



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protecting communities

Merseyside
Probation Trust



National
Probation
Service



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Mentor Achieve Learn Support

Founded in April 2010

Registered Charity

Purpose : To deter young people from turning to a life of crime



Results to date

- Completed four more Life Change Programmes (LCP)
- 105 people have completed LCP to date
- 227 have been mentored
- 23 have gained full time training/employment
- 43 Have been supported with housing applications
- 50 Have been supported into drug services



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Changes to IOM in Knowsley

- ▶ Since 2010, the Government's austerity measures have hit the poorest areas of the country, like Knowsley, the hardest. On top of the £75 million the Council has already had to save since 2010, we now need to find up to £31 million of further savings - we will have lost over £100 million of our funding, or a cut of 50%
- ▶ Offenders Rehabilitation Act (ORA) came into effect on 1st February 2015 providing statutory supervision for offenders on short terms sentences
- ▶ "The Probation Service" has become "CRC" and "National Probation Service" to deal with low/medium and high risk offenders respectively - this has changed the way offenders are managed post conviction
- ▶ Payment by Results (PBR)



Now looking to adopt a new approach to IOM in Knowsley

- ▶ From an NPS perspective Offenders Rehabilitation Act (ORA) has meant business as usual as NPS are dealing with the high risk cases
- ▶ Before ORA the Police worked together with partners to manage acquisitive crime non-statutory offenders (less than 12 months sentence) under the Compass programme
- ▶ Now that ORA has come into effect the 'old' Compass nominals are being actively managed by the new Community Rehabilitation Company, with input from Police
- ▶ Police, Probation and the Local Authority are working together with local partners in mind to adopt a new approach to IOM - meeting with partners arranged for 24 September to develop a way forward

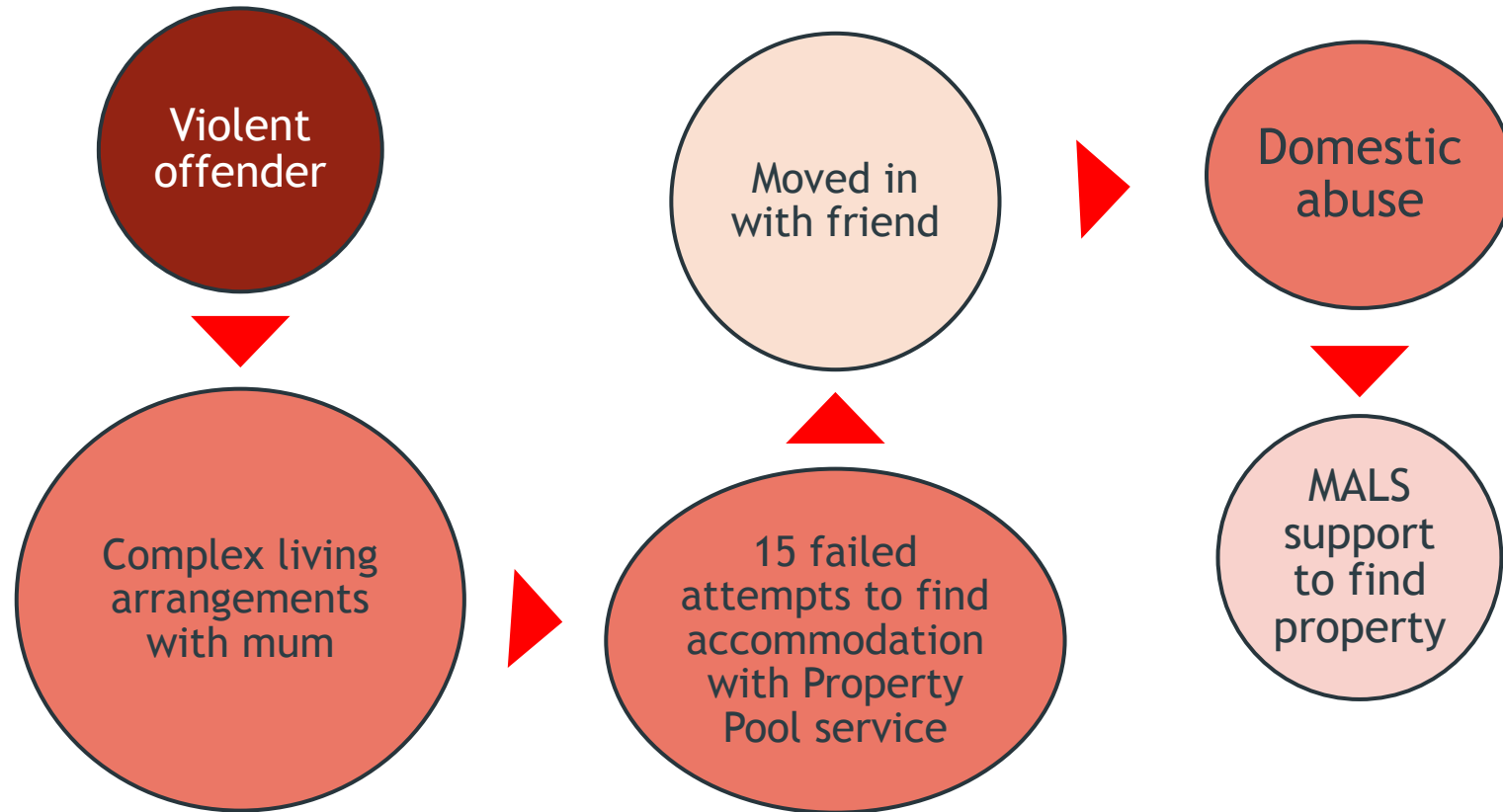


Challenges over the last 6 months

- ▶ Barriers to delivering LCP in Prison
- ▶ Communication and information sharing issues with some agencies
- ▶ Organisational Changes within “Probation”
- ▶ Referrals
- ▶ Changes within local authority
- ▶ Housing issues
- ▶ Access to Drug Rehabilitation Services



Case Study A



Case Study B



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Good News Stories



MALS volunteers are progressing into work:

- ▶ One volunteer now works for National Probation Service
- ▶ Another volunteer opened his own IT Business
- ▶ Two have gained employment with law firms
- ▶ One works with people with mental health
- ▶ An additional 15 volunteers have joined the charity recently: 3 in admin; 2 in fundraising and 10 new mentors



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Future Plans

MALS have put in a proposal to 3SC, the partner organisation of the CRC that manages the voluntary sector supply chain, to mentor victims of domestic abuse.

MALS are due to begin LCP with CRC funding secured by 3SC and are awaiting confirmation from the regional Troubled Families Co-ordinators to run the LCP in a number of prisons across Merseyside and Cheshire.

Knowsley are working together with partners to refresh the IOM model and make it fit for purpose in the new criminal justice landscape.



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