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PS Plus 3 – East Midlands

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Introduction

This report has been compiled to give information about beneficiaries in PS Plus 3 prisons who intend to live in the East Midlands on release and beneficiaries on probation in Leicestershire and Lincolnshire. The report contains information about beneficiaries on all three PS Plus 3 projects: PS3, LINK and Inclusion.

The PS Plus project ran in probation from June/July 2006 to June 2008, in HMP Risley from January 2007 to December 2007, and in all other PS3 and LINK prisons from April 2007 to June 2008.

During this time, 3322 beneficiaries who live or intended to live in the East Midlands on release were worked with. 57% of beneficiaries started at HMP North Sea Camp and 54% of beneficiaries started at HMP Stocken intended to live in the East Midlands on release.

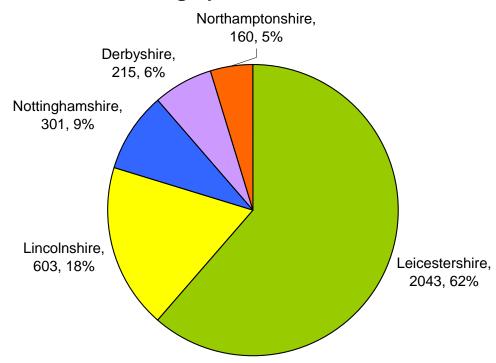
This report will show the background of the beneficiaries worked with on the project (section 1), followed by the intervention given and outcomes gained from PS Plus 3 intervention (section 2).

Information in the report has been obtained from the PS Plus developed CATS database (Case Assessment and Tracking System).









Geographic Distribution

Breakdown of where beneficiaries intend to live upon completing their sentence

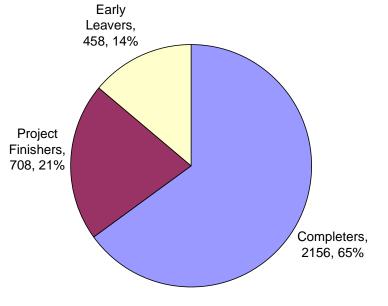
- Approximately 62% (2043) of East Midland beneficiaries live or intend to live in Leicestershire upon release.
- A further 18% (603) were due to live in Lincolnshire and 9% (301) in Nottinghamshire.

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Reasons for Leaving the Project

Reason for leaving early	<u>No. bens</u>
Given Custodial Sentence/Recalled to Custody (probation only)	138
Transferred to Non PS Plus Establishment/Probation Area	129
Decided not to continue on Project	96
Absconded (prison only)	12
Other	83
Total	<u>458</u>

How beneficiaries left the project

Reasons for leaving the project early

- o 65% (2156) of East Midland beneficiaries were completers they left PS Plus when their sentence expired.
- 21% (708) of East Midland beneficiaries on PS Plus 3 were *project finishers* these beneficiaries completed the project before their release from prison or probation, due to the closure of PS Plus.
- A further 14% (458) of beneficiaries were *early leavers*. The most common reason for leaving the project early was due to being recalled to custody or receiving a custodial sentence while on probation.

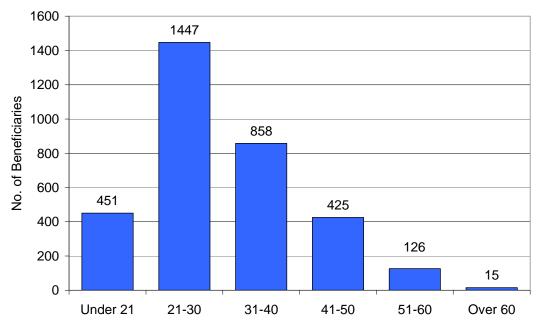
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Diversity: Age & Gender

Age groups of East Midland beneficiaries worked with on PS Plus 3

- The average (mean) age of PS Plus beneficiaries on starting the project was 30 years 7 months.
- The most common age group is 21-30, accounting for 44% of East Midland beneficiaries.
- 451 of the East Midland beneficiaries worked with on PS Plus 3 were under 21 on starting the project, and 15 beneficiaries were over 60.
- o 10% (337) and 90% (2985) of the beneficiaries were female and male respectively.

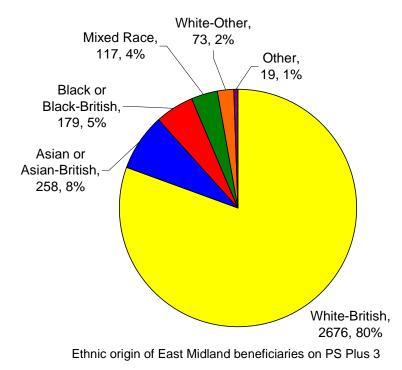
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Diversity: Ethnic Origin and Nationality



- 80% (2676) of East Midland beneficiaries on PS Plus 3 were White-British. Ethnic minorities accounted for 20% of the population.
- 98% (3257) of East Midland beneficiaries were from the United Kingdom. PS Plus worked with 63 beneficiaries from outside the United Kingdom and of these, 35 were from outside of the EU. The nationality of 2 East Midland beneficiaries is unknown.

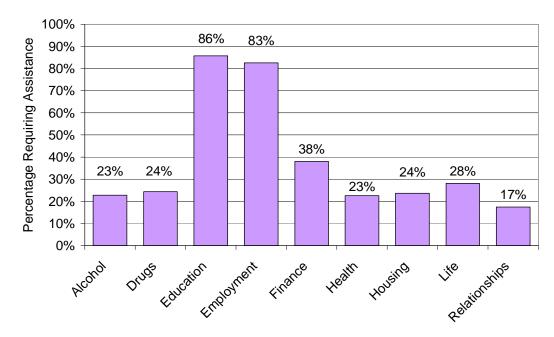
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Assessed Needs

Needs of East Midland beneficiaries according to assessments

- Every beneficiary needed help with either employment or education. 2742 (83%) beneficiaries needed help with employment and 2848 (86%) beneficiaries required assistance with education issues.
- 24% (785) of beneficiaries needed help with housing, and 3% (106) were identified as having no fixed abode. 23% (748) of beneficiaries needed help with health issues, and 105 (3%) beneficiaries considered themselves disabled.
- o 1329 beneficiaries identified a need for help with either drugs or alcohol, which accounted for 40% of the total.

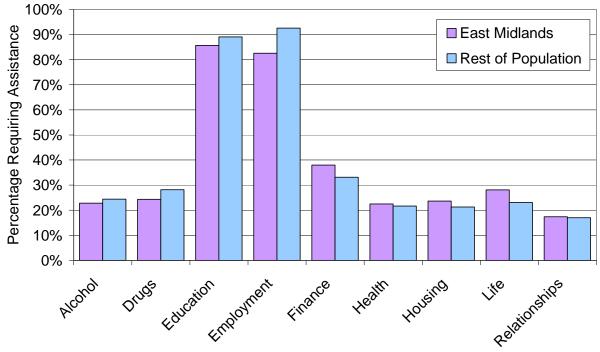
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Needs of East Midland beneficiaries compared to the rest of the PS Plus 3 population.

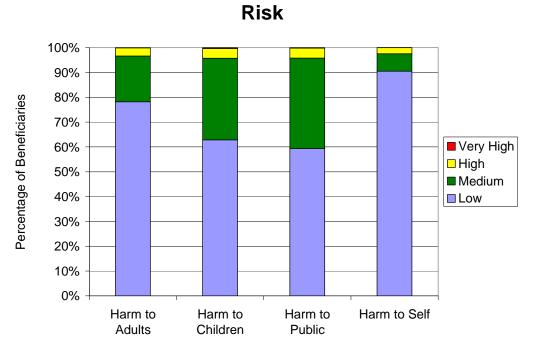
- Statistical analysis shows that East Midland beneficiaries were significantly *more* likely to have problems with finance, housing, and life issues than the rest of the PS Plus 3 population.
- Analysis shows that East Midland beneficiaries were *less* likely to have problems with alcohol, drugs, education and employment issues than the rest of the PS Plus 3 population.

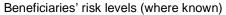
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- For risk of harm to adults, children and the public, approximately 9% of beneficiaries' risk was unknown. For risk of harm to self, approximately 17% of beneficiaries' risk was unknown.
- Where known, approximately 3-4% were classed as high or very high risk in each category.
- Where known, roughly 80-90% of prisoners were classified as low risk of harm towards adults and themselves. Where risk was known, approximately 60% of beneficiaries were classed as low risk to children and the public.

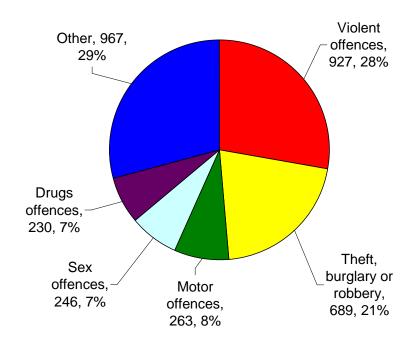
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Offences

Offences committed by PS Plus beneficiaries

- The most common type of offence committed by East Midland beneficiaries was violent offences (28%) followed by theft, burglary or robbery offences (21%).
- o 263 (8%) beneficiaries had committed motoring offences.

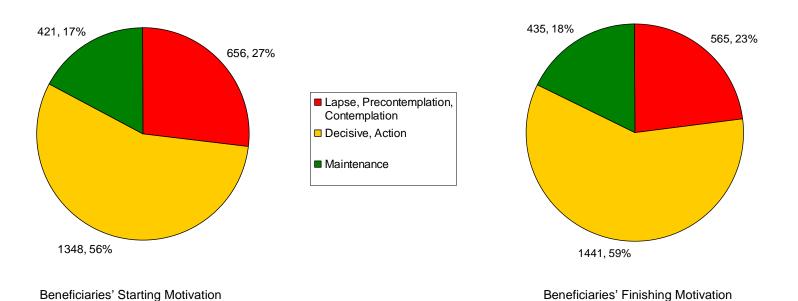
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Motivation

 The proportion of beneficiaries whose motivation (where known) was lapse, pre-contemplation or contemplation decreased from 27% to 23%.

- o 14 more beneficiaries had a motivation level of maintenance when beneficiaries' finishing motivation was calculated.
- o Approximately 900 beneficiaries had no motivation levels recorded.

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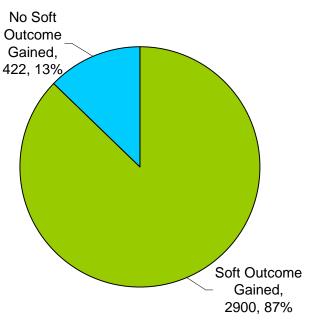






Soft Outcomes - Summary

<u>Outcome</u>	<u>No. bens</u>
IAG Assistance	2152
Advice On Disclosure	713
Job Club	472
CV Assisted	419
Basic Skills	280
Accessed Beneficiary Fund	278
NVQs Gained	236
Non-NVQs Gained	197
CV Written on Own	137
Job Preparation	129
Other Programme	127
Other Motivational Programme	98
Financial Literacy	95
CSCS - Health And Safety Test	65
Other	181
Total	5579



Soft outcomes gained by beneficiaries

Percentage gaining a soft outcome

- 5579 soft outcomes were achieved by the 3322 East Midlands beneficiaries on PS Plus 3.
- o 87% (2900) of East Midlands beneficiaries achieved at least one soft outcome whilst on PS Plus 3.
- 75% (2480) beneficiaries received advice or guidance. 87% (2883) received help with employment and 42% (1407) received help with education.

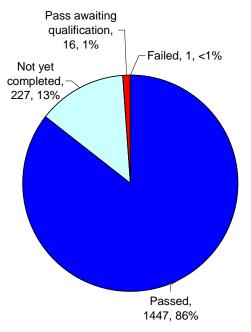
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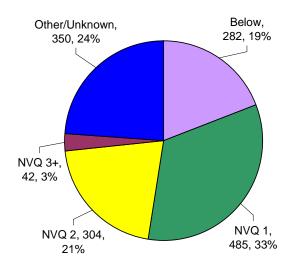






Soft Outcomes – Qualifications

Subject passed	No. subjects
Adult Literacy	365
Adult Numeracy	317
IT/ECDL	100
Health and Safety	75
Food Preparation & Hygiene	61
Fork Lift Truck Training	47
First Aid	39
Art	38
Sport, Gym, Fitness	38
Bricklaying	35
Education	33
Manual Handling	30
Business Studies	28
Catering & Hospitality	20
Other	237
Total	1463



Exams passed by beneficiaries

Subjects passed by beneficiaries

NVQs gained by beneficiaries

- 1463 (87%) of exams taken by East Midlands PS Plus beneficiaries were passed, with a further 227 yet to be completed by the end of the project. Only one exam was failed.
- PS Plus beneficiaries completed courses in a wide range of subjects, from creative arts to catering and hospitality. 100 information technology courses and 75 health and safety courses were passed.
- o 831 NVQs (level 1 and above) were passed by East Midlands PS Plus beneficiaries.

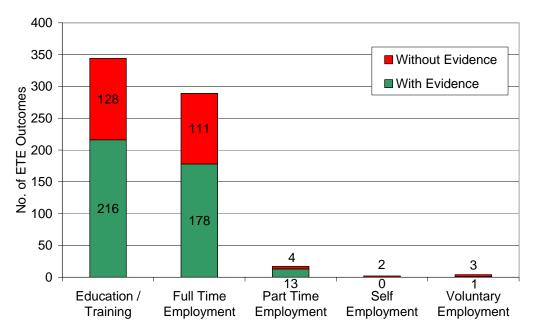
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Hard ETE Outcomes

ESF Hard ETE outcomes achieved by beneficiaries

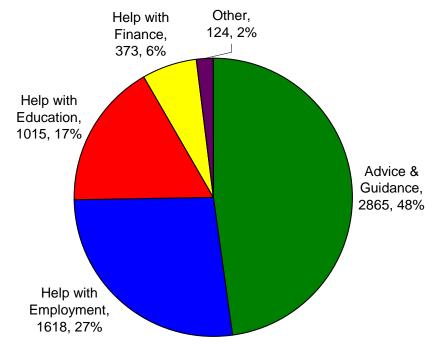
- o 672 hard outcomes were recorded by PS Plus staff.
- 408 hard outcomes had sufficient evidence for ESF auditing purposes. In addition, 8 supplementary outcomes were evidenced.
- East Midlands beneficiaries on the PS Plus 3 project achieved 216 education/training outcomes and 192 employment outcomes.

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All Outcomes - Summary

Summary of All Outcomes Gained by East Midlands beneficiaries on PS Plus 3

- In total, 5995 outcomes were achieved by East Midlands PS Plus 3 beneficiaries, with 88% (2917) of beneficiaries receiving at least one outcome while on the PS Plus project.
- 27% (1618) of these outcomes have helped improve beneficiaries' employability, from writing CVs to gaining full-time employment.
- o 373 finance outcomes and 15 housing outcomes were gained by East Midlands beneficiaries.

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