



PS Plus 3 – London

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

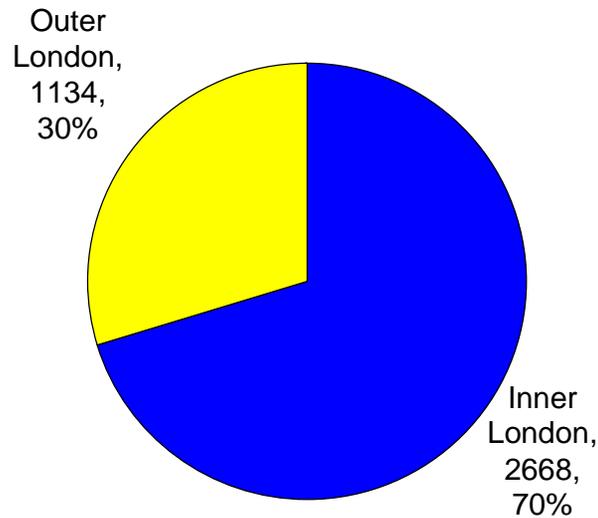
The PS Plus project ran in London probation from July 2006 to June 2008, in HMP Risley from January 2007 to December 2007, and in all other PS3 and LINK prisons from April 2007 to June 2008.

During this time, **4294** beneficiaries who live or intended to live in London on release were worked with. 54% of beneficiaries started at HMP Highpoint and 31% of beneficiaries started at HMP Wayland intended to live in London 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



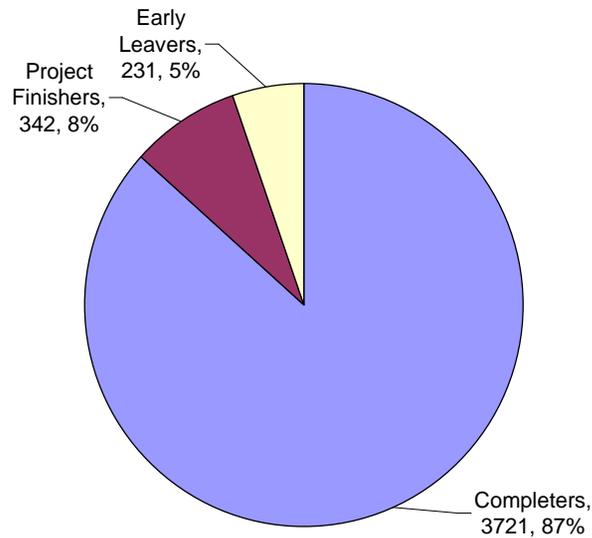
<u>Inner London</u>	<u>No. of Bens</u>
South East	696
East	574
North	449
South	434
North West	253
West	249
Central	13
Total	2668

<u>Outer London</u>	<u>No. of Bens</u>
Harrow	198
Twickenham	166
Uxbridge	164
Croydon	147
Romford	120
Ilford	98
Sutton	55
Bromley	50
Enfield	48
Kingston Upon Thames	48
Dartford	40
Total	1134

Breakdown of where beneficiaries intend to live upon completing their sentence (where known)

- Approximately 70% (2668) of London beneficiaries (where known) live or intend to live in inner London upon completion of their sentence.
- A further 1134 beneficiaries (where known) live or intend to live in outer London upon completion of their sentence.
- 696 (18%) and 574 (15%) live or intend to live in South East and East London respectively (where known).

Reasons for Leaving the Project



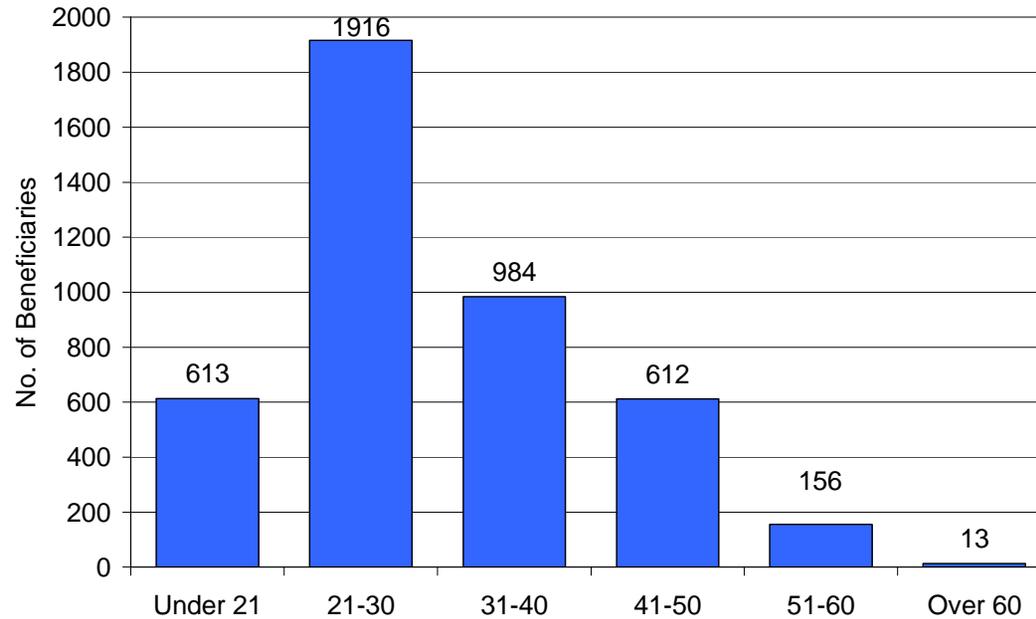
How beneficiaries left the project

<u>Reason for leaving early</u>	<u>No. bens</u>
Transferred to Non PS Plus Establishment/Probation Area	192
Decided not to continue on Project	8
Absconded (prison only)	3
Given Custodial Sentence/Recalled to Custody (probation only)	3
Other	25
<u>Total</u>	<u>231</u>

Reasons for leaving the project early

- 87% (3721) of London beneficiaries were *completers* – they left PS Plus when their sentence expired.
- 8% (342) of London 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 5% (231) of beneficiaries were *early leavers*. The most common reason for leaving the project early was due to transfer to a non-PS Plus establishment.

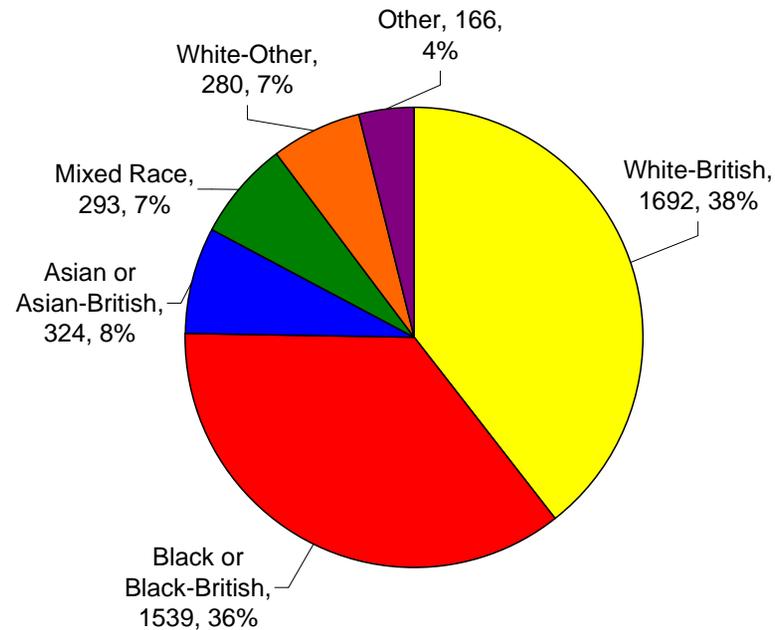
Diversity: Age & Gender



Age groups of London beneficiaries worked with on PS Plus 3

- The average (mean) age of PS Plus beneficiaries on starting the project was 30 years 5 months.
- The most common age group is 21-30, accounting for 45% of London beneficiaries.
- 613 of the London beneficiaries worked with on PS Plus 3 were under 21 on starting the project, and 13 beneficiaries were over 60.
- 10% (441) and 90% (3853) of the beneficiaries were female and male respectively.

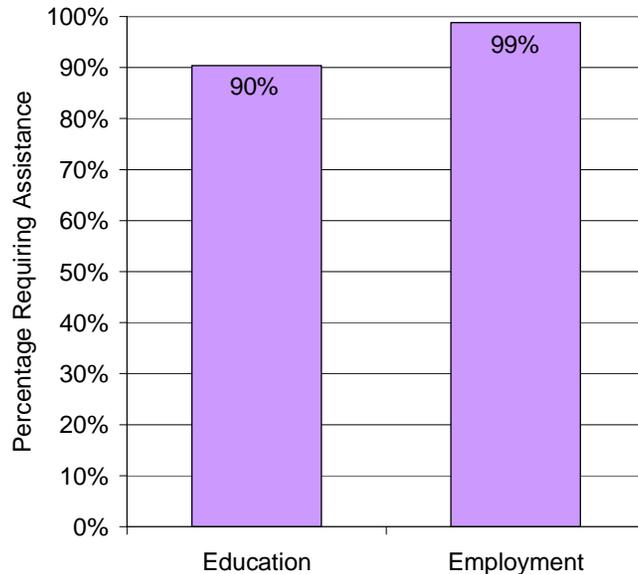
Diversity: Ethnic Origin and Nationality



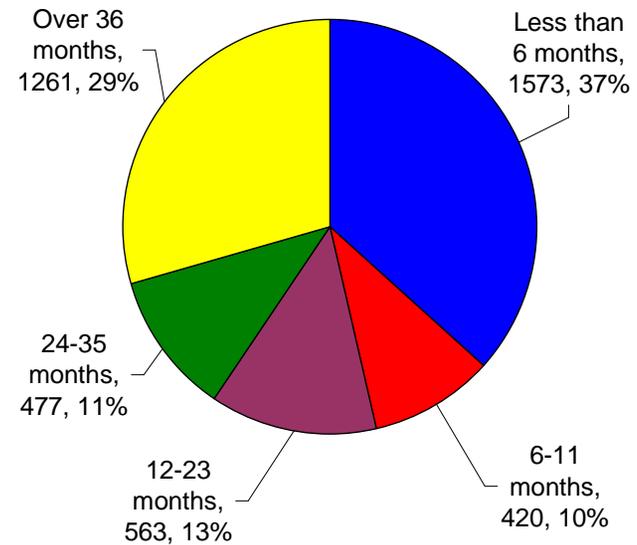
Ethnic origin of London beneficiaries on PS Plus 3

- 38% (1692) of London beneficiaries on PS Plus 3 were White-British. Ethnic minorities accounted for 62% of the population.
- 87% (3733) of London beneficiaries were from the United Kingdom. PS Plus worked with 558 beneficiaries from outside the United Kingdom and of these, 356 were from outside of the EU. The nationality of 3 London beneficiaries is unknown.

Assessed Needs



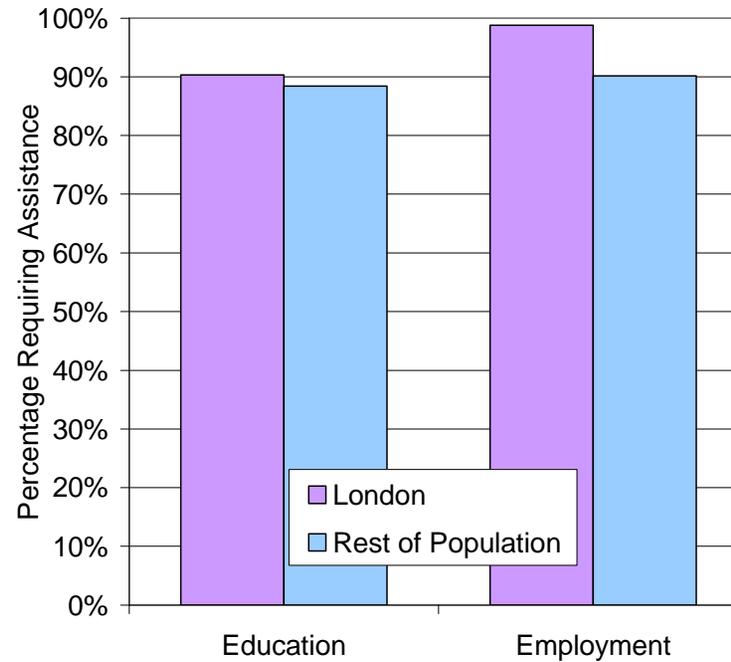
Needs of London beneficiaries according to assessments



Length of time spent unemployed before starting on PS Plus

- Every beneficiary needed help with either employment or education. 4242 (99%) beneficiaries needed help with employment and 3880 (90%) beneficiaries required assistance with education issues.
- 2301 (54%) of London beneficiaries had been unemployed for more than a year on starting PS Plus.
- 1370 (32%) of London beneficiaries had not completed their formal school education.

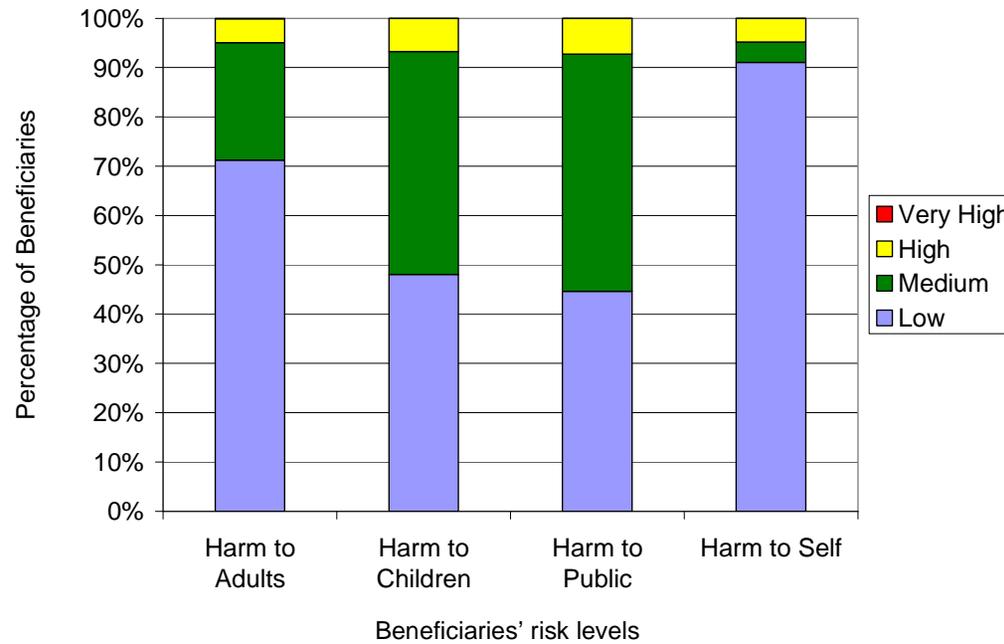
Assessed Needs – Comparison with the rest of PS Plus 3



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

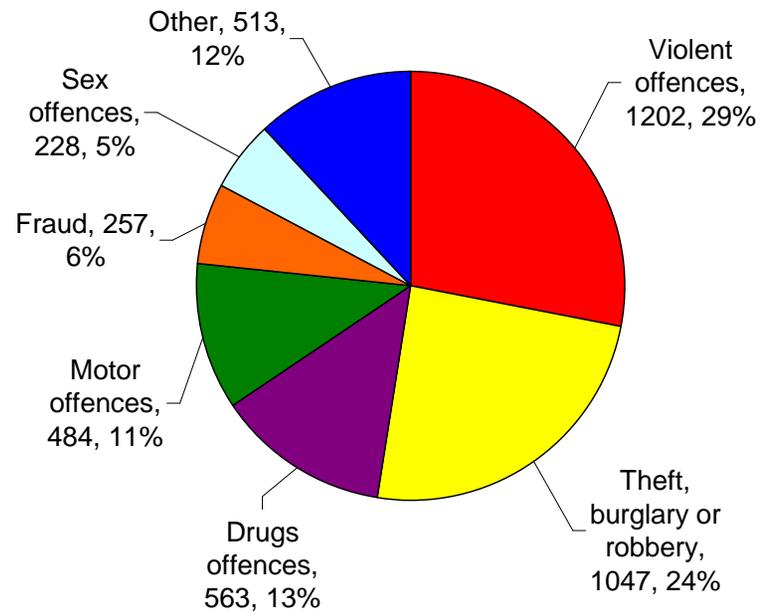
- Statistical analysis shows that London beneficiaries were significantly *more* likely to have problems with both employment and education.

Risk



- For risk of harm to adults, children and the public, approximately 41% of beneficiaries' risk was unknown. For risk of harm to self, approximately 32% of beneficiaries' risk was unknown.
- Where known, approximately 5-7% were classed as high or very high risk in each category.
- Where known, over 70% and 90% of prisoners were classed as low risk of harm towards adults and themselves respectively. Where risk was known, less than 50% of beneficiaries were classed as low risk to children and the public.

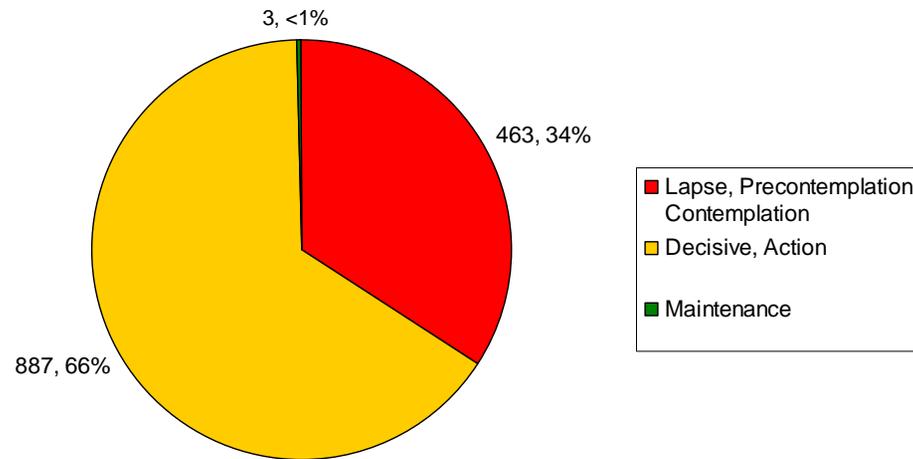
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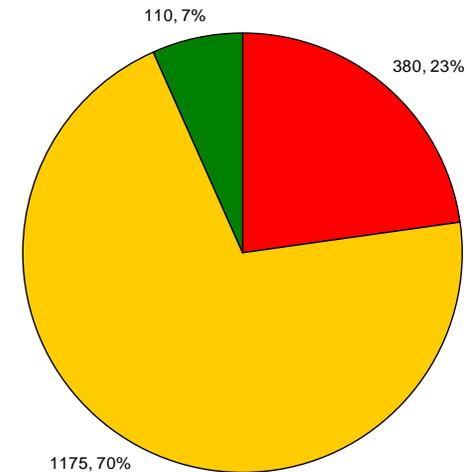
Offences committed by PS Plus beneficiaries

- The most common type of offence committed by London beneficiaries was violent offences (29%) followed by theft, burglary or robbery offences (24%).
- 563 (13%) beneficiaries had committed drugs offences.

Motivation



Beneficiaries' Starting Motivation



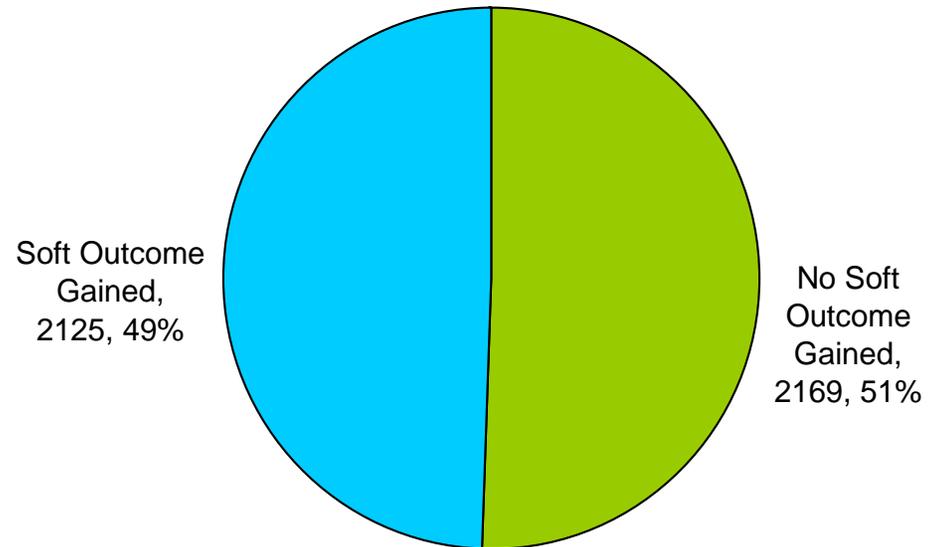
Beneficiaries' Finishing Motivation

- The proportion of beneficiaries whose motivation (where known) was lapse, pre-contemplation or contemplation decreased from 34% to 23%.
- 107 more beneficiaries had a motivation level of maintenance when beneficiaries' finishing motivation was calculated.
- Approximately 2750 beneficiaries had no motivation levels recorded.

Soft Outcomes - Summary

<u>Outcome</u>	<u>No. bens</u>
Advice On Disclosure	1460
Non-NVQs Gained	1235
CV Assisted	1146
Job Club	941
IAG Assistance	473
Work Experience Community	373
Accessed Beneficiary Fund	236
Other Programme	126
CSCS - Health And Safety Test	57
NVQs Gained	38
CV Written on Own	35
FE College Interview	19
Job Interview	18
Housing Advice or Homeless Interview Secured	12
Other	53
Total	6222

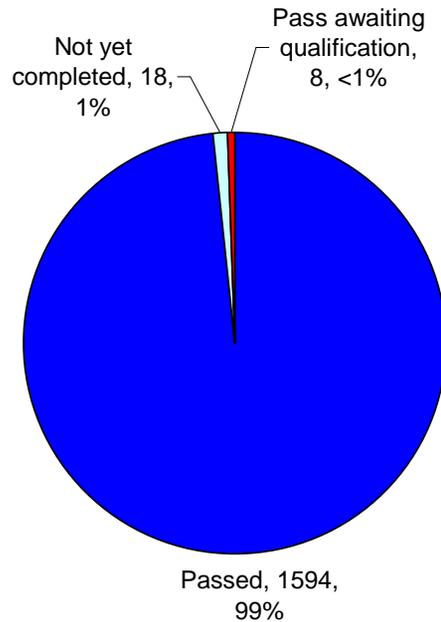
Soft outcomes gained by beneficiaries



Percentage gaining a soft outcome

- 6222 soft outcomes were achieved by the 4294 London beneficiaries on PS Plus 3.
- 492% (2125) of London beneficiaries achieved at least one soft outcome whilst on PS Plus 3.
- 35% (1524) beneficiaries received advice or guidance. 49% (2117) received help with employment and 44% (1908) received help with education.

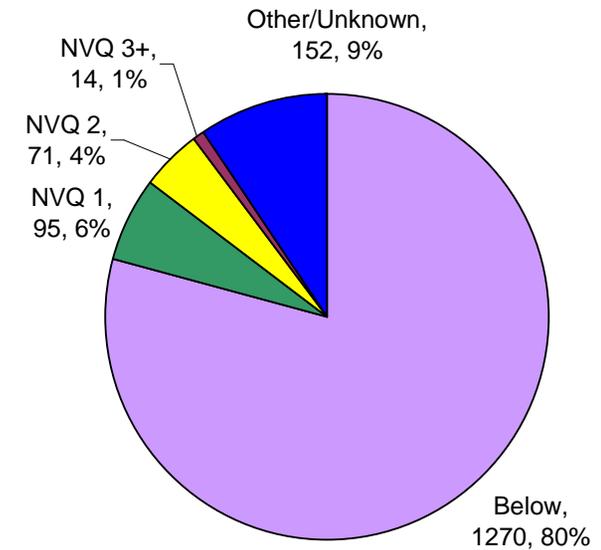
Soft Outcomes – Qualifications



Exams passed by beneficiaries

<u>Subject passed</u>	<u>No. subjects</u>
Employability Skills Programme	1203
Adult Numeracy	69
Adult Literacy	64
IT/ECDL	47
Painting and Decorating	19
Sport, Gym, Fitness	17
Health and Safety	17
Emergency Life Support	15
Food Preparation & Hygiene	13
Bricklaying	12
Education	10
Art	9
Business Studies	8
Industrial Cleaning	8
Other	91
Total	1602

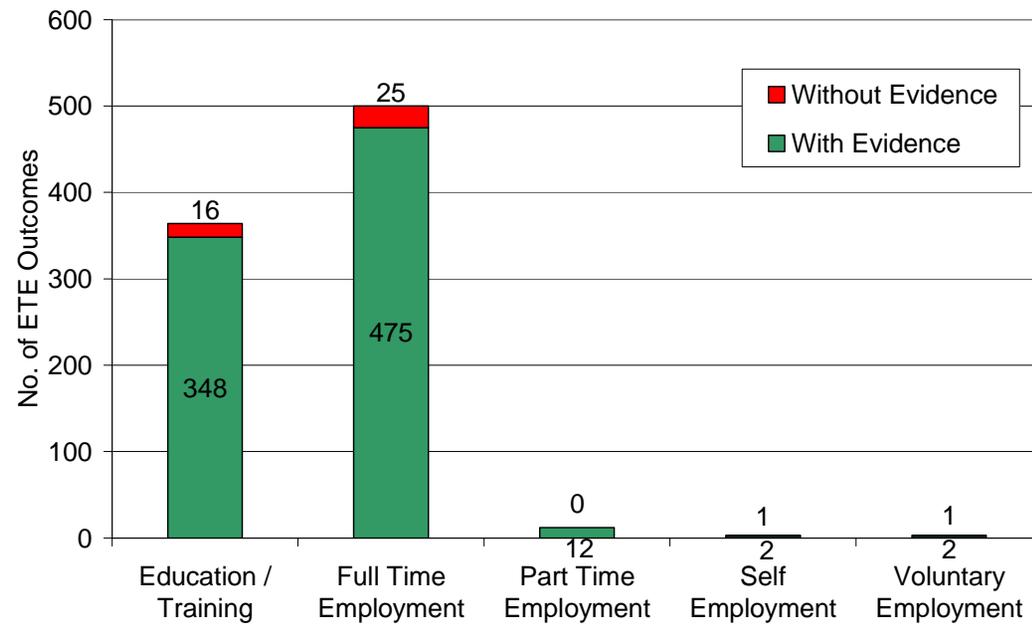
Subjects passed by beneficiaries



NVQs gained by beneficiaries

- 1602 (99%) of exams taken by London PS Plus beneficiaries were passed, with a further 18 yet to be completed by the end of the project. No exams were failed.
- PS Plus beneficiaries completed courses in a wide range of subjects, from creative arts to industrial cleaning. 1203 employability skills programme courses and 133 literacy and numeracy courses were passed.
- 180 NVQs (level 1 and above) were passed by London PS Plus beneficiaries.

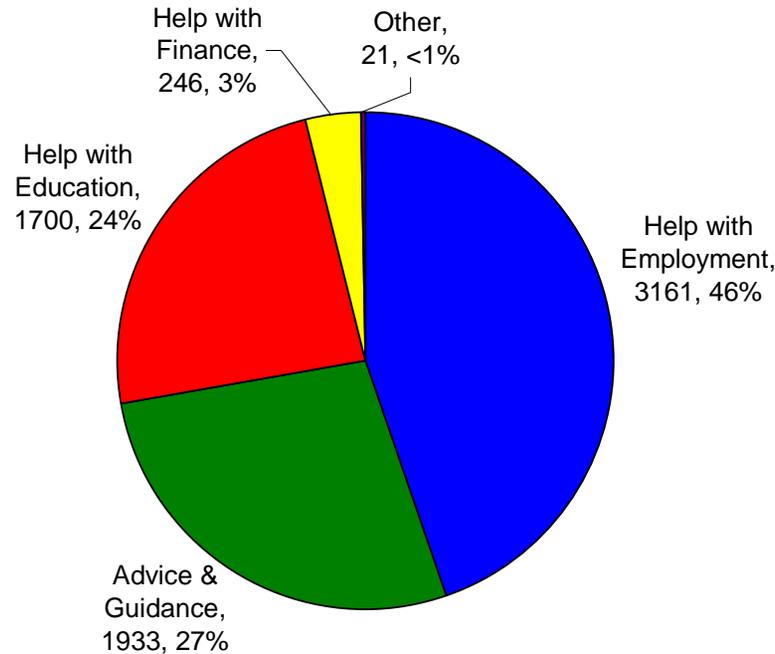
Hard ETE Outcomes



ESF Hard ETE outcomes achieved by beneficiaries

- 882 hard outcomes were recorded by PS Plus staff.
- 839 hard outcomes had sufficient evidence for ESF auditing purposes.
- London beneficiaries on the PS Plus 3 project achieved 348 education/training outcomes and 491 employment outcomes.

All Outcomes - Summary



Summary of All Outcomes Gained by London beneficiaries on PS Plus 3

- In total, 7061 outcomes were achieved by London PS Plus 3 beneficiaries.
- 57% (2430) received at least one outcome while on the PS Plus project.
- 45% (3161) of these outcomes evidenced have been gained through improving beneficiaries' employability directly through interventions such as gaining full-time employment, writing CVs and work experience.
- 246 finance outcomes and 12 housing outcomes were gained by London beneficiaries.