

Turning Point Scotland Throughcare service HMP Kilmarnock

The Turning Point Scotland Throughcare service at HMP Kilmarnock aims to reduce the rate of re-offending amongst the short term prison population in Ayrshire.

The service will build on the success of the HMP Low Moss PSP (Prisoner Support Pathway) where Turning Point Scotland is the lead voluntary sector agency, while recognising that HMP Kilmarnock is a different operating environment and is on a more limited scale.

We will support individuals to link in with appropriate services surrounding housing/homelessness, addictions, mental health and social functioning with the aim of reducing those offending behaviours which bring people into custody.

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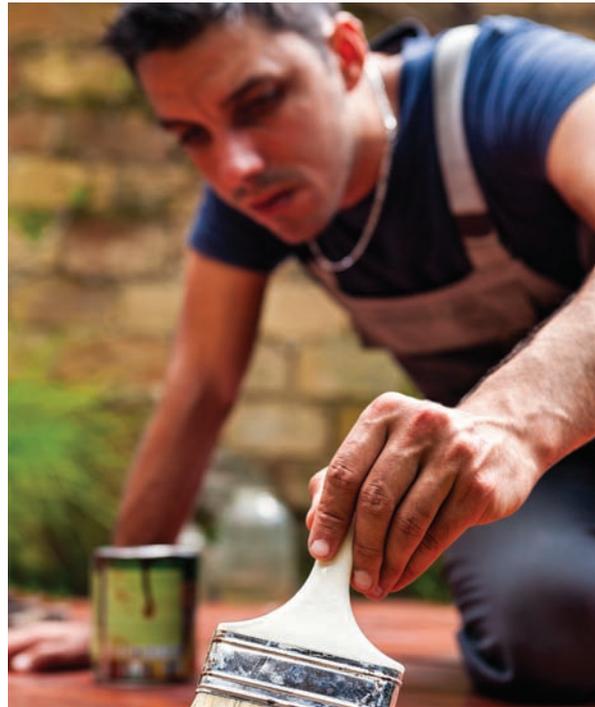
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Turning Point Scotland will employ two workers (Service Coordinator and Grade 3 Practitioner) who will be based in HMP Kilmarnock.

The key target group for the service will be short-term adult male prisoners returning to an Ayrshire address, however where possible appropriate referral/signposting will be made for individuals returning to other parts of Scotland.

The principal objective of the service is to improve co-ordination across a range of organisations providing throughcare support through mapping existing activity, identifying and responding to gaps, developing multi-agency approaches with formal pathways and protocols where necessary.

The service will also provide an element of 'in prison' support in advance of preparation for release to address issues of concern to the individual.



Where individuals are not engaged with other throughcare support the service will provide an element of through the gate support to assertively link individuals into services and to attend key appointments (benefits, housing, medication etc).

The service will measure progress against six personal outcomes (criminal activity, substance misuse, psychological wellbeing, physical health, social functioning and living situation) using Turning Point Scotland Outcomes Database which will also inform quarterly performance reporting.

All staff will be recruited following safer recruitment guidelines (references, health checks etc) and will have PVG membership. They will receive a robust Turning Point Scotland induction and (through HMP Kilmarnock) will receive any training required to work within a prison.

Desired Outcomes

- *Increased range of specific services and availability of other forms of support*
- *Improvements in attitudes to, and the understanding of, issues facing people who serve short term sentences*
- *An overall positive improvement in service users' circumstances*
- *Improved attitudes, aspirations, understanding and behaviour linked to offending, personal skills and relationships*
- *Improved physical and mental well-being*
- *Reduced substance misuse and risk-taking*
- *Improved employability, education, literacy and numeracy*
- *Progress towards reducing reoffending and re-imprisonment*
- *More effective reintegration*
- *Improved services overall*