

Site

HMP Bristol

Name of project / initiative

Decency Improvement Resident Party

Overview

A work party of residents, supervised by two Prison Officers, set up to renovate the residential accommodation across the establishment.

The refurbishment programme is being carried out a fraction of the cost of it being done commercially. The prisoners on the programme will have their work experience accredited towards industry-recognised qualifications in plastering, painting and decorating, and health and safety in construction, leading towards a CSCS card.

Longevity

Since early 2020

Benefits

Improved living and working conditions for prisoners and staff; substantial cost savings; new skills and industry-recognised qualifications for prisoners involved.

Uniqueness

We think this is an excellent example of an approach that has also been taken in some other establishments.

Applicability

Could be applied in any prison / custodial setting

Requirements

Some funding is required for materials, plus two full time staff to supervise – although the costs involved are substantially lower than if the work were carried out commercially.

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