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HMYOI Deerbolt

Name of project / initiative

Paving the Way project

Overview

The 'Paving the Way' project, run by the charity NEPACS, aims to support care experienced young men at Deerbolt, and improve their contact with their local authority personal advisors, families, carers and significant others, and so improve their chances of having a successful resettlement following release from prison.

The project includes trained Staff Champions, and prisoner Peer Mentors, as well as a group work programme part-designed by the young people, to support care leavers in custody, and help them prepare for release. The programme explores their rights and entitlements, people skills, housing and lifestyles. In addition, a support worker (from NEPACS) engages with the young people on a one-to-one basis, to provide them with support, guidance and advice, as well as broker links and help build and maintain relationships, with key organisations and individuals (including families and carers).

Although the programme had to stop during Covid the support worker continued to provide some one-to-one support, and NEPACS worked with over 200 young people in the first 18 months of operation.

Longevity

Since 2018

Benefits

See 'overview'

Uniqueness

We think it's unique to Deerbolt

Applicability

Could be rolled out anywhere.

Requirements

Does require some funding to cover the costs of support from NEPACS or similar body.

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