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East Mids NPS

Name of project / initiative

Opt Out

Overview

'Opt Out' is a three week intensive Education Training Employability programme, developed in partnership with Humberside Police, and delivered by National Employer Training. The programme aims to help service users with practical issues such as opening a bank account, organising ID and understanding the benefits system, before moving on to vocational training, and the opportunity to gain up to 15 nationally accredited qualifications such as a forklift licence, as well a Safety Passport and CSCS card. Ongoing support is offered following completion of the three week course to apply for access work placements/further education - this is delivered by 'Navigators' with lived experience. This programme is open to both NPS and CRC service users. Lunch is provided to ensure that those who could not afford to buy lunch are not excluded.

Longevity

Since late 2019

Benefits

The programme aims to improve social inclusion, and help service users successfully transition away from the criminal justice system. In the first 12 months, 38 people completed the programme (fewer than anticipated owing to Covid) – with 8 now in work, 2 continuing in education, and 8 still working with 'Navigators'.

Uniqueness

This is currently unique to Grimsby probation.

Applicability

Could be rolled out anywhere

Requirements

An appropriate education provider to deliver the programme, some local probation resource to liaise with the provider, refer appropriate service users *etc*

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