

Site

HMP Wayland

Name of project / initiative

Digital prison hub

Overview

Internal Wayland digital hub accessed through in cell technology. Although part of a bigger initiative, the content hub is a massive resource for the residents at Wayland and with that we have taken it and have made it our own. Around 80-90% of the content that you find on Wayland page is made on site by a very talented resident. There are a vast amount of videos that have been made and published on the website that are filmed edited and some even created by him. We have quizzes, Fyi Updates (departmental updates), Governor Updates. But there are also inspirational stories and videos, and one of our biggest achievements is Edgar Guest's "Don't Quit" poem (done by prisoners) which has been shown internally across the whole of the MOJ. We don't plan on stopping there, we have loads more in the pipeline, like a podcast series recorded by residents, dramas, music videos. While it has been invaluable during Covid, we plan to continue with and build upon it after Covid.

Longevity

Started in early 2020

Benefits

We think this has made a profound difference – especially during Covid – in helping to keep prisoners occupied and engaged, and assist in supporting their mental health.

Uniqueness

It is part of a national initiative which Wayland is helping to pilot and lead on.

Applicability

Anywhere with in cell technology could do this.

Requirements

It is labour intensive – we have a full time administrator at Wayland. Also cameras and editing facilities (for producing content), and in-cell technology to allow prisoners to access.

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