

Site

HMP Holme House

Name of project / initiative

Drug Recovery Programme

Overview

Our Drug Recovery Programme takes a whole-prison approach which aims to get everyone living and working in the prison to collaborate in helping people with addictions to flourish and achieve their full potential, without the need for drugs. Enhanced gate security, and a dedicated Drug Crime Reduction team, focus on restricting supply within the jail. A 69-bed recovery-focused TC, a range of drug intervention programmes across the prison, recovery champions on every wing, and strong through-the-gate aftercare, focus directly on supporting people in recovery. Just as important are our efforts to transform the whole prison into a rehabilitative community – allowing people in recovery, and also their fellow prisoners, to truly grow and flourish as human beings – including: rehab culture training for staff; buskers on free flow; lighter, brighter and cleaner workshops, corridors and living spaces, covered in artwork and inspirational messages; plants and green spaces across the jail; a network of peers support mentors and representatives; animal therapy; and more...

Longevity

The programme has been in development over a number of years.

Benefits

Our whole prison approach to drug recovery has led to the highest level of engagement in programmes and support, both in the prison and on release, across the estate, as well as enhancing relations between prisoners and staff, improving living and working conditions for all, and contributing to dramatic reductions in violence and self harm across the prison.

Uniqueness

We believe that we are the only prison which has implemented a whole prison approach to drug recovery on this scale.

Applicability

While we benefited from some additional funding to help build our approach, many of the elements of the programme are inexpensive and could be replicated everywhere.

Requirements

As noted above, some parts of our approach may require additional funding but much of it could be replicated at negligible cost.

For more information:

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See also: [KnowX.uk/HolmeHouse-RMT22.pdf](https://www.knowx.uk/HolmeHouse-RMT22.pdf) [PSJ article]

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