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Ingeus

Name of project / initiative

Activity Hubs

Overview

Ingeus' Activity Hub Contracts focus on participants who are difficult to engage, at risk of re-offending and furthest away from employment, following release from prison or serving community sentences, and Veterans currently serving sentences in Holme House Prison. Community provision takes place in three Activity Hubs in Durham, Darlington and Middlesbrough offering a structured and individually tailored package of support. The Veterans Hub is based in HMP Holme House.

Hub culture is rehabilitative, providing a safe, decent, hopeful place that is supportive of positive change, personal progression and helping individuals to achieve a more positive outcome. A typical journey will look at engaging participants through leisure, sports, creative arts, then sustaining them with a series of social interactions, strengthening community ties with help from local support networks. We will then support them to reduce barriers to progression, whilst developing personal resilience, before finally progressing participants through engagement with professionals and mainstream services.

Longevity

Since 2021

Benefits

As a voluntary programme we currently have an 85% retention rate working with some of the most disadvantaged and chaotic participants, assisting many into accommodation, helping them to re-build relationships with their families and the communities they live in.

Uniqueness

There are other community Activity Hubs around the country but we think ours are exemplars of good practice. We believe that the Veterans Hub is unique.

Applicability

Activity Hubs are widely run across the country already but our approach could be rolled out more widely, including in existing services.

Requirements

This is a commissioned service and requires funding.

For more information:

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See also: [KnowX.uk/Ingeus\(1\)-KBT22.pdf](https://knowx.uk/Ingeus(1)-KBT22.pdf) [Feedback from participants]

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