

## Site

HMP Manchester

## Name of project / initiative

'Hive' Drug Recovery initiative

The Hive Recovery Wing is a 75 bedded unit located on G wing at HMP Manchester, designed to support recovery from substance use. Individuals residing on the recovery unit are at different stages of recovery however all residents work to achieve a shared goal of promoting an environment that supports positive change. A programme of interventions is available including a structured group work programme (run by Acorn), peer support and holistic interventions such as acupuncture and creative therapy. And Manchester is one of a handful of prisons to offer buvidal – a weekly-injectable buprenorphine. Events, such as inviting in guest speakers, many with lived experience, take place on a regular basis to encourage motivation. Residents are supported Through the Gate from the HIVE recovery unit, to the HMP Manchester community Hub 'The Arc' where they can continue their journey through recovery and take part in a range of interventions, including our newest 'Bee well' beekeeping initiative, as well as participate in voluntary and potentially paid employment with 'The Arc' itself. This is a joint initiative between the prison, the healthcare provider Delphi, and the charity Acorn Recovery Projects.

## Overview

### Longevity

Since 2020 – developed substantially during 2021-22.

### Benefits

An integrated, multi-faceted initiative, responsive to individual need and where they are in the recovery process, as well as offering strong through the gate support on release – and access to weekly-injectable buprenorphine (buvidal) where appropriate, which many find preferable to daily doses of buprenorphine or methadone (and which, since it's an injection, is not subject to people passing on their scripts to others).

### Uniqueness

Drug recovery wings are not unique but we think this is a particularly excellent example.

### Applicability

The comprehensive approach we take here could potentially be rolled out more widely.

### Requirements

It does require strong partnership working between the prison and partner agencies.

### For more information:

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See also: [KnowX.uk/Manchester-RMT22.pdf](https://www.knowx.uk/Manchester-RMT22.pdf) [ARC Recovery Projects flyer]

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