

ACTION PLAN TO REDUCE ADULT RE-OFFENDING IN STOCKTON-ON-TEES March 2009 PATHWAY: Finance, Benefit & Debt (FBD)					
ITEM (number)	WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?	WHO WILL LEAD? (name, post & agency and email address)	WHO ELSE NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED? (list by name, post & agency)	HOW WILL WE KNOW WHETHER WE HAVE SUCCEEDED? ('SMART' targets where possible, otherwise 'process targets' or as much clarity as possible)	WHEN DO WE AIM TO DO IT BY?
6.1	<p>Provide training on financial literacy and management to prisoners and families to:</p> <p>Improve peoples knowledge and skills in dealing with financial matters;</p> <p>Improve people's ability to maximise income and budget effectively;</p> <p>Improve people's knowledge and skills in how to avoid debt, or take action to resolve 'minor' debt problems;</p> <p>Improve people's ability to access specialist debt or money advice services for more serious debt/finance problems.</p> <p>Provide training on general civil rights and responsibilities to</p>	<p>Stockton Advice & Information Service (SDAIS) Mike Robinson (Senior Caseworker) email: mrobinson@stockton-cab.co.uk</p>	<p>Lesley Clarke- Education Manager, Stockton Adult Education,</p> <p>SDAIS staff – Peter Roe, Angela Corner, John Cottey.</p> <p>Jeff Evans – Probation Service.</p> <p>Steve Graham – Resettlement Governor, HMP Holme House.</p>	<p>a) Training courses provided to offenders (Group or 1-1 basis) on financial capability. Target is 50 people receiving training by March 2010.</p> <p>b) Training courses provided to families of offenders (Group or 1-1 basis) on financial capability. Target is 50 people receiving training by March 2010.</p> <p>c) Improved confidence and skills about financial matters (measured by self assessment on training courses.</p> <p>d) Improved awareness of sources of help for financial/debt problems (measured by self assessment on training</p>	<p>March 2010.</p> <p>First training courses – March 2009</p>

	<p>prisoners. Ensure consistency and transferability of training for prisoners pre and post release and for prisoners and families by having agreed training modules that can be provided both within prison and in the community.</p>			<p>courses). e) Improved confidence/awareness of other civil rights and responsibilities (measured by self assessment on training courses). f) Production of 'menu' of training modules available for use internally and externally of prison.</p>	
6.2	<p>Improve awareness of offenders of benefits of banking services and improve access to such services.</p>	<p>Peter Roe, ROTA email: peter.roe01@hmpr.gsi.gov.uk</p>	<p>Steve Graham – Resettlement Governor, HMP Holme House; Lesley Clarke - Education Manager, Stockton Adult Education; Mike Robinson, SDAIS</p>	<p>a) Training provided to offenders about benefits of banking services and practical advice on how to open accounts etc. – Target 50 people. b) Information leaflet to be produced on local options re banking services – to be provided to 50 people. c) Investigate and report on local areas / referral arrangements between local prisons and banks/credit unions.</p>	<p>June 2009</p>
6.3	<p>Improved information sharing on FBD issues at Prisoner induction</p>	<p>Mike Robinson, SDAIS email: mrobinson@stockton-</p>	<p>Elaine Del Forno – Jobcentre Plus;</p>	<p>a) Investigate and report on use of common</p>	<p>September 2009</p>

		cab.co.uk	<p>Linda Stephenson – SBC Housing Benefit;</p> <p>Steve Graham – Resettlement Governor.</p> <p>Peter Roe - ROTA</p>	<p>information collection process to allow information to be shared between different agencies.</p> <p>b) Investigate amendment of induction procedures to identify housing benefit issues for people in prison under 13 weeks and any other FBD issues.</p> <p>c) Review and report on consistency of HARP procedures use in practice.</p>	
6.4	<p>Improved information sharing between agencies on offender release from prison.</p> <p>Improved information to offenders on FBD issues on release from prison.</p>	<p>Mike Robinson, SDAIS mrobinson@stockton-cab.co.uk</p>	<p>Elaine Del Forno – Jobcentre Plus;</p> <p>Linda Stephenson – SBC Housing Benefit;</p> <p>Steve Graham – Resettlement Governor;</p> <p>Peter Roe - ROTA</p>	<p>a) Investigate and report on at least 6 cases where there has been "finance gap" issue to identify system effectiveness and potential improvements.</p> <p>b) Investigate and report on methods of more effectively sharing pre-release information between FBD agencies.</p> <p>c) Investigate and report on provision of FBD information to prisoners on release.</p>	September 2009