

Reducing Adult Re-offending Action Plan
2009/10 Quarter 1 performance monitoring – exception report

Introduction

There are a total of 30 targets in the Reducing Re-offending Action Plan. 20 of the targets are on target to achieve (green), six are slightly below expected performance (amber), two targets are red, one target is not due an update in this quarter, and the remaining target is recommended for review by members of the partnership.

The amber, red and review targets are addressed below under the objective headings.

1. Accommodation

There are four targets in total, out of which three are green, and one was not due an update in this quarter.

2. Alcohol

There are three targets, of which three are green.

3. Drugs

There are three targets of which two are green, and one amber target.

The amber target is as follows:-

3.3 –Reduction in shop thefts (more than 3 offences) from 2008/09 baseline of 1,394 and reduction in repeat offenders for shoplifting from 2008/09 baseline of 101. A Problem has been highlighted in identifying re-offenders who are drug misusers. There have been a total of 378 shoplifting offences in quarter one, with 27 repeat offenders identified. Both of these targets are slightly below the baseline, but are achievable in future quarters.

4. Employment

There are four targets, three of which are green, and one target which requires SSP to review.

The review target is as follows:-

4.4 To achieve the national 15% target of offenders leaving custody entering employment (Nb Same as 4.1) Pat Wilson's secondment to this role ended 31 March 2009. It has been suggested that we remove this target and monitor under target 4.1.

5. Family Support

There are three targets, all of which are amber targets.

The amber targets are as follows:-

5.1 Ensure Prisoners have access to Family Learning Unit in Holme House Prison, and increase the take up courses from 2008/09 baseline. No baseline has been identified

further work to be completed on monitoring attendance at sessions that have been identified within the prison.

- 5.2 Ensure Prisons are aware of support packages that are in place prior to release and agree a protocol to provide information on support packages. Further clarification is required before the next quarter update on type the of support package required to progress with this target.
- 5.3 Establish a programme to work to engage newly released prisoners who are parents of under 8s and support them in strengthening family relationships. The person who was involved in developing this target has now left post. We are currently unable to identify whether parents who engage with Sure Start are newly released from Prison. Working to identify a mechanism to complete this.

6. Finance, Benefits & Debt

There are four targets, all of which are green in this quarter.

7. Health

There are five targets, three of which are green, one red and one not due an update in this quarter.

The red target is as follows:-

7.1 Highlight to GP Practices continuity of care for prisoners. Using Awareness sessions/ information leaflets for GP Practices, and to monitor complaints. No update has been given on this target due to the identified lead leaving post, unable to find a suitable alternative to comment at the time of writing, or obtain a baseline figure for 2008/09 on this target.

8. Life Skills and Offending Behaviour

There are four targets of which two are green, one amber, and one red in this quarter.

The amber and red targets are as follows:-

8.2 Teesside Probation Service corporate targets for offending behaviour programmes – ‘Think First’ etc will be pro rata allocated to Stockton and identified in sentence proposals where assessed need identifies appropriateness. Local targets to be published April 2009 and communicated to Safer Stockton Partnership. Targets have now been allocated at a local level. Report is still to be produced for SSP. Robust systems for tracking performance are being developed, further detail to be provided in quarter two update.

8.4 This target is on Probation Service employment data National Indicator 144 refers to Offenders under Probation Supervision in employment at the end of their Order or Licence – explore how the data can be further broken down to identify ‘hot spots’ of offender unemployment across Stockton as a means of targeting resources and interventions. Probation report that this target is red when looking at Stockton performance figure of 14.8%. There is a possibility that a further breakdown of figures into ward level could be completed by the Community Safety Analyst, but Probation data was unavailable with the JSU at the time of writing. This should be accessible in time for quarter two report.