

**Reducing Adult Re-offending Action Plan**  
**2009/10 year end performance monitoring – exception report**

*Introduction*

There are a total of 30 targets in the Reducing Re-offending Action Plan. 25 of the targets are on target to achieve (green), two amber targets, with two red and the remaining target not due an update.

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

**1. Accommodation**

There are four targets in total, out of which three are green and one red target for 2009/10.

The red target is as follows:-

- 1.4 Increase numbers / proportion of offenders under Probation supervision living in settled and suitable accommodation at the end of their order on licence, this is based on NI143 Offenders under Probation supervision living in settled and suitable accommodation at the end of their Order or Licence using a baseline of 81%. The Stockton average of Offenders in suitable Accommodation at end of order/license April - March = 80.2% Tees wide Average = 80.1% This is slightly below baseline of 81%, and means that the target has not been achieved. However, we are performing higher than Tees wide average.

**2. Alcohol**

There are three targets, of which three are green.

**3. Drugs**

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

The amber target is as follows:-

- 3.1 Implement new working protocol to ensure adult drug misusing offenders returning to Stockton from HMP Holme House have effective support and treatment planned prior to release to ensure immediate access to wraparound support. There will also be support for those entering custody in HMP Holme House by ensuring that all relevant information regarding their treatment in the Community ensuring a seamless integration into treatment in custody. Protocols are now set in place and are being monitored against targets a-d.

Under target (a) Q3 NTA report stated 13 referrals from CARATS and 2 engagements (15%) however local data showed 20 releases (16 eligible) and 8 were engaged with (50%). Still awaiting Q4 stats from the NTA, but locally the data shows 13 releases and 13 engagements (100%). Although 3 people have subsequently dropped out of treatment and assertive attempts at engagement are underway. The previous caveat still exists about local and national data not matching, and NTA have acknowledged the issue.

Within (b) inappropriate referrals will drop from 2008/09 baseline of 33 the actual numbers of inappropriate referrals were 33 this is not a reduction and this particular part of the

target has not been met. Within (c) and (d) Baselines will be set using data collected for 2009/10.

#### **4. Employment**

There are four targets, three of which are green, and one target which is red.

The red target is as follows:-

- 4.4 To achieve the national 15% target of offenders leaving custody entering employment. In Q4 there were 13.8% This is YTD total of 13.77%. Target not achieved. This is a national target that takes little account of regional or local unemployment levels or offender profiles. Offenders are amongst the most difficult to reach groups who's needs are compounded by high levels of drug misuse, low educational attainment and skills. Criminal records also often exclude offenders from many available local employment opportunities.

#### **5. Family Support**

There are three targets all of which are green.

#### **6. Finance, Benefits & Debt**

There are four targets, all of which are green.

#### **7. Health**

There are five targets, four of which are green, with one not due an update in this quarter.

#### **8. Life Skills and Offending Behaviour**

There are four targets of which three are green, and the remaining target is amber.

The amber targets are as follows:-

- 8.3 Completion of offending behaviour programmes and completion of community sentence to be included as a positive factor within the developing 'choice based lettings scheme' as a means of improving offender reintegration and reduced risk of re-offending. The CBL scheme is currently under review and therefore all work by the Steering Group has been diverted to this. The proposed 'passport' for offenders is therefore on hold until the review is finalised in Summer 2010