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JH was identified as a Stockton District PPO (Prolific/Priority Offender) in September 2004, due to the significant number and nature of previous convictions.

At that time he had accumulated 20 convictions for a staggering 87 offences, consisting in the main of acquisitive crime and including over 20 Burglaries, Theft & Aggravated Theft of Motor Vehicle, numerous driving offences including Dangerous Driving and Driving whilst Disqualified.

Mr H was a very prominent and high profile criminal who 'specialised' in '2 in 1' Burglaries, whereby he would target houses that had high performance vehicles on the driveway. He was sophisticated in his MO (Modus Operandi) and once inside the property would steal the vehicle keys to aid his escape.

Shortly after being identified as a PPO JH received 64 months custody for Dwelling House Burglary, Aggravated Twoc and Theft from the Person.
(Sentenced reduced following successful appeal to 42m)

He was released from custody on 8 May 2006 subject to strict licence conditions until 24 March 2007, however within 6 days of release was arrested for offences of Dwelling House Burglary, Theft of MV x 2 and HSG. His licence was revoked and Mr H was recalled to custody.

At Teesside Crown Court on 12 January 2007 he was further sentenced to 4 years imprisonment.

Throughout his time in custody, Mr H actively engaged with the Therapeutic Community, Adult Education Classes and secured work in the kitchens.

It was during this period in custody that he also studied and applied the principles of the 12 Steps Programme which helps addicts and alcoholics to overcome their addictions.

On 1 May 2009 Mr H was released from HMP Holme House subject to strict licence conditions until 11 January 2011.

He was collected from Prison and accommodation secured at Probation Approved Premises, 13 The Crescent, Middlesbrough.

As a PPO Mr H was required to have increased levels of contact by way of weekly office appointments at Stockton Probation Office, weekly home visits and twice weekly drug testing for the purpose of establishing any class A drug use.

Throughout his supervision, Mr H engaged exceptionally well and displayed a great understanding of his previous offending behaviour.

He engaged well with the local treatment provider and complied fully with the terms of his methadone Programme.

Whilst at The Crescent, Staff reported no problems whatsoever. Mr H fully complied with the house rules and observed the curfew.

On 22 June 2009 Mr H was successful in securing a PPO flat within Elm House Apartments. This was temporary supported accommodation provided for a period of up to 6 months in order for him to 'prove' himself and to equip him with the necessary day to day life skills needed to eventually secure his own tenancy.

Stonham provided floating tenancy support and once again JH complied fully with the requirements placed upon him.

He made himself available for weekly home visit by the PPO team and Stonham, maintained regular rent payments, took pride in the flat keeping it clean and tidy and prioritised his income and outgoings.

During his supervision appointments JH expressed a keen interest in working with and helping other drug users. He identified a distinct lack of support groups (N/A & A/A) within the Stockton area and was eager to establish and be involved in the implementing of such groups.

He met with the DAAT and discussed his plans and aspirations and took on board the advice and guidance offered.

Today he continues to be a regular attendee/mentor at local NA & AA meetings.

In addition, Mr H was referred to the 5 Lamps Project. Again, his attendance should be commended and to this day, he continues to attend in his capacity as a volunteer mentor.

He is also a recognised and relied upon 'Service User' for Stockton Borough Council.

On 13 May 2010 Mr H successfully secured his own tenancy by way of a one bedroomed flat on the Hardwick Estate of Stockton.

The flat is exceptionally well maintained and furnished and Mr H appears to be a very well received neighbour and member of the local community.

On 21 May 2010 Mr H was de registered as a PPO given the significant reduction of offending and the excellent progress made.

In summing up, it can be said that Mr H has taken full advantage of the intensive support on offer. He has excelled in all areas, successfully addressing his criminogenic, emotional and social needs.

Since his release on 1 May 2009 there have been no episodes of offending, no negative Police Intelligence and a 100% negative drug screens.

He is a polite, intelligent individual who has grown in confidence and clearly turned his life around for the benefit of the Community.