

Reducing Reoffending in the North East – Improving Joint Working between Prisons and Local Authorities

1. Appended to this report is the interim report prepared by this joint ANEC/NOMS project.
2. A further report is expected in June.
3. The report raises a series of issues for community safety partnerships, and for colleagues responsible for a range of services including at least housing supply/re-housing, drugs and alcohol misuse, offender health and work with children and families, and the agenda around adults with multiple and complex needs. In this last respect, it is noteworthy that the Tees Valley bid to Big Lottery Fund's 'Fulfilling Lives – Multiple and Complex Needs' programme was unsuccessful, despite very positive feedback at the initial bidding stage.
4. Members of the Partnership will note that this report at this stage includes no figures.
5. The references to sex work and sexual exploitation at the top of page 8 relate back to the Tees-wide research work being undertaken by Barefoot Research (funded by the Northern Rock Foundation) which will be reported to the Partnership when complete.
6. Stockton, in common with other localities, is participating in the 'common offer' approach to the 'Troubled Families' programme referred to in the final recommendation at the bottom of page 9 – this is essentially an improved communications system via nominated points of contact.