

Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company

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- 1) offenders need to be supported 'through the prison gate',
- 2) those released from short-sentences, who currently do not get support, need rehabilitation if we are to bring their prolific reoffending under control;
- 3) public protection is paramount, and the public sector must take the key role in keeping people safe;
- 4) the voluntary sector has an important contribution to make in mentoring and turning offenders' lives around; • nothing we do will work unless it is rooted in local partnerships and brings together the full range of support, be it in housing, employment advice, drug treatment or mental health services.

Community Rehabilitation Companies

Set up as independent companies
Governance by company law
Initially wholly owned by the Secretary of State
February 2015 shareholding in companies were bought by bidders
Government retains Golden Share
Delivery of services is via a contract with NOMS

There are now 21 locally based CRCs / Contract Package Areas

DTV CRC

In 2013 the ARCC consortium was established and in October 2014 it was identified as the 'preferred bidder'. In December 2014 ARCC was awarded the contract for the Durham and Cleveland Contract Package Area, and DTV CRC was appointed to deliver it. On 1st February 2015, following share sale, ARCC became the owners of DTV CRC.

ARCC is a Community Interest Company. It is a not for profit organisation and any profits that might be achieved would be fed back into the organisation to benefit the local community.

It is comprised of Local Authorities; Health, and Voluntary Sector Organisations some of those being, Vardy Foundation, Wise Group, Thirteen, Safe In Tees Valley and Changing Lives in the North East, (a staff mutual within the consortium who contributed information for bid and have voting rights at the Board).

ARCC is the only CIC to have been awarded a contract, the other 20 CPAs having been awarded to private sector organisations.

DTV CRC in Stockton

Staffing, January 2016 – 4 Probation Officers and 9 Probation Service Officers

Caseload, January 2016 – 552 offenders

Staff Allocations 3 members of staff make up the Integrated Offender Management Team
 3 members of staff make up the Probation Officer Team
 9 members of staff make up the PSO team

Integrated Offender Management-deals with Prolific and Other Priority Offenders and the majority of Drug Rehabilitation Requirements

Probation Officer Team-deals with more complex cases involving Safeguarding, Mental Health, Domestic Violence, escalating risk

Probation Service Officer Team-deals with less complex cases, offenders on Community Orders and Licences

Integrated Offender Management

- Relies on multi-agency working and sharing information mainly around offending, drug treatment provision, accommodation, training and employment
- Intensive contact with offenders
- Prompt enforcement
- Panel Meetings (multi-agency case conferencing for PPOs)
- Provision of proven re-offending data, charges and arrests (provided by IOM Hub)

PPO Arrests, Charges and Proven Convictions August and September 2015

	Arrests	Charges	Convictions
2015/2016 totals	37	33	38
2014/2015 totals	593	415	417
Predicted Numerical difference to August 2016	-371	-217	-189
Predicted percentage reductions to August 2016	-62.6%	-52%	-45%

Challenges / Change Process

Estates

All probation offices currently occupied by DTV CRC staff will be closed later this year. 80 to 85 % of the offender caseload will be seen in Community Justice Hubs.

Offenders who are not suitable for attendance at the Hubs will be seen in one of the two District Centres, Wetherby House at Thornaby and Wear House, Durham.

Agile Working

Most staff will work mainly from the Criminal Justice Hubs, but will also work from home, or, for some of the time at the offices of partner agencies.

New Technology

Staff have been provided with laptops and mobile phones. The current case administration system, Delius will be replaced, as will the Offender Assessment system, OASys.

Performance Management

Service Level Measures (targets) are set and if not achieved will incur financial penalties. Successful completion of Orders and Licences are a priority.

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