

Once the requirement has been made...

... contact the Programme Manager at RITE Social Enterprises on 01746 718112 to list offender and discuss sequencing and commencement date.



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Specified Activity

Care Farm Skills Training

A guide for probation and related professionals

Proposed Wording for Report Authors

A Specified Activity Requirement (section 201(1)(b)) of 25 sessions to undertake the Care Farm Skills Training Programme

How does it work?

Offenders from Redditch, Kidderminster and Worcester, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin are collected by RITE Social Enterprises to attend the specified activity, which provides formal skills training, cognitive development and work experience.

Each offender will have 125 hours of skills training, cognitive development and work-focused activity spread over 25 sessions. Following the introductory session held at Probation, attendance is weekly for the first two weeks, and becomes twice weekly thereafter.

In the twice-weekly phase, one session has an emphasis on skills training and cognitive development, whilst the second session provides hands-on experience of working at a social enterprise. During this session, Offenders will be actively involved in growing, harvesting and retailing produce, the proceeds of which subsidise the specified activity for future groups.

Criteria for an Offender

Offenders suitable for this pilot:

- those who need structure, want to engage in purposeful activities, and improve their cognitive skills.
- where a supervision requirement is being proposed through either Pre-Sentence Reports or Fast-Delivery Reports.
- for those in breach and appearing for re-sentence.
- for those at high risk of re-offending or are a substance misuse offender.
- for those with stable substance misuse.

The following are excluded from the programme: domestic violence perpetrators, violent offenders and sex offenders.

Outcomes of the project?

Quantitative outcomes for offenders are as follows:

- At least 125 hours of skills training, cognitive development and work-focused activities spread over 25 sessions.
- A minimum of 2 nationally recognised qualifications obtained. (with an objective to achieve more)
- 10 hours of Advanced Thinking Skills (cognitive development).
- 6 hours of one-to-one therapeutic input received.
- A curriculum vitae produced.
- Engagement in a job search and application process.
- Engagement in training opportunities.
- Engagement in work experience in a 'real-world' setting.
- Completion of the Recovery Star.
- Changes in attitude/thinking/perspectives.
- Contributes towards reducing reoffending.

What else is on offer at the Project?

The project offers:

- Transport to and from pick up point
- Training in up to 10 subject areas.
- Opportunity to gain 6 nationally recognised qualifications.
- Opportunity to gain 5 centre-approved qualifications.
- Opportunity to find and gain employment.
- Focused cognitive development and one-to-one therapeutic input.
- Wrap around support and agency sign-posting.
- Formal graduation.