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Case Study: Tackling the Offending Cycle by Engaging with Offenders and the Underlying Causes of Crime: The Checkpoint Programme

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Tools and methods for setting up a new out of court disposal initiative

- Know your own force. What is currently delivered? What are links like with other CJ organisations and the 3rd sector? What sort of a budget have you got?
- Visit different existing schemes. What data do they possess on outcomes? What do you think would work best in your own area?
- Obtain information from/join the National Out of Court Disposal Forum.
- Identify your stakeholders and get them on side and involved in any steering/development group that's established. Get your PCC on board. Comms plan? Information sharing agreement? Information management system?
- Big bang or incremental introduction of the scheme? Arrange Force wide training well in advance of planned start date.

Supporting offenders experiencing multiple disadvantages: key insights and strategies

- Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) and a definition for multiple disadvantage
- what has multiple disadvantage got to do with the Criminal Justice System?
- Surrey introduce Checkpoint Plus

- Holistic needs assessments: top tips for identifying the underlying causes of crime and developing reflective support programmes
 - Identified needs of offenders in custody and the community
 - Detailed 19 page risk assessment that has been developed over time
 - Regular training opportunities for all navigators which includes;
 - Trauma informed practices
 - Domestic abuse
 - County lines
 - Motivational interviewing
 - Restorative practices

Interventions: how to engage offenders and ensure they continue to achieve better outcomes

- Checkpoint interventions are a maximum 4 months duration but ongoing support can be available
- Sessions with the navigator
- OPCC funded reducing reoffending interventions
- Offender pays options

Useful Publications

- Hard Edges Report – Lankelly Chase Foundation (2015) - <https://lankellychase.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Hard-Edges-Mapping-SMD-2015.pdf>
- Centre for mental health – the future of prison mental health care in England (June 2021) - <https://www.centreformentalhealth.org.uk/publications>
- MEAM - <http://meam.org.uk/>
- Identified needs of offenders in custody and the community from the Offender Assessment System, 30 June 2018
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/815078/oasys-needs-adhoc-stats.pdf
- <https://www.learningdisabilitytoday.co.uk/institutions-without-exits> – Learning disabilities in the prison population – April 2021