



**Lanarkshire
Community Justice
Authority**

Funding Developments Evaluation Form

About your project

1. Project name

What is the name of your project?

Housing Advice and Support Service (HMP Addiewell)

2. Project summary

Tell us about your project, what you planned to do and what you spent the money on.

The project

The project will involve two posts which will be shared between HMP Addiewell and HMP Corntonvale in a unique tripartite protocol between West Lothian Council, North Lanarkshire Council and South Lanarkshire Council.

What we plan to do

Provide: housing advice and information; housing management services in relation to accommodation; ensuring housing benefit issues are dealt with timeously; provide support by signposting prisoners to relevant support agencies and advocacy.

What we plan to spend the money on

We plan to spend the money on the cost of recruiting and employing two members of staff who can provide the above level of expertise.

Where the project will be located

The project will be based in HMP Addiewell.

3. Your outcomes

Briefly describe what difference your project made by listing its outcomes (the difference your project made to the people who used it)

- Facilitate the development of accommodation advice services with HMP Addiewell and HMP Corntonvale.
- Facilitate effective information sharing.
- Improve access to housing management functions for people in prison in particular:
 - focusing on securing properties thus preventing vandalism in local communities;
 - transferring properties where appropriate to other family members to ensure stability for family life;
 - ensuring housing benefit is claimed, where appropriate, for clients up to 52 weeks on remand;
 - housing benefit is claimed, where appropriate, for people serving 13 weeks or less
 - support prisoners to terminate tenancies where appropriate thus avoiding arrears of rent building up.
- Monitor sustainability of accommodation at six and 12 month intervals
- Sign post prisoners to appropriate support agencies

By working in partnership to provide these services we aim to ensure that all prisoners have:

- the information they need to ensure they do not lose accommodation needlessly;
- do not build up rent arrears; and
- know how to ensure they have appropriate accommodation on release.

4. Target Group

(E.g. young offenders, women offenders, specific social needs, people at a particular stage in the criminal justice process)

The target group for this project is prisoners within HMP Addiewell and HMP Corntonvale who were previously residents of West Lothian Council, North Lanarkshire Council or South Lanarkshire Council or wish to be considered for housing in these areas. The work of the project would be targeted at 'prisoners needing resettlement/rehabilitation' and 'women offenders' as highlighted within the National Strategy with the aim ultimately of reducing re-offending.

5. Contribution to LCJA priorities

(How did this project contribute to reducing reoffending and the priorities set by the CJA in the area plan 2008-11)

South Lanarkshire – 187 contacts
North Lanarkshire – 201 contacts
West Lothain – 43 contacts
Other areas – 32 contacts

Outcomes for communities C1 (increased community safety through a consistent approach)
Outcomes for offenders – O2 (the ability to access and sustain suitable accommodation)
Outcomes in the system: - S2 (wider partnership)

The costs of the project would be two posts at £26,000.00 with an added 20% on both posts to cover sickness, holidays, superannuation and travelling costs.

About your organisation

6. Organisation name

West Lothian Council

7. Contact for the project

Jayne Minto, West Lothian Council

8. organisation type

Public sector

9. Signatory

Name:

Position:

Date:

Signature:

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Signature:

Position: