



# Releasing Potential – Working with offenders in custody

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# Research Publications

LSC (2004) Information, Advice and Guidance supporting Offenders in Custody and in the Community

LSC and National Probation Service (2005) Working Together to Provide Information, Advice and Guidance to Offenders in Custody and in the Community in England

Development Plan and Managers' Guide and Action Plan

LSC (2006) Work in Progress - Review of planned information, advice and guidance provision within the OLASS service (to be published)

# Presentation

- Review the background to delivering career and learning support (IAG) to offenders in custody.
- Consider key findings from recent research into IAG with offenders.
- Introduce the 'Working Together - managers' guide and action plan' and consider its use in planning IAG provision.

# Prison Locations



# Offender Needs and Barriers to Rehabilitation

- Skills for life.
- Qualifications.
- Debt.
- Drug abuse.
- Alcohol abuse.
- Accommodation.
- Mental and physical health problems.
- Attitudes and beliefs.
- Family breakdown.
- Background in care

# Public Policy

- Social Exclusion Unit - Reducing Re-Offending by Ex-Prisoners - 2002
- Strategy Unit - Managing Offenders - Reducing Crime - A new approach (Correctional Services Review) Carter Report - December 2003
- HM Government - Reducing Re-Offending through Skills and Employment - December 2005
- HM Government - Reducing Re-Offending through Skills and Employment: Next Steps - December 2006

# Offender Learning and Skills Service

- In 2004, Government announced new arrangements in regard to delivery of learning and skills in custody and in the community.
- Offender's Learning Journey documents were launched (adult and juvenile versions).
- OLASS launched in three development regions - North East, North West and South West - in August 2005. National roll-out in August 2006.
- NFER undertook evaluation in the development regions (DfES Research Report 794). Range of issues identified in regard to: Assessment, monitoring, IAG, workforce issues, documentation and integration of services.

# IAG for Offenders in Custody

On Entry - Induction

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In the community

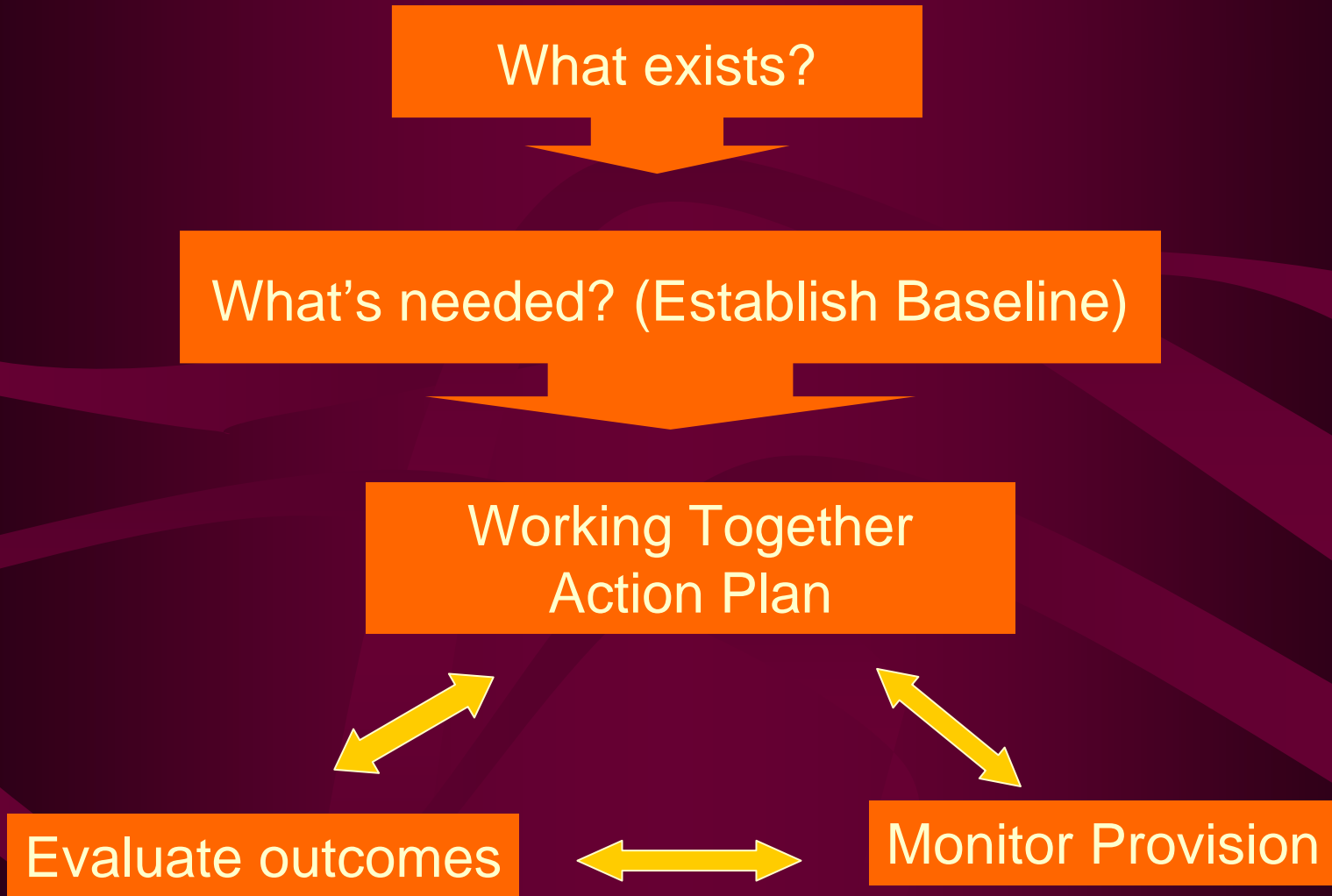
# Key Findings - 2004 Baseline

- No consistent pattern of service delivery in HM Prisons.
- The level of **nextstep** service involvement variable.
- Range of funded/non-funded support programmes in operation (ESF a significant source).
- Jobcentre Plus undertake a range of work re benefits and employment.
- National Probation Service deliver IAG through their staff and direct contract.

# IAG in OLASS - 2006

- Three broad models of delivery – Embedded; Separate unit of delivery; mix of both.
- Clear evidence of IAG in delivery on entry and on programme. Some concerns about initial plans regarding pre and post release.
- Issues included: What is IAG? Who is responsible for the wider IAG/personal support? What is achievable within existing funding/resources? How can services between custody and the community best be linked on an inter-regional basis?

# Taking the Agenda Forward



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