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# Releasing Potential – Working with offenders in custody

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# Presentation

- ◆ Client group
- ◆ Prison environment
- ◆ Current service provision
- ◆ Next steps



# An overview of the client group

- ◆ Up to 490 adult males on remand or convicted
- ◆ Up to 115 of these are vulnerable prisoners segregated from the rest of the population
- ◆ Majority from Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire but may come from anywhere in England
- ◆ Approximately 10% foreign nationals



# An overview of the client group

- ◆ Low levels of literacy and numeracy - below level one
- ◆ Learning difficulties and disabilities
- ◆ Poor communication skills
- ◆ Poor social skills
- ◆ Poor physical and mental health often exacerbated by drug and alcohol abuse
- ◆ Complex and fragile family relationships



# The prison environment

- ◆ Local prison – extremely high turnover of prisoners
- ◆ Closed, category B prison – high level of security
- ◆ Every single prisoner movement controlled



# The effects of prison environment

- ◆ Limited social interaction
- ◆ Slow pace of prisoners' life
- ◆ Short working day with long lunch break
- ◆ Disempowerment - can avoid thinking, planning and decision making
- ◆ A surreal world?



# Current service provision

- ◆ Resettlement Unit – prison service staff working with Lincolnshire Action Trust
- ◆ Lincoln College – new OLASS provider since 31/07/06
- ◆ Lincolnshire Library Service – Offender Learning, Library and Information Service
- ◆ Jobcentre Plus



Next Steps.....?