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Through the Gates

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St Giles Trust & London Probation Through the Gates pilot

Model Borough Pathfinder Project

Aims

- Reduce re-offending / support re-integration into the community
- Develop Partnership Working
- PC23 2007 (Reducing post release drug-related deaths)
- Fill potential gaps / link offenders with ongoing support before case closure

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Background:

- Funded by London Probation Service – 1 year initial funding

- Started as Voluntary / Statutory Partnership – Southwark / Lambeth Probation Services, St. Giles Trust and Southwark SNU (now RARS) Housing Team.

- Funded for a further year in 14 London Boroughs:
  Lambeth, Southwark, Bexley, Bromley, Croydon, Lewisham, Greenwich
  Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Camden, Islington, Haringey, Waltham Forest, Redbridge

Locate your borough:

NB: Through the Gates operates in two teams (North & South of the River) and only in the boroughs highlighted.

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Support Services for Offenders Released to London

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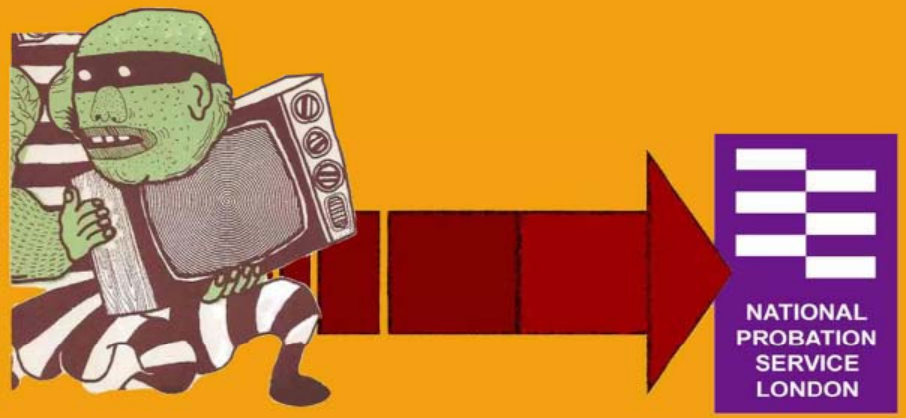

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How it works:

- **Referrals** from Offender Managers and Prisons, Prison Resettlement Teams – Some St Giles Workers are based in the Prisons.
- **Housing Assessments** in prison (By video-link if required). Support Plan agreed - 6 weeks prior to release.
- **Referral to SNAP / RARS / SHIP etc**. Housing Options Teams
- **Meet at Gates**, escort to appointments – Housing, Probation, Benefits, Substance Misuse agencies, ETE sign-posting

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Support Offered:

- Access to temporary /permanent / supported accommodation on release
- HPU / Benefits / Identification (Birth Certificate etc)
- Meet license restrictions
- Access other services (Detox. to training & employment)

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Stats so far

To 31 April 2009: (9 Months)

- Referrals – **1127**
- Met at Gates / transport hub -572
- Temp Accommodation found – 405
- Perm Accommodation found – 438

- Still in custody – approx 100
- Current clients being housed – approx 90
- Known Recalls – 34
- Not known – approx 60

Approved Premises

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- Effective Partnership working – PPU team, AP staff and Jigsaw teams across London
- Referrals from AP Managers and Probation
- Attend MAPPA / PPU meetings
- Address for each offender will be passed on to the Jigsaw team for checks

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Thank You.
Any Questions?

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