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Leading learning and skills

Annual reducing Re-offending Conference

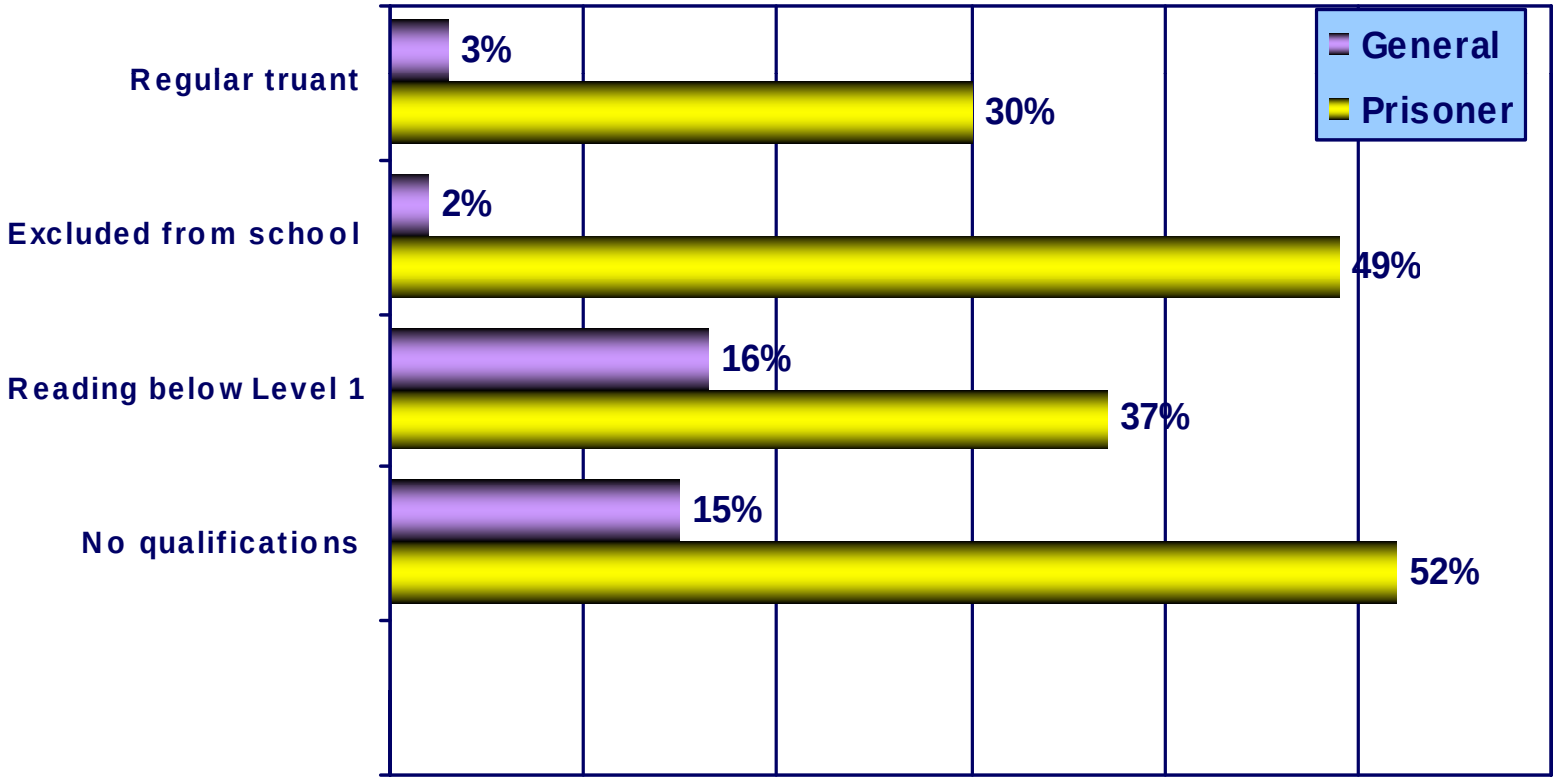
Ensuring positive outcomes in the economic downturn

The business case; increasing skills for employability

Chris Horton

The Challenge

Table – shows key differences between prisoners and general population



The wider context

Leitch and integration

Sector Skills Councils

City Strategies and LAA's-'skills for jobs' and worklessness

Employment and Skills Boards

Integrated Employment and Skills

MOG

The LSC's Role

- LSC has responsibility for offender learning
- A regional and national approach
- But the role and the organisation is changing
- Machinery of Government-Skills Funding Agency
  -Young Peoples Learning Agency
  -National Apprenticeship Service

Offender Learning Journey

Key Features:

- Flexibility/individual need
- Screening/assessment
- ILP’s
- Skills/employment
- Accountabilities/targets
- Information sharing
- Sentence/learning plans
- IAG
- e-learning
- Resettlement

Next Steps

- **Engaging with employers to drive the design and delivery of programmes**

- **A better quality and increasingly effective learning and skills service:-**
  - **-the Virtual Campus**
  - **-employability compact**
  - **-ICT**

- **Test beds**

OLASS 3

- **Employability and the core curriculum**
- **The right resource in the right place**
- **‘MIAP’**
- **A new curriculum-QCF/QCA changes**
- **The Virtual Campus**
- **A universal IAG offer: CIAS and IES-’through the gate’ and links to community punishment**

The Virtual Campus

VC User

The Virtual Campus

Guardian Login

Welcome to The Virtual Campus

The Virtual Campus allows access to **resources** to assist offenders on their journey to resettlement outside of prison.

The Virtual Campus is delivered on an operational level by a partnership formed by **NOMS**, **LSC** and **Department for Innovation & Skills** through Prison projects across the Midlands area.

Its gives the opportunity to view relevant **training courses** that are available and apply directly for **jobs** within their relocation area.

Throughout all of this the key theme of increasing the employability of ex-offenders through providing holistic through-the-gate support.

Login

Username:

Password:

Submit

NOMS National Offender Management Service

Working together to reduce re-offending

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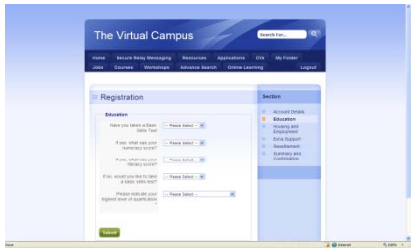
Department for Innovation, Universities & Skills

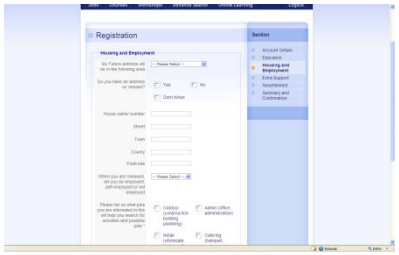
Done

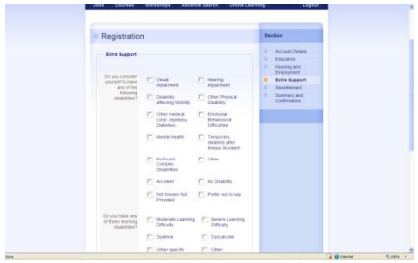
Internet

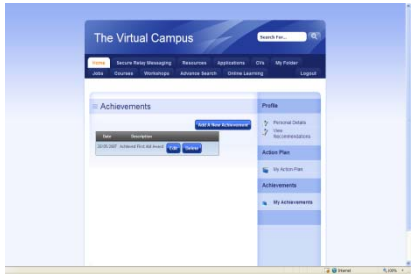
100%

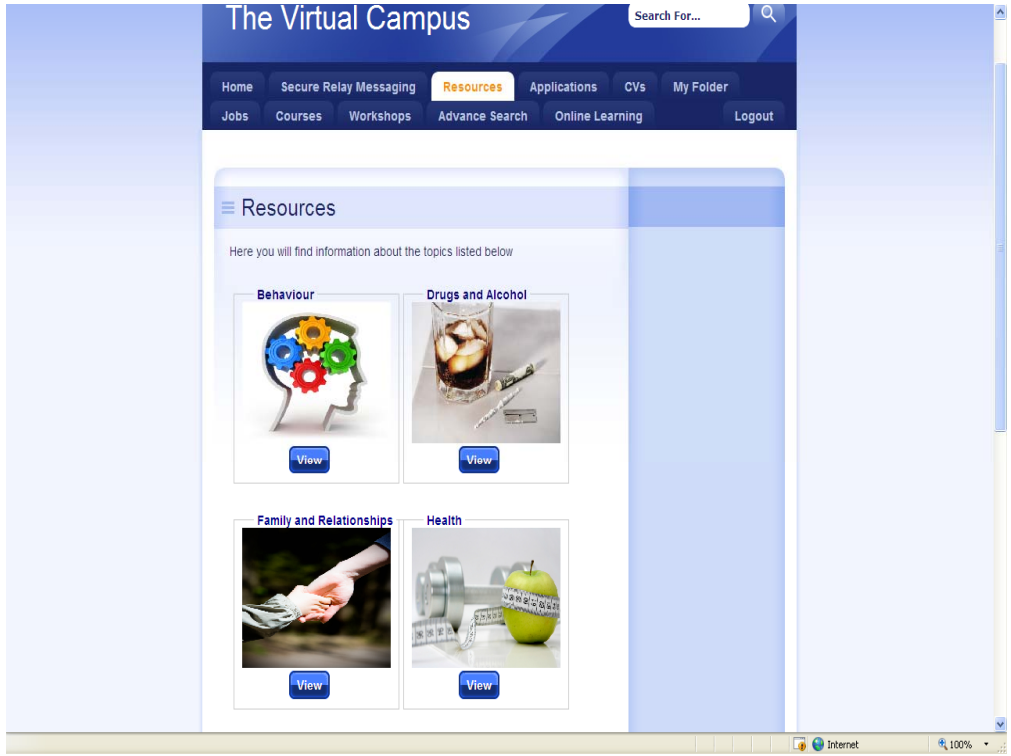
Virtual Campus – Learning.. Resettlement.. Interventions & More





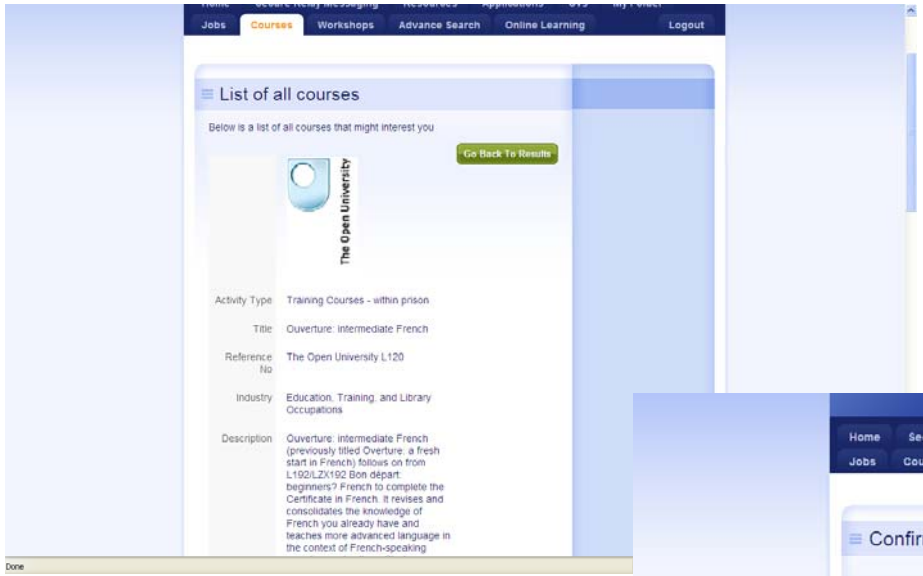


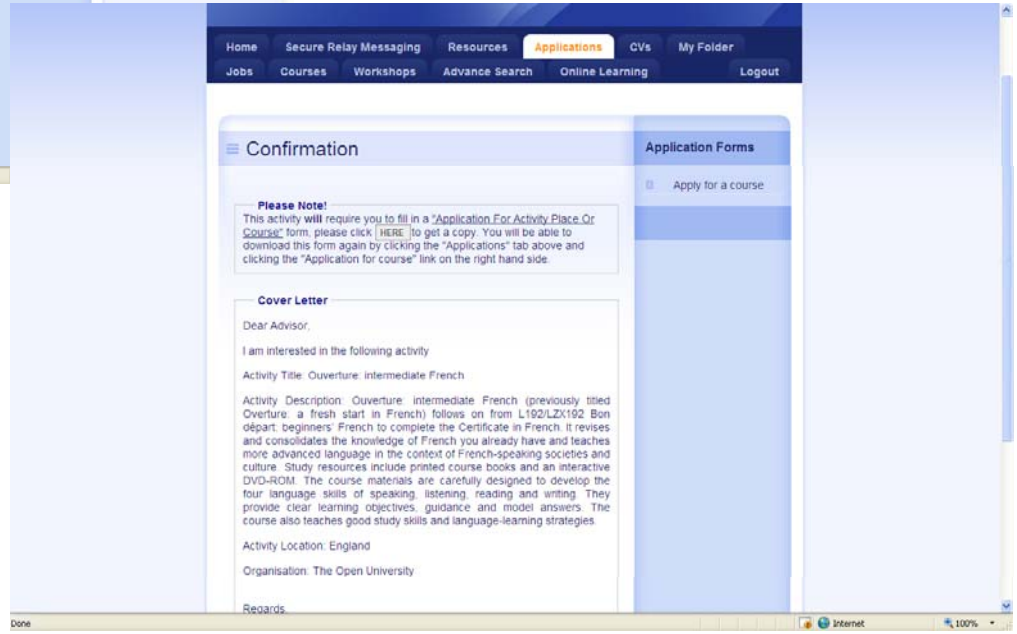




Online Application

Courses, Activities, Jobs





CUSTODY
SAP process

Offender Eligibility
Reside in West Midlands
Aged 18+
Job seekers who intend to claim JSA

Student signs consent form

Learner identification
Clients identified through IAG or Virtual Campus team

Timed to link in with Preparation for Employment pre-release course

Skills health check
Learner books appointment in the Virtual Campus with InTraining IAG adviser

Log on
Log on through 'Guardian' log in and relevant password

Skills health check
Access white listed site through 'SHC' Tab and complete diagnostics.
Three questionnaires:
Person
Motivation
Skills

Mediated access
Learner generates 1st time user log in ID

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SAP
Save on website

SKILLS ACTION PLAN

Skills Action Plan
Print 3 copies
On site Job Centre +
Offender Manager (Probation)
3. Learner

Offender access to mainstream services

No duplication of assessment

Only trial in the country

COMMUNITY

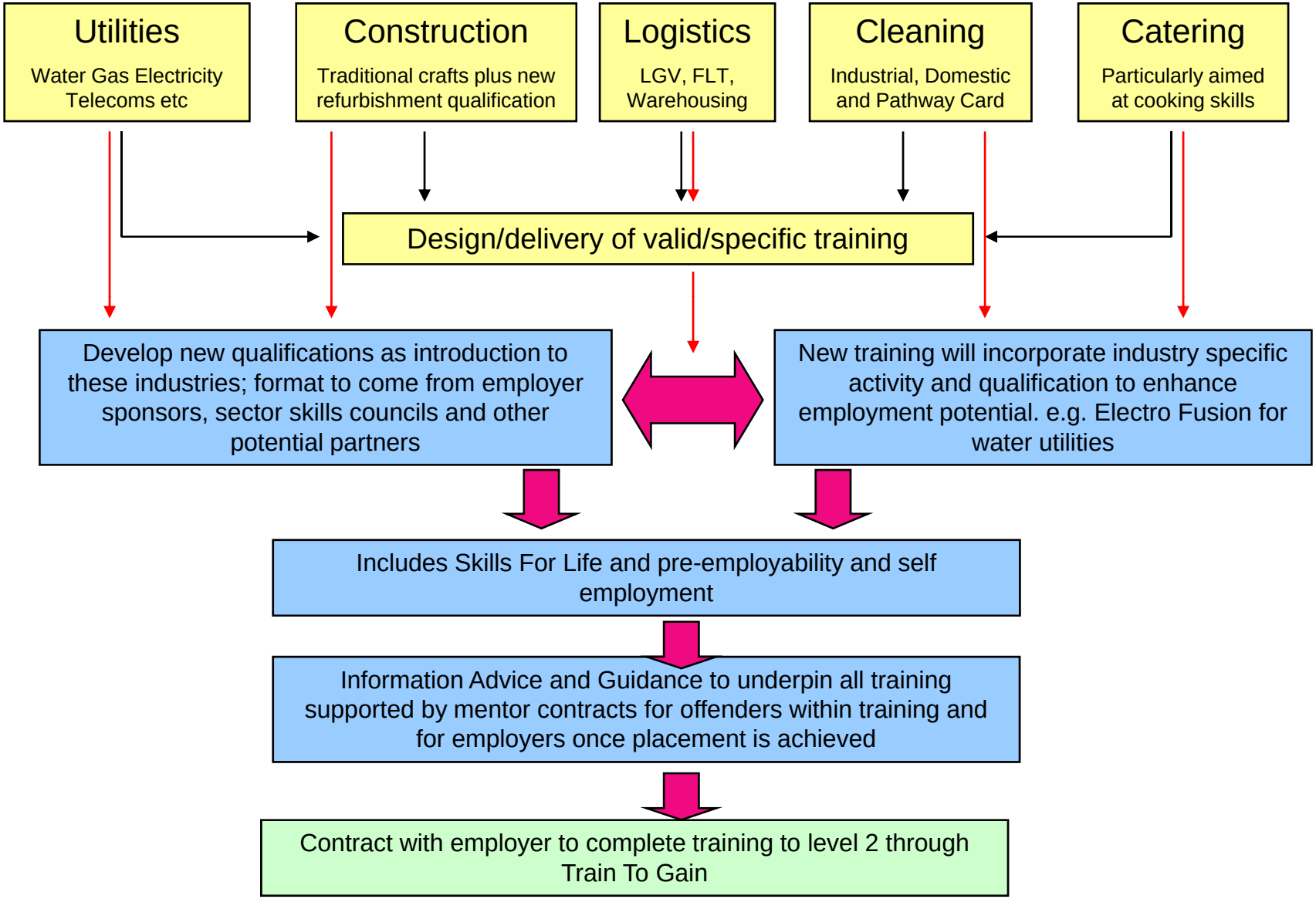
Next Steps appointment;
e-mail to book appointment

Next Steps appointment;
IAG inform student

Learner attends
Next Steps appointment
At interview SAP information retrieved from website

Learner attends
Fresh-Start Interview
Arranged by onsite
Job Centre +
Usually 1 day after the day of release

Employer Engagement

- Developed pilot activity in particular sectors
- Developing and changing offender learning
- Developing a consistent approach
- Increase the number of employers willing to offer employment opportunities to offenders.
- Establish and share best practice
- Better collaboration between agencies related to resettlement and employment

Employer sponsor per sector/vocational area across Region and OLASS Sectors