

## Costs & Benefits of social care support for ex-offenders with Learning disabilities

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### Introduction

Recent studies have suggested about 7% of people in prison have a learning disability. Yet on leaving prison they often receive remarkably little support as Community Learning Disability Teams deem them too able for support, and Social Services argues that they do not meet the FACS (Fair Access to Care Services) criteria. Ex-offenders with learning disabilities may therefore find themselves being expected to live independently, without any support offered. However, anecdotal evidence suggests that small amount of support can make a big difference to outcomes, such as to re-offending.

### The aim of OFFSCA-ID

The project is funded by SSCR (School for Social Care ) and it will run for two years. The project has also been approved by NHS ethics and NOMS (National Offender Management Service)

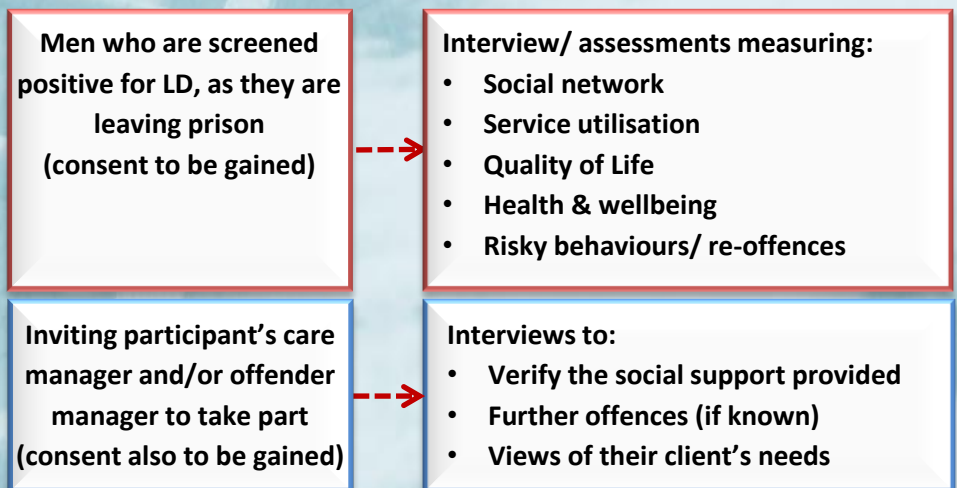
Working alongside adults with learning disabilities who have just left prison, we wish to find out:

- Does social care input, on leaving prison, affect mood, behaviour and quality of life of people with ID?
- What are the costs of social care support for these ex-offenders with ID?
- How do the social care costs relates to the outcome for the ex-offenders with ID?

### Participants & Design

Men screened positive for learning disability who are due to leave prison will be invited to take part in the study. Their care manager or offender manager will also be invited to take part. They will be interviewed at two time points (T1- within one month of leaving prison, T2- in nine months' time). The following information will be collected during each time point:

T1 and T2



A sample of offenders will also be interviewed to explore their views on life since leaving prison; the opportunities, challenges/ barriers to a good quality of life, and satisfaction with the support received

### Measures

Variable	Measures
Social network	Social Network Guide (Forrester-Jones & Broadhurst, 2007)
Service use	Client Service Receipt Inventory (Beecham & Knapp, 2001)- <i>Specifically adapted for this study</i>
Quality of life	Cummin's Comprehensive Quality of Life Scales (Cummins, 1997)
Health:	
• Depression	Glasgow-LD Depression Scale (Cuthill et al, 2003)
• Anxiety	Glasgow-LD Anxiety Scale (Mindham & Espie, 2003)

### Data analysis

Data collected at two time points will be analysed to work out the extent of social care support and services are associated with rates of re-offending and quality of life.