### Who we are







## The biggest underused resource in the prison



## Why use Peers?

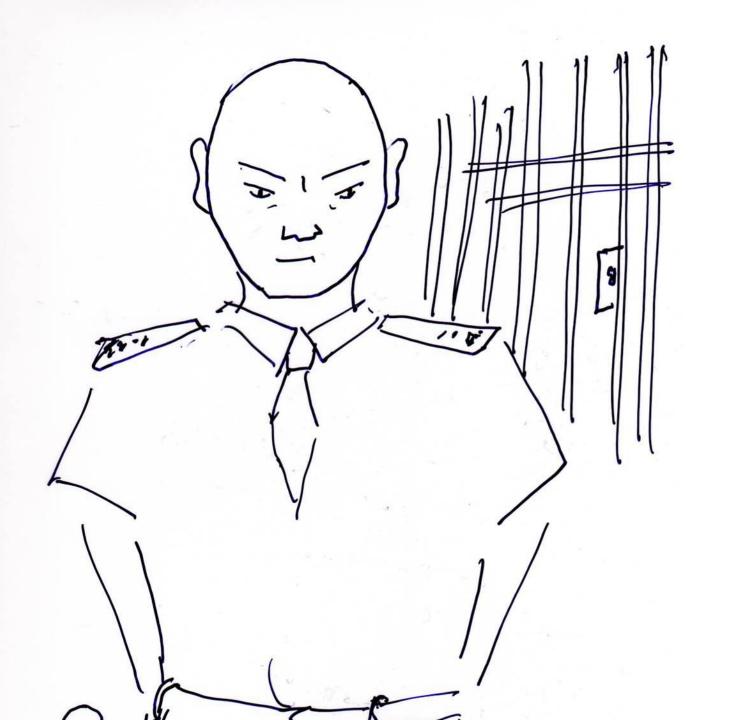
- Empathy & insider knowledge & experience
- Enabling & creating responsibility
- Promoting positive change through positive role modelling
- Engaging the hardest to reach clients
- Increasing Development & Employability "The Multiplier Effect".
- More Offenders Accessing More Services

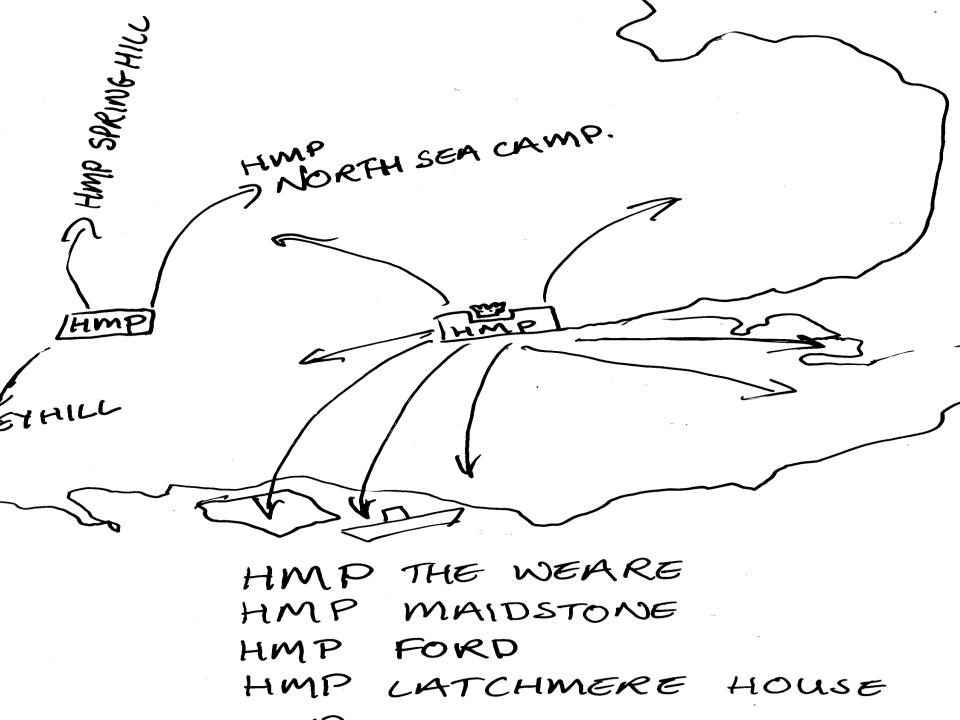
#### Real Work & A Recognised Qualification



# NVQ Level 3 in Advice & Guidance

- 12 Taught Sessions "Learning to Advise"
- 1:1 Ongoing Support & Assessment
- Real work providing evidence for NVQ portfolios for 4 – 6 months
- Established, proven monitoring and evaluation system systems
- Recognised accreditation City & Guilds.
- Quality Framework provided by NVQ process.













# Why a PeerThrough the Gates Service?

- All the work, education etc. provided in prison can be lost on release
- Services are typically prison or community based
- Clients fall through the gaps
- An ex-offender, who has been there, understands.

## Through The Gate – Typical tasks

- Pre-release housing assessment on the wing
- Meet at gates avoid the pitfalls
- Find accommodation
- Get to pre arranged Benefits appointment
- Link with specialist support- Mental Health services, drug & alcohol agencies
- Refer to ETE support

#### Some Stats

#### Last year:

- 14,000 Client Needs Assessments
- 3,612 Positive Housing Interventions
- 2,407 Housing Finds
- 226 Jobs
- 2,000 completed training courses
- 745 into further training & jobsearch
- 315 NVQ Peer Graduates (55% from prison)
- 34% Staff are Ex-offenders
- 60% Peer Advisors had no prior educational qualifictions

#### Information

Evaluations: ICPR, TTG, Frontier Economics - <a href="http://www.stgilestrust.org.uk/CaseStudies/410375/evaluation\_reports\_on\_st\_giles\_trust\_services.html">http://www.stgilestrust.org.uk/CaseStudies/410375/evaluation\_reports\_on\_st\_giles\_trust\_services.html</a>

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