

THROUGH CARE:

Getting it Right Conference

How can the third sector help drive further improvements in Throughcare?

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Presentation Outline

- Third sector capacity within Scotland
- Role of the third sector
- Working in partnership in criminal justice
- Workshop - discussion of key questions

Third Sector Capacity

- Third sector's total income in 2013 was almost £5 billion
- Sector employs 138,000 people (83,350 FTE) and approx. 1.3 million volunteers
- Total expenditure on services provided rose to record level of £4.7 billion. The income and expenditure has doubled in the last decade.
- Turnover is now four times that of the Scottish food and drink industry (£1.03 billion) and equal to the Scottish creative industries (£5 billion)
- In 2013, the third sector was comprised of nearly 20,000 different organisations, with over 19,000 being charities, the remainder being housing associations and credit unions.

Role of the Third Sector

- Huge variety of different activities being undertaken
- 72% of organisations operate within the social care, health, housing, and law and advocacy sectors
- 86% of organisations operate solely in their geographical locality and a further 10% operate Scotland-wide

Working in partnership in criminal justice

- Many third sector organisations have a long history of working in criminal justice
- Several key national organisations and numerous local ones
- Within throughcare arena, we are fortunate to have considerable experience and skills
- Development of PSPs has increased capacity and coverage
- But there are also opportunities to improve things further

Q1 What are the gaps in service provision and how might we fill these?

You may wish to consider:

- If all prisoners are able to access throughcare support
- If this support is available when required, pre- and post release, and sufficient to meet needs
- If there is an unmet need among specific types of prisoners
- Sharing examples you have developed for addressing gaps in service provision

Q2 What potential exists for further collaboration?

You may wish to consider:

- How mature and inclusive are the relationships between third, public and private/independent sector partners
- How would you develop collaborative new approaches with partners in your organisation/locality
- What barriers need to be overcome, if any

Q3 How do we all make use of our combined resources better?

You may wish to consider:

- If partners have a shared and clear understanding of the projected need for services over the next 3, 5 and 7 year periods
- If all resources are aligned to meet that need
- If service redesign processes actively involve the third sector as an equal partner
- If outcomes are well defined, collectively owned and supported by robust, shared performance monitoring and reporting arrangements

Q4 What lessons are there for the future?

You may wish to consider:

- Sharing your experience from both successful and unsuccessful initiatives
- How learning is shared across partners
- How learning drives redesign and improvements