

Making Good An Assessment

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Context

- RCP 1 + Coulsfield report
- Weakness of short sentences
- “neither all sentencers, nor the media and the public are persuaded that non custodial sentences are effective.” LCJ
- Sentencers Strand
- Best Practice Howard League Strand


Objectives of Making Good

- Test different models of engaging community organisations in finding UW
 - Develop sustainable models
 - Extend range of placements
 - Set up adult referral panels
 - Strengthen links with ethnic minority groups
 - Greater use of media
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Changing Context of Probation

- Reorganisation
 - Contestability
 - Targets
 - Best Value
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Bicester

- Developing a partnership with the Town Council
 - Developing links with the Youth Offending Service
 - Developing adult referral panels
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Wycombe District

- The Local Authority as a starting point
 - Working with Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs) and PCSOs
 - Developing links with 'the Asian community'.
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Milton Keynes


- Working with Urban Parish Councils
- Establishing links with Neighbourhood Action Groups



Slough

- Establishing a partnership with the Slough Federation of Tenants and Residents (The Fed)
- Developing the use of volunteer supervisors.

Parallel Developments

- Visibility
 - Crime Concern
 - Community Payback
 - Casey Report
 - Mayoral Project
 - Community Panels
 - Community Justice Centres/Courts
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Key Findings 1: Awareness

- Participation - wide range of community groups
- Publicity - newsletters, parish magazines, websites
- Feedback -

“The work carried out is definitely having an impact on people’s perception. ... is greatly appreciated by all and goes a long way in making the residents feel good about themselves and the estate they live on.”

Key Findings 2: Partnerships

- Local government

“The partnership has now become a way of thinking of The Town Council.”


- Police

“People who have created the problems are solving the problems. I have nothing but praise for the work done.”

- Community Groups

“When there is any community activity I will get in touch with the Unpaid Work team.”

Key Findings 3: Nature of Placements

- Environmental – what the community wants
 - Individual – ‘second phase’
 - Working with volunteer supervisors
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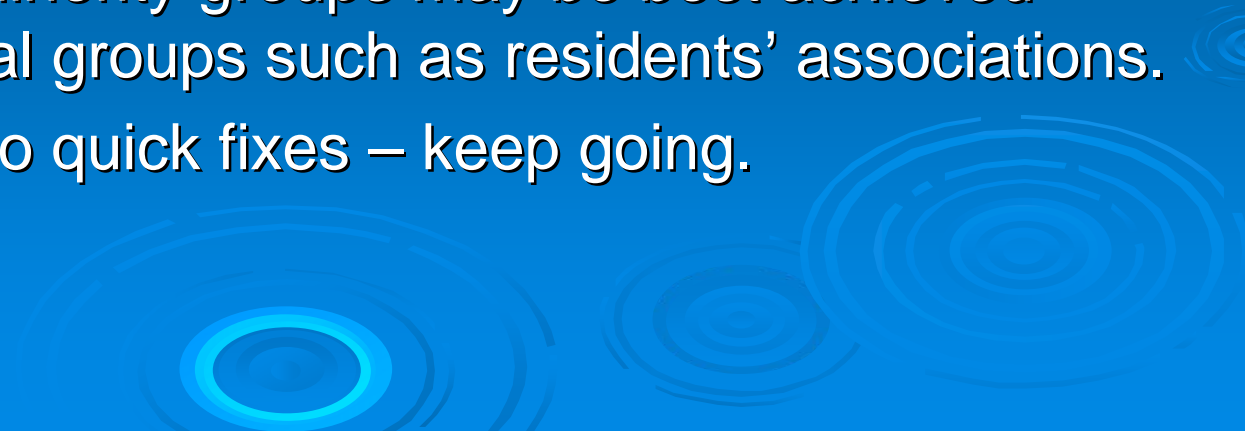
Recommendations

- Probation allocation of resources to develop similar models: Time, Training, Delivery
- Probation to develop and strengthen links with PCSOs
- Develop further Probation/YOS reparation projects
- Develop national training package for volunteer supervisors
- Develop adult referral panels
- Build Making Good learning into current initiatives – Community Justice Courts, Citizens' Panels

Guidance: 12 tips

1. Find most suitable representative organisation, clarify shared expectations, set up clear processes, and deliver.
2. Take time to develop relationships. This can lead to sustainable partnerships.
3. Don't be surprised if environmental concerns are top priority.
4. Brief probation staff at all levels.
5. Brief and train partners and other professionals.
6. Use a range of publicity tools.

Guidance: 12 tips

7. Use partnerships to improve confidence in other areas of probation work.
 8. A two-tier 'mixed economy' approach to unpaid work is manageable.
 9. Working with the YOS needs careful planning and clarification of focus.
 10. Involve sentencers.
 11. Reaching minority groups may be best achieved through local groups such as residents' associations.
 12. There are no quick fixes – keep going.
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And finally ...

Making Good:

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<http://www.rethinking.org.uk/publications/index.shtml>