

Making La change

Criminal Justice at Via

We work closely with Probation, Willesden Magistrates Court, Prisons and the Metropolitan police. The Criminal justice team offers support to prison releases, those who receive an ATR/DRR and also those who are arrested and tested positive for drugs.

The service - New Beginnings offers a range of different group programmes, including creative groups, yoga, counselling and specific groups for men and women. We offer injections for protection against Blood Borne Virus's, a capital card programme which is a point system which allows service users access to toiletries, food and also activities. There is a women's only space on Friday mornings. We also have B3 our evening and weekend service.

Homeless and Outreach team who work specially with rough sleepers, accommodation, complete outreach on streets and take referrals for those who want support.

Prison Releases

We receive alert forms/referrals from prisons across the UK but have 5 main feeder prisons. These are Wormwood Scrubs, Bronzville, Pentonville, Wandsworth and Brixton.

We receive alert forms from prison substance use teams such as Forward Trust and Turning Point who want to refer prisoners to our service to get support for substance use when they are released. Prisoners are offered an appointment the day after their release.

Prisoners who come to our service are assessed, offered a medical review and scripted if a opiate user. Clients then have weekly/bi weekly keywork sessions and receive psychosocial support for their substance use.

ATR/DRR

2 members of our team are based at Willesden Magistrates Court across 3 days in the week. We work closely with probation to offer Alcohol Treatment Requirements and Drug Rehabilitation Requirements.

ATRs/DRRs are court orders and must be complied with. They usually last between 3 – 9 months and consist of weekly keywork sessions and group sessions.

Clients are assessed and decision is made by assessor as to whether the client receives the ATR/DRR. The client has to show motivation to change and to comply with order of the treatment.

Arrest Referral Pathway

We work with the police around referrals to the service for those in the community who have been arrested and tested positive for drugs.

They are offered appointments for our service and have to attend initial appointment or at risk of being breached and arrested.

Clients come in for appointment and can choose whether to engage in service for support around substance use.

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