

Finance & Debt Services: specialist support for people with finance and debt matters

About us

We are a group of organisations in the private, not-for-profit and third sectors who have come together as the Offender Services Partnership, because we passionately believe we have a contribution to make to managing offenders to reduce crime and protect the public. We aim to work with public sector providers to help them improve their performance.

Dealing with debt

Many ex-offenders and long-term unemployed people are prevented from seeking / taking work due to debt-related issues.

Specialist advice can provide the support needed to help individuals deal with debt and budgeting issues, making it easier for them to consider employment, training and education. Not all financial advice is necessarily sound; the Offender Services Partnership (OSP) through one of our partners Tomorrow's People are able to provide advisers who are fully trained, NQV4 qualified, experienced, and licensed to practice.

Direct benefits of finance and debt advice:

- Encouraging prudent financial management
- Addressing debt problems
- Motivating and empowering those seeking employment

Indirect benefits to the wider community

- Families, friends and neighbours of clients
- The NHS, PCT, local GPs. etc

How we can help

A trained OSP Adviser is able to:

- Provide a 1:1 confidential debt counselling service to help offenders get their finances into a manageable condition
- Offer advocacy and support when dealing with creditors and debt collection agencies, and to keep offenders fully informed throughout the negotiation process
- Help the offenders' understanding of credit agreements and liabilities
- Help with budgeting and to give impartial advice about benefits and work opportunities
- With support from OSP employment services colleagues, help offender to secure employment in order to pay off their debts and break away from the benefit system
- Provide outreach surgeries in community organisations

- Our programmes can be delivered to offenders whilst in custody, on statutory release license, or serving community orders or as part of unpaid work requirements or accredited offender programmes

Our track record

Tomorrow's People have successfully run this programme in a number of locations around the UK. For example the Finance & Debt programme run by Tomorrow's People in Devonport, Plymouth is well-known and respected by both the Devonport Regeneration Community Partnership and the local community, whilst in Bristol, their programme has been successfully operating for a number of years, and since August 2003 has helped 463 people.

How to find out more

If you would like more information on how the OSP can help you deliver access to finance and debt services, please contact Jan Tomlinson of Tomorrow's People on 07968 007613 or email jtomlinson@tomorrows-people.co.uk.



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