



Older offenders (50+) currently make up 17% of the prison population.

It is projected that this age

group will grow from 13,376 (as at 30th June 2017) to 14,800 by the end of June 2021.

(Source: HMPPS April 2018)

RECOOP promotes the care, resettlement and rehabilitation of older prisoners, offenders and ex-offenders, especially those over 50, in particular, but not exclusively, through the provision of direct support services.

We have been proud to manage a number of projects, funded centrally by HMPPS, the most recent was designed "to assess the need and ability of prisons and approved premises to

adapt their regimes to meet the needs of older offenders".

We have taken our research and project development achievements and consolidated them into a complete consultancy package - "Reflecting on AGE".

We recognise that prisons don't always have the luxury of time or resource to focus on everything that presents as a priority on a daily basis, and so "Reflecting on AGE" aims to ease the burden.

We explore innovative and low, or zero cost, solutions to the challenges posed by this growing older group.

Further details of the package can be found on page 2.

Some testimonials:

In a relatively short time RECOOP has raised awareness amongst staff and prisoners of the needs of the older men in our care and our responsibilities to meet their needs.

RECOOP laid the foundations for us to continue to offer a safe, decent and secure environment for the older prisoners whose resettlement needs differ from those of the general population.

Deputy Governor

Creating an over 50s group with a proper constitution and fully elected committee ensures a very helpful level of respect from prison staff and prisoners themselves.

Prison Officer

RECOOP spearheaded and championed the creation of the Older Prisoner Group.

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Our age-specific Consultancy covers 14 key areas:

1. Prisoner Consultation	In our experience, consulting with prisoners is an invaluable way of demonstrating your commitment to Equality.
2. Age Friendly Reception & Induction	We will review your Reception & Induction process, including pace and format.
3. Older Prisoner Forums	Forums will be set up to engage with older prisoners and improve communication.
4. The Physical Environment	An assessment of the physical environment will be carried out and we will make realistic recommendations to improve and ensure accessibility.
5. Locate Flat / Locate Low	We will review policies and make recommendations to maximise capacity.
6. PEEP	We will review and where necessary enhance the PEEP process to ensure its efficiency.
7. Day Centre Provision	Analyse options for Day Centre provision to promote independence and social inclusion.
8. Education	Liaise with Education providers to source age-appropriate Education programmes.
9. Workshops	Review and make recommendations for lighter duty opportunities.
10. Purposeful Activity	Look at options for time out of cell, wing-based and cell-based activity for those not engaged in Work or Education.
11. Physical Activity	Bring creativity to physical exercise aimed at the older, or less able. Physical Activity need not be restricted to over 50s' gym sessions.
12. Buddy Support Worker	Discuss the role of the Buddy Support Worker to meet Duty of Care needs, while providing Training & Employment.
13. Older Prisoner Policy	We will work with you to write/review your Older Prisoner Policy.
14. Staff Training	'Achieving Better Outcomes' helps staff to understand the unique and differing needs of the older population.

We will provide a written report on each area of focus and provide cost-effective and realistic recommendations. If you need support with implementation, we can help with that too.

Contact:

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