

Bolton PPO - What Works

The Prolific and Priority Offender scheme started in Bolton in September 2004. A Steering Group was set up consisting of members from the Police, Probation, YOT and Health.

The systems used to identify PPO's were POMAN, OASys and a review tool used within the Substance Misuse Service, which helped to assist in providing a comprehensive assessment process of those who were of PPO status.

An established system to ensure a good robust information sharing system was identified as a priority. As there were agencies working together on a new scheme that involved working with new partners, an agreed information sharing schedule (developed jointly between Manchester and Bolton) was presented to the steering group. After a few alterations, it was taken as a working document and it has now been accepted as part of the information sharing process across the relevant agencies. In addition to this, 'central points of contact' were identified within the police (Offender Tracking Unit) and substance misuse services that ensured 'control' of information sharing across the two sites.

Along side the information-sharing schedule, a 'placemat' was devised similar to the system used in the Child protection and (MAPPA) Multi-agency Public protection agreement.

The PPO system in Bolton has been running successfully for the past 9 months. Monitoring of the first two strands continues (Prevent & Deter' and 'Catch & Convict' continues to ensure that the systems are working. The 'Rehabilitate and Resettle' framework has been identified as a priority over the next twelve months.