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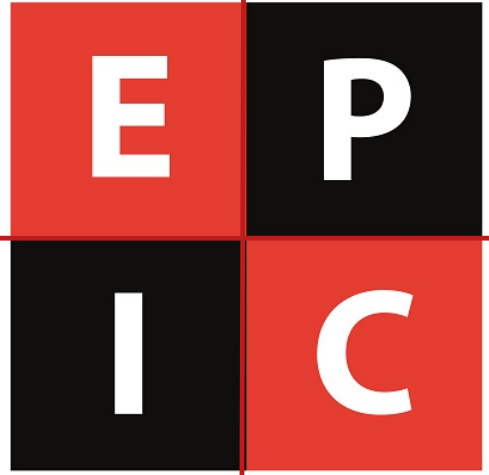
# Harm Minimisation in Criminal Justice and the Armed Forces

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**PREMIERSHIP  
RUGBY**



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“Offenders and those engaged with the criminal justice system in Great Britain may be considered an at-risk group for gambling-related harm” <sup>1</sup>

“There’s not a lad in here who doesn’t gamble. It’s all some lads in here live for. You don’t want to get in debt in here though, it’s just not worth it ... I see lads slashed up every week because of gambling” <sup>2</sup>

The overall aim of the programme is to develop evidenced approaches to reduce the impact of gambling-related harm amongst those within the criminal justice system in Great Britain.

<sup>1</sup> Disley, E., Pollitt, A., Culley, D.M., & Rubin, J. (2011) *Map the Gap: A critical review of the literature on gambling-related harm*. RAND, UK.

<sup>2</sup> Name withheld (but available) – HMP Forest Bank, D Wing serving 8 years for drug offences to fund gambling addiction (November 2016)



HMP Addiewell – 796 max security prisoners, Scotland

HMP Bronzefield – 527 women & YO, Middlesex

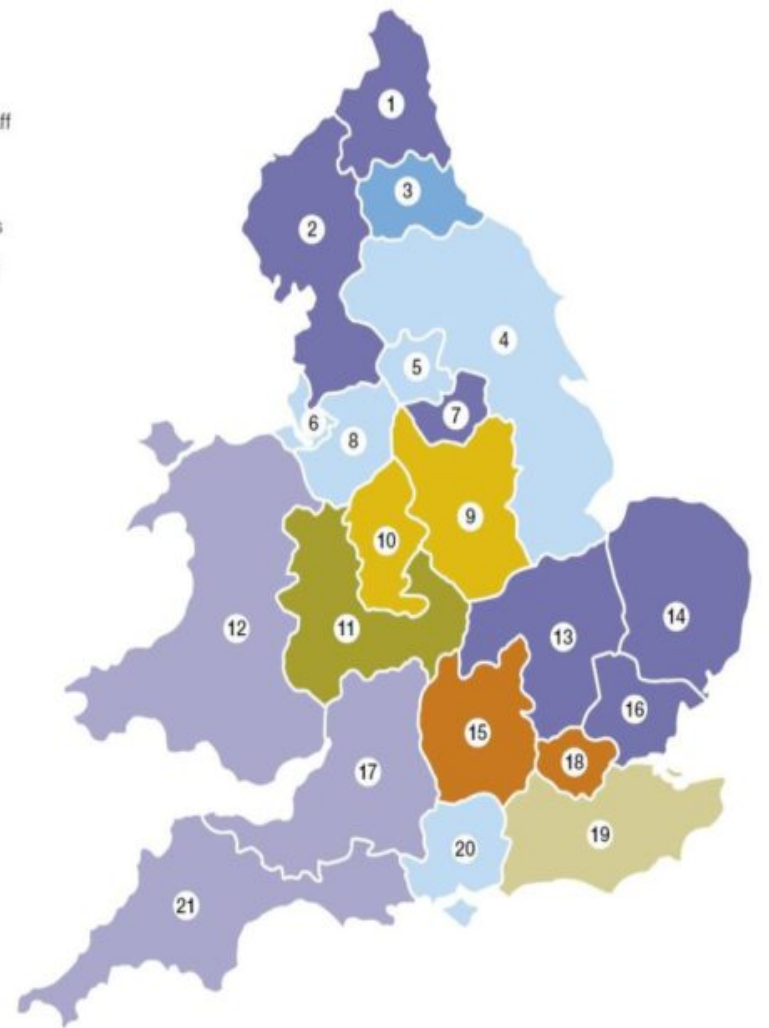
HMP FOREST BANK – 1,364 cat B males, Salford

HMP Northumberland – 1,348 cat C males, Northumberland

HMP Peterborough - only UK mixed prison, cat B, 840 pop

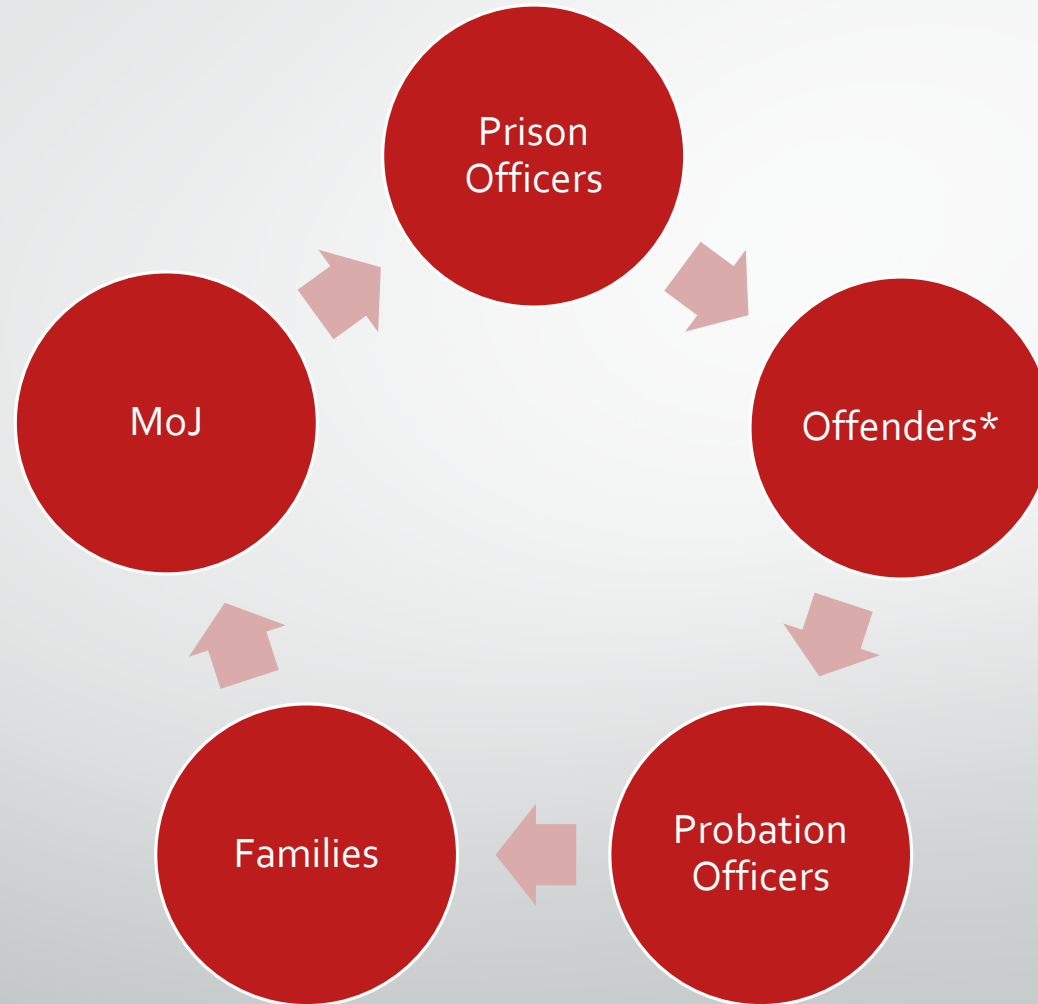
### Winning bidders for the 21 CRCs

- Sodexo with Nacro
- Working Links (company) with probation staff mutual
- ARCC consortia with probation staff
- Purple Futures, an Interserve-led partnership
- MTCNovo – MTC, Arney and others
- Reducing Reoffending Partnership – Ingeus UK and St. Giles Trust
- EOS Works Ltd (now PeoplePlus)
- Seetec



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|---|---|---|
| 1 Northumbria   | 12 Wales  | 17 Bristol, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire |
| 2 Cumbria and Lancashire                                  | 13 Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire | 18 London   |
| 3 Durham Tees Valley                                      | 14 Norfolk and Suffolk  | 19 Kent, Surrey and Sussex                          |
| 4 Humberside, Lincolnshire and North Yorkshire            | 15 Thames Valley  | 20 Hampshire and Isle of Wight                      |
| 5 West Yorkshire  | 16 Essex  | 21 Dorset, Devon and Cornwall                       |
| 6 Merseyside  |   |   |
| 7 South Yorkshire   |   |   |
| 8 Cheshire and Greater Manchester                         |   |   |
| 9 Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland |   |   |
| 10 Staffordshire and West Midlands                        |   |   |
| 11 Warwickshire and West Mercia                           |   |   |

# Who?



In custody

On remand

Suspended sentence

2<sup>nd</sup> half in the community

On licence

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i) Gambling related offence

ii) Developed a gambling issue in the system



# Harm minimisation in the armed forces

"This is our biggest problem for soldiers in the units. Unlike drugs and alcohol, we just don't know where to look for help" Mel – Head of Army Welfare  
Tidworth and Bulford Garrison

# Aims

- Raise awareness of the issue
- Provide Command/GambleAware with an understanding of prevalence
- Help military personnel to understand their patterns, the dangers and practical tools to self help
- Establish intervention pathways
- Move gambling from entertainment to health
- Initiate debate on provision of betting machines inside the wire
- Assist integration of support agencies such as Debt and Welfare

# How

- High Level Support multiple entry points
- Sub-unit buy in
- Educate and evaluate (OMBEA and Aide Memoir)
- Access
- Health issue
- Queen's Regs
- Machines inside the wire
- Utilise existing intervention pathways, Medical, Welfare, Discipline, possible partnership with Gamcare





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