

For information - Not for Publication

Additional information - Hard to Reach Case Studies

Case Study 1:

RP is a 15 year old black male with no family attachment, significant history of violence towards others, including many assaults on staff in secure and community residential settings, assaults on peers and bizarre aggressive behaviour in the community. The concern and risk was so significant that no secure unit or external provider in the country was prepared to take him in December 2015. Passages referral made to support YOT's risk management of him in a bespoke placement in Nottingham. Passages developed a positive relationship with RP, to support his connection with his community in Nottingham, ranging from sports/music activity to supporting desistance from offending by challenging and dispelling cultural/race barriers and tackling the complex work needed around his sense of identity. A critical factor in the success of this was the 'out of hours' nature of the intervention including involving him at Kemet radio station on Christmas Day. – the relationship reinforces consequences, an understanding of his licence etc but the context is of a service/relationship that will not be withdrawn/change. Passages also attend agency /partnership meetings which ensure the work is included in statutory assessments and planning. Clear evidence of Passages as a significant contributory factor to RP maintaining his placement can be measured by the level and number of significant incidents which has reduced considerably since a comparable period in placement a year ago.

Case Study 2:

LT is a 15 year old white male from the Clifton area. At the Initial point of referral to Passages LT presented as having low self-esteem and therefore lacking in any type of personal confidence. He had little regard for his parents' house rules and often stayed days away from home without informing his parent's where he was and who he was with. LT was smoking large amounts of cannabis daily with friends. LT barely attended school, regularly attending only a couple of afternoons a week. He spoke of dreams and aspirations but generally showed little motivation to do anything other than hang out with his friends smoking cannabis. LT's behaviour was taking a significant toll on his parent's relationship, with both not agreeing on how best to deal with him. Disputes between his parents took place in front of LT and his siblings. LT began to manipulate his mother as she was the main carer whilst his Father was away all day at work. It was clear in relation to LT's offending and his disengagement from his YOT order was primarily due to him being easily led and unable to say no to his peer group who he was somewhat fearful of. It was also clear that his parents struggled to enforce their rules and boundaries. After the referral, Passages conducted a home visit to see LT and his parents, their assessment concluded that LT did have a good home life but had become detached from the stability it offered, preferring the lure of the streets and the company of his friends. From this point Passages has been mentoring LT on a 1:1 basis whilst incorporating positive activities as well as Cognitive Behaviour Therapy within LT's personal spaces and within his community. LT has completed over 30 hour's reparation with Passages and has particularly enjoyed refurbishing porta cabins into football changing rooms. Throughout LT's current order Passages has directly liaised with YOT, LT and his parents. Passages have supported LT to collect his GCSE results and have also played a pivotal role in him maintaining his initial assessments and 12 week traineeship for his full time job that he has had for the past two months. Passages

involvement has clearly had been a significant role in LT being able to maintain a positive lifestyle, improved family life as well as supporting desistence from offending.