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## Analyse

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**Title:** Open Doors Research Project

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### **Background:**

The proposed project is an action research initiative that will explore:

What support and learning opportunities need to be available to offenders and their families, in order to support them to develop the skills they require to engage positively as effective contributors in their local community.

What training is required by agency workers to support this programme?

How we can tackle inequalities as perceived by offenders and their families?

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### **Our purpose for engagement is:**

To gain understanding of what requires to be in place to support offenders to develop the skills they require to engage effectively in the community.

To improve the practice of those agencies who support offenders by identifying what needs to change about current provision.

To identify the training needs of staff across the agencies to enable them to better engage and support this client group.

To tackle offenders perception of inequalities.

It is anticipated that some of the issues identified are not necessarily the kinds of issues that the Essential Skills Service can address e.g. issues relating to addiction.

### **Which is the right level for your purposes?:**

Engage - community will influence options and choices of action and share in any action taken.

### **Before we plan the process of engagement - what do we need to think about?:**

#### **What we know:**

Offenders are unlikely to sustain engagement in Literacies Learning once released from prison due

to chaotic lifestyles, re-offending and addictions.

The drop out rate indicates that current provision does not meet the needs of offenders - approximately 80% in Literacies Learning.

#### **What we need to know:**

What are the gaps in provision?

What level of engagement can the client group sustain?

What needs to change in relation to the support and opportunities that are available to this client group?

Are there any additional training needs required by staff?

**Who has an interest in our focus of engagement?:**

**Agency Stakeholders**

Turning Point/ Studio 8

Skills Development Scotland

NHS Grampian

Moray New Futures

HMP Porterfield LINKS Centre

Essential Skills

Criminal Justice

**Community Stakeholders?**

Offenders

Families of offenders

**Who needs encouragement?:**

Stakeholders and Agencies

**Are there any conflicts of interest that might emerge?:**

Client addictions

**What locality or thematic group is this engagement targeted at?:**

Offenders

**Postcode(s):**

Moray

**What is the engagement theme?:**

Education and Learning

**What is the purpose of the engagement?:**

Gain new understanding?

**What level of engagement are you seeking?:**

Engage