

REDUCING RE-OFFENDING BY 25% PARTNERING WITH IWI AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

The greatest contribution the Department of Corrections can make to New Zealanders is to reduce re-offending. Breaking the cycle of crime results in fewer victims and safer communities. The Government is committed to achieving a 25% reduction in re-offending by 2017. This will mean 4,600 fewer offenders returning and 18,500 fewer victims.

To achieve this, we will work with our partners in the community and across the justice, public, and private sectors to move people away from a life of crime. Through a combination of interventions such as increased alcohol and drug treatment, greater access to education, skills training, employment programmes, expanded reintegration services, and innovative rehabilitation programmes, we can make a difference to people's lives.

Our plan to reduce re-offending involves developing new and innovative approaches, while expanding and strengthening existing services with proven results. This plan will evolve during the next few years to ensure that we are responsive to offenders' changing needs.

Partnering with iwi and community groups to deliver rehabilitation and assist with reintegration into the community.

We work with a number of iwi and community groups that have proven results in rehabilitation and helping prisoners make a successful return to their communities.

We will build on the expertise and local knowledge of iwi and community groups to deliver solutions such as Epsom Lodge, a Salvation Army men's home providing a programme of rehabilitation for unemployed people, drug abusers, former psychiatric patients, and former prisoners.

Using results-driven contracts, we will purchase a wider range of services that support prisoners and offenders to live offence-free lives. Organisations such as Prisoner Aid, Prison Fellowship, Salvation Army, and Choices Hawkes Bay provide a range of re-integration services. Service providers will be supported to go much further in working

with offenders in the community to reduce re-offending.

Locally based re-integration services will be set up to provide a "stepping stone" back to the community and community-based rehabilitation activities.

Partnerships between us and community and iwi groups will mean, by 2017:

- > 750 prisoners and 2,000 community offenders a year receiving an innovative externally-provided rehabilitation intervention using results-driven contracts
- > 1,370 young Māori community offenders a year receiving facilitated rehabilitation support
- > 6,000 offenders a year receiving re-integrative support and assistance from the community and iwi