

PRISON TEAM NEWSLETTER 31/12/18

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRISONERS IN THE NEW YEAR

In the New Year, we have organised for a large employer from the Factory sector to come and provide interviews for prisoners with the view to employ on release. The employer has a fantastic history of employing ex-offenders & it is a brilliant start for the prisoners on release. We have floods of interest from the prisoners so keep an eye out for January's Newsletter where we will provide an update.

UCFS PILOT UPDATE

We have successfully put 2 prisoners through the pilot in HMP Norwich- in the New Year we are looking to ramp up the volume. Now, any prisoner being released to Great Yarmouth, Norwich,

Lowestoft and Ipswich Job Centre will now be included in the online process. This will help to move the pilot forward. Keep tuned for January's Newsletter where we will have further updates.



NOVEMBER GOOD NEWS STORY

We had a prisoner who is a veteran – young and ambitious but not sure what he wanted to get in to. Claire had frequent meetings with him to go through options: apprenticeships/ training/ jobs. After a few meetings she determined he was a hands on man, and he wanted to get in to the building and construction sector. Claire also referred him to SSAFA (a charity for Veterans who offer support, see [link](#) for more details). The prison team has links with employers- so Claire organised for him to have 2 Job interviews in the building and construction sector in the New Year. For preparation- he was also referred whilst in prison to get his CV and Disclosure letter written.

He didn't know about UC, and at first really wasn't interested in claiming benefits due to the stigma and the unknown. We talked him through it on multiple occasions and he decided it would be a good way to go with the uncertainty of employment on release. He was very grateful for all the support he received from the Prison Coaches.

We are at the interview stage of employing a New Prison Work Coach- Stay tuned!

**FROM THE TEAM HERE AT
HMP NORWICH & WAYLAND-
WE WISH YOU A HAPPY
CHRISTMAS AND A
FANTASTIC NEW YEAR!**



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