

# PRISON TEAM NEWSLETTER



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## FEBRUARY GOOD NEWS STORY

As part of our Work Coach role, we get to know the offenders work background, and what work they would ideally like to get in to. We came across 2 prisoners who had multiple work tickets and years of experience in labouring. We identified that they would be perfect for one of the recruitment companies we have links with. They recruit for a large water company and other businesses in this field. We organised the recruiter to come in and interview the offenders ready for when they are released. The interviews went very well, and the offenders felt very positive about the experience and happy they were given this opportunity. The recruiter liked them and is looking in to what is available for when they're released. He will be in contact if positions arise.

## UCFS PILOT UPDATE

The pilot to make UCFS claims online from within the prison is constantly changing to make it more accessible. The newest change is it now doesn't matter where the offender is being released to. Before, we were restricted to 4 Job Centre's which meant it was difficult to get numbers. Now, most people we see we offer this opportunity. 4 prisoners in the last week have successfully made their UC claims online from within the prison.

## MORE OPPORTUNITIES

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we are working with an organisation called The FEED. They came in on 22/2/19 and spoke to some offenders in the category D Prison. 4 prisoners met with them and they all were very satisfied with what they can offer. The FEED is going to help them gain confidence, skills and work experience which should eventually lead to employment. We are scheduling for the organisation to come in monthly to speak to prisoners and offer their service. See the link to the organisation's website [www.thefeed.org.uk](http://www.thefeed.org.uk)

## GATEWAY TO EMPLOYMENT – UPDATED WEBSITE

We are working closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner on our Gateway to Employment (G2E) scheme. We are in the process of contacting all the employers signed up to G2E so we know exactly what they can offer to ex-offenders. We have also created some pledge cards for our reference. The G2E website has also been updated- if you wish to see any of our previous newsletters they are accessible through [www.gtoe.co.uk](http://www.gtoe.co.uk). Please encourage any employers you are working with to sign up to GtoE.

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*“We see the person, not the prisoner”*

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