Greener on the Outside for Prisons

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**Aim**
Through tailored environmental and horticultural work with prisons, continue to deliver GOOP as an intervention to improve health and wellbeing and support the reduction in reoffending rates.

**Objectives**

- Strengthen GOOP delivery and infrastructures to ensure long-term sustainability
- Facilitate the establishment of a ‘community hub’ for Integrated produce outlet and distribution system
- Produce a ‘best practice’ toolkit to facilitate wider roll-out regionally and nationally
- 500 Beneficiaries
1. Strengthen GOOP delivery and infrastructures to ensure long-term sustainability:

- Work with senior management to embed GOOP as an effective health and resettlement intervention, able to improve wellbeing and reduce reoffending rates.
- Work with prisons and stakeholder organisations to develop appropriate and sustainable governance systems for the GOOP Network.
- Embed joined-up communication and information systems.
2. Facilitate the establishment of a ‘community hub’ for integrated produce outlet and distribution system:

- Liaise with senior prison managers, probation services, mentoring and employment advisors, and specialist agencies to secure buy-in and conduct an options appraisal.

- Support members of the GOOP Network to work with senior managers and stakeholder agencies to develop an operating model that balances ‘enterprise’ with existing GOOP values.

- Facilitate training (accredited where appropriate) to support start-up and development of an enterprise system.
3. Produce a ‘best practice’ toolkit to facilitate wider roll-out regionally and nationally:

- Identify key success factors within different prisons, highlighting how challenges have been overcome and pointing to ‘beacon sites’ of excellence.
- Identify wider catalysts and facilitators that have enabled the success of GOOP.
- Produce, pilot and refine a ‘What Works and How To’ Guide/Toolkit – and disseminate through regional and national workshops.
Beyond Prison: Aims

• Increase understanding of and strengthen evidence relating to the impacts of prison-based horticulture and environmental work on health, wellbeing and re-offending.

• Explore opportunities for 'through the gate' work focused on creating meaningful employment and training opportunities drawing on/linked to partnerships developed through GOOP.
Objectives and Activities

• Develop infrastructures that will both enable ‘through the gate’ work and facilitate future research on the impacts of prison-based horticulture and environmental work
• Conduct research into the impacts of prison-based horticulture and environmental work on health, wellbeing and re-offending
• 25 participants
Develop infrastructures that will both enable ‘through the gate’ work and facilitate future research on the impacts of prison-based horticulture and environmental work:

• Facilitate stakeholder workshops to explore system interfaces between prison, probation, youth offending teams and other sectors.
• Formulate a robust proposal for future 'through the gate' work that will increase training and employment opportunities.
• Work with the senior managers across the offender management system to secure permission for such longitudinal research.
Conduct research into the impacts of prison-based horticulture and environmental work on health, wellbeing and re-offending:

- Identify pilot sites and pathways for undertaking small-scale research.
- Design and carry out case study research tracking individual offenders and building in-depth understanding of the impacts of participation in GOOP.
- Produce a report articulating findings and mapping out recommendations for future research.