



# Partnership with Stakeholders – Nominee

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ANWC has developed robust working relationships with a range of stakeholders, which go above and beyond that which is required to help facilitate delivery of the CFO3 contract. From case managers through to directors we have utilised a range of strategies in working with stakeholders including prisons, NPS, CRCs, LEPs and DWP to enable us to maximise our delivery of interventions to participants. Two examples are highlighted below:-

### NPS/CRC

Our successful integration with CRC and NPS offender management is at all staff levels. Case Managers in the community are viewed as part of the offender management teams in CRC and NPS offices across the North West. ANWC has negotiated access to N-



Delius (probation recording system) to glean relevant risk and attendance information. We co-locate with offender management staff, attend team meetings and are seen as an integral part of the team. Due to this we are always successful at receiving high numbers of referrals, there are fewer instances of fail to attend and case managers are readily able to access up to date information about the participants they are working with.

Managers are part of Reducing Reoffending Partnerships which are co-chaired by CRC and NPS senior managers and we inform the learning and employment pathway in reducing reoffending strategies at a local level. This serves to highlight the vital role of CFO3 delivery. The ANWC Director meets with CEO of NW NPS. This has resulted in a guarantee of accommodation for staff, as well as the ability to send our ANWC newsletter to all NPS staff. Managers locally also meet with senior leads to address any concerns. One recent example resulted in NPS Cumbria changing their referral approach into CFO3 provision. All of the above ensures a successful strategic and operational partnership with both CRC and NPS, and high visibility for CFO3.

#### Lancashire LEP

ANWC is an active member of the Lancashire Employer Task Group that feeds directly into the LEP; other members include JCP, local authorities, training providers, voluntary sector and housing associations. This group is a valuable source of information sharing that enables us to find out which employers are moving into the area and which are investing and growing their business which in turn creates jobs. Importantly, it gives us the opportunity to showcase the work of the CFO3 project and 'champion' the offender priority group. Because of our expertise in this area, ANWC was invited to become a member of the LEP Employment and Skills Hub – Adult Skills Forum. The Forum's primary purpose is bring together partners to ensure ESF provision for unemployed adults supports the strategic outcomes defined within the LEP Skills and Employment Strategic Framework and ensures provision is complementary across the region. The Forum reviews the usage of funding and supports collaboration and sharing of good practice. Based on our previous experience, ANWC has been instrumental in the design and planning of a regional provision mapping tool that will be used between agencies.