

THE EFFECT OF CFO ACTIVITY HUBS ON REOFFENDING RISK POST RELEASE FROM CUSTODY

This report provides a brief overview of the impact on reoffending rates of the CFO Activity Hubs programme. Results show that over a six month follow up period after enrolling onto the CFO Activity Hubs programme, participants who received intervention were **less likely to reoffend** compared to a 'similar' group of participants that did not receive intervention.

About the programme

The CFO Activity Hubs is a voluntary programme from the HMPPS Creating Future Opportunities (CFO) which aims to assist individuals on a licence or community order to abstain from criminal behaviour by supporting them to successfully reintegrate and contribute to their communities.

The evaluation

- The aim is to assess the impact on reoffending rates of the CFO Activity Hubs programme within a six month follow up period after enrolment onto the programme.
- We use a binary measure of proven reoffending (reoffending rate) – 'Did they reoffend?'
- Analysis is restricted to individuals who have enrolled onto the CFO Activity Hubs programme between June 2021 and December 2022 and have spent a period of time in custody prior to enrolling.

Group profiles

Those who have consistently engaged with the programme and have or are close to utilising all it has to offer are generally older, more qualified, less diverse, and have served fewer but longer sentences. They are also more likely to be sex offenders, MAPPA registered and identified as RoSH.

Overall measurements of the intervention and comparison groups

- For 100 typical individuals who consistently engaged with the CFO Activity Hub: the equivalent of 13 individuals committed a proven reoffence within six months of enrolling onto programme (a rate of 13%), 2 individuals fewer than the comparison group – a statistically significant result.
- Statistical modelling suggests that reoffending rates could be reduced even further if more programme participants continued to engage with the CFO Activity Hubs.

Future work

This investigation revealed that CFO Activity Hubs intervention has greater efficacy for certain groups, for example those that have dependent children, are a lone parent, do not have basic literacy skills, feel they do not possess good personal qualities or have spent greater than three years in custody for their index offence. With **those who have received CFO3 intervention prior to, or whilst enrolled on the Activity Hubs programme benefiting particularly from CFO Activity Hubs intervention**. In contrast, there was no significant effect of ethnicity, gender, age, homelessness, or disability on the efficacy of the intervention, meaning that the benefit of receiving intervention can be considered equal for these groups, although deliverability was not comparable (67% of those aged 50 to 59 received intervention compared to 52% of those aged under 30). On this basis, a further study is recommended in order to better understand the efficacy and deliverability of the CFO Activity Hubs intervention amongst different subgroups and their intersectionality.



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