

## Background

The rehabilitation of offenders and reduction of re-offending are central to the aims of imprisonment (see 1. The Criminal Justice Act, 2003). One approach to rehabilitation is through the delivery of accredited and non-accredited programmes in prison. Accredited programmes have satisfied the criteria set by the Correctional Services Accreditation Panel, are consistent with the 'what works' literature and produce evidence of effectiveness throughout their existence. However, 'non-accredited' programmes are also being delivered. This research explores these particular programmes in more detail and posits the idea that 'luck' may play a crucial role in rehabilitation. It considers the lack of control offenders have concerning where they are sent, the programmes on offer, how interesting/innovative they are, the spaces available, the design, teaching methods and layout of the course (etc.). This is referred to as the 'Rehabilitative Lottery'.

## Aims

- The rationale behind the selection and implementation of non-accredited programmes
- The views and opinions of all those involved in these programmes on the range, purpose and delivery of the interventions
- The significance of creativity and imaginative approaches to rehabilitation on offenders participating, engaging, completing and achieving positive outcomes

## Limitations

- Finding an appropriate prison establishment
- Obtaining NOMS Approval
- Gaining access to the establishment via the gatekeeper
- Representativeness and size of sample
- Range of non-accredited programmes on offer

## Methodology

Scoping of Literature	Ethnographic strategy - Observations	Semi-structured one-to-one interviews
Re-offending - Cognitive programmes - 'What works' literature - Correctional Service Accreditation Service - Innovative approaches to rehabilitation	Participant and non-participant observations of non-accredited programmes	<b>Group 1:</b> Prison Officials <b>Group 2:</b> Programme Facilitators <b>Group 3:</b> Prisoners: (a) Programme participants (b) Non-participating prisoners



## Initial Findings

