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HMP Leyhill

Name of project / initiative

Eco Homes project

Overview

A multi agency project, led by HMPPS (prison and probation), and funded by the local PCC, under which residents from HMP Leyhill have constructed pre-fabricated panels to be made in to eco homes (low-carbon, one-bedroom modular house, insulated using straw). The homes are intended to provide short term (around 3 months) accommodation for the homeless, including offenders being released into the community, during which they will receive wrap-around support to help them gain independent living skills before moving on. As well as benefiting the tenants themselves, the project also provides new skills and employment opportunities for prisoners engaged in the manufacturing process, as well as helping to build their self esteem and sense of purpose.

Longevity

Since early 2020

Benefits

See 'overview'

Uniqueness

This is currently the only project of its kind.

Applicability

The project, or something similar, could be rolled out more widely – and the scheme is currently being rolled out to other prisons in the local Prison Group.

Requirements

Implementation requires funding, and coordination across all key local stakeholders.

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See also: <https://www.theknowledgeexchange.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Leyhill-HMP-attach.pdf>

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