

HARP Connect

Housing, Advise, Resettlement and Prevention

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- The St Mungo's HARP Connect service is funded by London Councils.
- The aim to is offer a PAN London service to ex-offenders
- We operate from London Prisons, CRC's and Local authorities



HARP Connect Regionalised approach

- **St Mungo's (HARP) Connect**

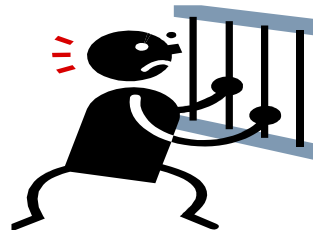
North West London

North East London

Covering HMP

Pentonville, Wormwood Scrubs

Surgeries held in over 10 North based Probation offices



- South West London

- South East London

Covering HMP

Brixton, Wandsworth, High Down, Highpoint, BronzeField, Down view

Surgeries held in over 8 South based Probation offices

HARP Connect

- **WHAT WE DO**

- Search for PRS accommodation and help with part of the clients deposit
- We support landlords but not acting on their behalf
- Offer holistic support including family mediation and reconnection
- Refer to employment, education or volunteering services
- Support to sustain existing or new accommodation
- Support client's facing eviction
- Work with complex needs

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What we don't do

- Do not find emergency accommodation unless found by the council to be in priority need
- Have access to any housing stock
- We refuse to pay a client's deposit if it's above the LHA rate
- Do not pay 100% of deposit cost
- Work with clients who present with just housing needs
- Work with clients who are not single

HARP Connect - In Community

- As well as working from a number of London prisons, HARP connect workers will also reach into a number of Probation/ CRC offices.
- Referrals are received from Responsible officers in CRC's, In prison from staff and Local authorities
- Every client referred will receive housing options and advise
- We help clients find and secure PRS accommodation and help with the deposit
- We assist clients with budgeting and debt management by advising or signposting to the relevant agency
- Assisting clients to obtain employment or volunteering opportunities

Community Support

- Available to ex-offenders through London CRC, Prisons and Probation
- Providing emergency tenancy and NFA support
- Supported referral to local services
- Surgeries at local CRC offices for vulnerable clients

Why Do We Do

- 1/3 of offenders lose their accommodation on imprisonment.
- 1/3 of offenders have nowhere to go on release
- Short term and repeat offenders are more likely to be homeless when they are released
- Housing is recognised as one of the key factors in reducing re-offending

