

**Name of Project: Harp Connect**

**Lead Partner: St Mungo's**

**Borough: Tower Hamlets/ Enfield**

"JT, aged 30, was referred from Prison. I met him on his first day of release from prison at his probation appointment in Bethnal Green at the beginning of May 23. I supported him make a claim for Universal Credit for the first time and in to obtain a birth certificate as he needed proof of ID. I completed five different applications for supported housing.

Unfortunately, some of these applications were rejected due to his risks. Using a recovery and strengths-based approach, I was able to evidence his many certificates of achievements and involvement in peer mentoring whilst in custody. The fourth application was successful, and he gained a place in a supported housing scheme in LB Enfield. He moved in May 23. As the client is under 35, staying in supported housing placement for more than three months will ensure that he will receive the exemption for the 1 bedroom rate. I have advised that he would meet the criteria for AfEO schemes and should contact them with the support of his key worker.

Since leaving custody his relationship with his family has improved. He has not returned to drug dealing as a source of income and has successfully gained employment as a night operative. I am now able to close this case within a month of taking it on".