



Welfare Rights Conference 2024

Prison and benefits

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Why talk about prison and benefits?



- Most benefits are affected by a period in custody
- There are different rules for different benefits and, as a result, lots of confusion
- People affected by these rules can end up being given the wrong advice; losing out financially; losing their home unnecessarily

IMPROVING LIVES PROJECT

CPAG Conference 2024 - A Prisoners Journey

HMP Barlinnie Team

Parkhead Citizens Advice Bureau



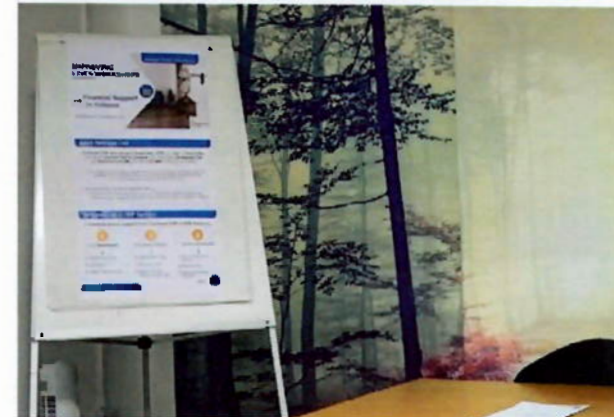
WORKSHOP AGENDA

- About **Parkhead Citizens Advice Bureau** in **HMP Barlinnie**
- **Understand the Challenges Prisoners** and their **Families** face
- **Identify the Key Differences** between **Remand & Convicted Prisoners**

ABOUT PARKHEAD CAB IN HMP BARLINNIE

- Worked with Prisoners for over **20 years**
- Launched the **Improving Lives Project** in **September 2022**
- Provide **1-2-1 Advice** to all categories of prisoners at any stage of their sentence
- Developed **Workshops** with prisoners to meet the immediate needs to **empower positive change**
- Recruited volunteer **Peer Mentors** to support fellow inmates

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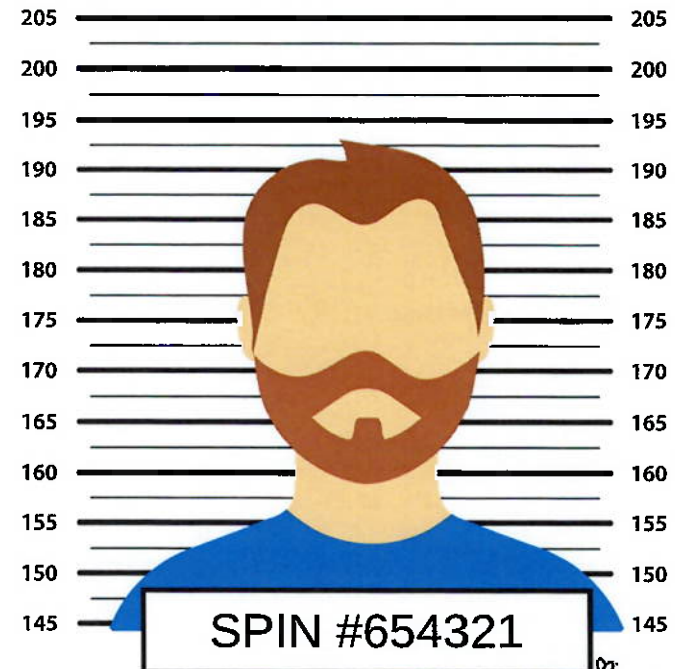
GROUP TASK - LETS GET STARTED

Spilt into 2 Groups and Review Your Prisoner Profile Sheet - 5 Minutes

PRISONER A - CONVICTED



PRISONER B - REMAND



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GROUP TASK - TASK 1

Journey Stage



**Just Arrived
in Prison**

Barrier Faced - Housing Concerns

“Whats going to happen to my Home?”

GROUP TASK - TASK 2

Journey Stage



Barrier Faced - Financial Problems

“I can't access my bank and have no money in my PPC?”

GROUP TASK - TASK 3

Journey Stage



Barrier Faced - Returning to The Community

“I don’t know where to start!”

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Thank You

Questions?

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Claimants and custody

Tuesday 17 September online
Introductory level training course

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