

# HOW DO YOU SOLVE A PROBLEM LIKE... **REPEAT OFFENDERS** IN BEDFORDSHIRE?



## The Cost of Reoffending

In Bedfordshire, crime committed by the 250 most prolific offenders cost victims and public services over **£64m** over the last 3 years. Many of these offenders are stuck in a vicious circle of offending, custody, release and reoffending.

## A new approach

The new Integrated Offender Management (IOM) multi-agency partnership aims to break the reoffending circle by working with repeat offenders to tackle the root causes of why they commit crime.

Led by Bedfordshire Probation Trust, the IOM team is made of professionals from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors. Key partners include Bedfordshire Police, local unitary authorities, Langley House Trust and the NHS. It is the first time that partners have pooled their resources and budgets together to work as one integrated team.

IOM supports offenders in areas that can lead to their criminal behaviour such as drugs, alcohol, housing and employment.

Work to rehabilitate offenders is supported by close monitoring to ensure that offenders who reoffend are swiftly caught and convicted.

## Benefits of Integrated Offender Management

- Reduces reoffending by addressing the underlying causes of criminal behaviour
- Offenders can make a positive contribution to society again
- Delivers better value and more effective public services

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Communities want to know what is being done to cut crime and improve their safety. To this end, **we need your help in informing and engaging communities about the aims and benefits of IOM.**

If you would like IOM to be part of your community discussions, please contact Mary Sung on 01234 227 549 or [mary.sung@bedfordshire.probation.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:mary.sung@bedfordshire.probation.gsi.gov.uk)

