

# Giving Something Back to the Community

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**Dealing with Demand**  
from Local to Global



# South Yorkshire Police



Inspector Marko Zalad, Drugs Testing Compliance Inspector

# Background & Lifestyle



- I first began taking drugs in the 1970's
- By the age of 8 I was using Cannabis regularly
- During the 1980's I started experimenting with amphetamine and LSD
- At this stage I started to commit crime to fund my habit (theft)

# Background & Lifestyle



- In the early 1990's I started using heroin and crack cocaine
- My offending quickly increased during this period and I committed a variety of crime including deception, forgery, criminal damage & assaults

# Offences Committed



- In November 2003 I was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment for 2 counts of Robbery
- This sentence was the turning point in my life

# Programmes undertaken in Prison



- 25 month Rehab Programme
- Enhanced Thinking Skills
- Preparation for Work, English & Maths
- Paid work in a factory (outside prison)

# Victims of Crime



- Working on issues around Victim Awareness
- Understanding what I put my victims through
- Client work – Victim Awareness

# Intensive Supervision



- I received intensive supervision from the Nottinghamshire PPO Team
- Engaged with the Sherwood Project in Worksop
- Had regular appointments and drug testing

# Working for the Sherwood Project



- I started to work on a temporary contract for the Sherwood Project in Nottinghamshire
- Duties included, drug testing, mentoring clients

# South Yorkshire Police



- In 2007 I was approached by South Yorkshire Police
- By March 2008 I started employment as an Offender Support Worker for South Yorkshire Police, working with a co-located police team at the DIP in Sheffield

# Summary of Role & Duties



- The role has been created specifically by South Yorkshire Police to engage drug misusing offenders in to treatment programmes and to reduce their offending behaviour
- Encourage offenders to enter, maintain and sustain engagement in rehabilitation programme's
- Perform outreach work with Offender Management Unit, SYP
- Provide offenders with practical support, information and guidance ie housing, benefits, employment
- Identifying and signposting offenders to the appropriate access levels and professional support services provided by other agencies

# Because I have the knowledge & experience



- Succeeded in getting more clients to attend assessment and prescribing appointments
- Succeeded in engaging offenders into treatment who have resisted before
- Engaging clients whilst still in custody

# Success Story



## Case Study – DA

- Prolific Burglar targeting certain areas of Sheffield
- Substance Misuser
- Received a 3 year sentence for burglary
- Attempts to engage 'DA' into P2E
- I work with 'DA' weekly

# What this experience has meant for me



- To turn my life around, drug free, work for the police and to work with clients that really need my help is the most incredible feeling
- SYP operate random drugs tests as part of my terms of employment –knowing that I will be negative is always a natural high

# Questions

