

FINDINGS OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS

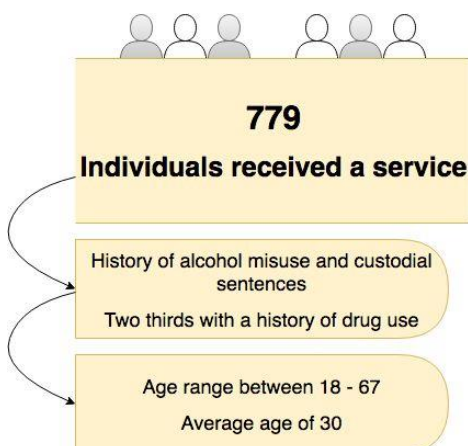
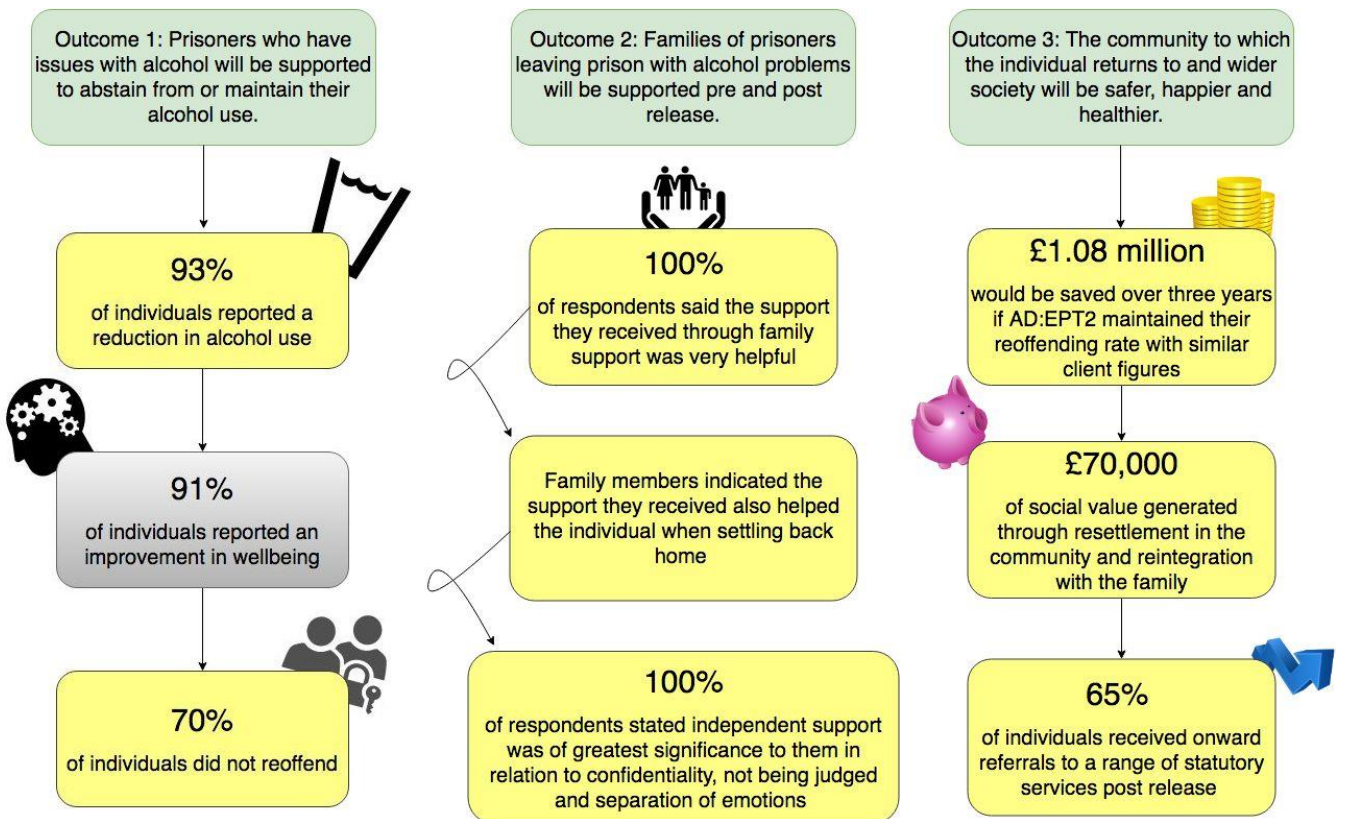
The AD:EPT2 initiative was a regional, four-year throughcare support service operating across the three Northern Ireland prison estates. It provided support for prisoners with alcohol related problems at their pre- and post-release stage. The initiative was designed in order to engage prisoners, who have problems with alcohol, and encourage them to abstain or control their alcohol use.

Funding was provided by the Big Lottery Fund under the Impact of Alcohol funding stream.

Fiona Boyle Associates was appointed in June 2015 to complete an independent evaluation of the AD:EPT2 service. The evaluation was commissioned to achieve the following three aims:

- To assess the implementation of the service.
- To assess the effectiveness of the service.
- To make recommendations for the future development of the service.

The key findings around the effectiveness of the service are outlined below:



To put these outcomes in context the AD:EPT2 population were found to be some of the most vulnerable and chaotic individuals in society.

Individuals presented with more than just an alcohol issue – there were other multiple, complex issues. It was acknowledged whilst the primary focus of the service was alcohol use, there were numerous other factors to be assessed and taken into account when delivering support. The service had to adapt to these needs.