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Penal Programme Report

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About the City Parochial Foundation

The City Parochial Foundation was formally established in 1891 as the means of channelling the benefits of the many scattered endowments of the city parishes to the poor of Greater London.

The Foundation is governed by 21 trustees nominated by a wide range of public bodies. The trustees make grants to charitable bodies in London working to benefit poor people. The grant-making income of the Foundation currently amounts to £5 million per annum.

Over the years the trustees have broadened their grant-making policy to include the development of a range of practical schemes. Recent initiatives have included the London Voluntary Sector Resource Centre, which provides accommodation, library, training and conference facilities for voluntary organisations, London Prisons Community Links, which works to improve the facilities for visitors at London prisons, and the Evelyn Oldfield Unit, which provides advice, training and support for refugee community organisations in London.

During 1992-97, the City Parochial Foundation funded three special programmes concerned with Penal Affairs, Mental Health and Carers.

and management - and with the Area Committees of the Criminal Justice Consultative Council

- to plan strategies for continuation or curtailment of their work in conjunction with the agencies with which they have been working.

The prisons need

- to communicate with the projects
- to agree on the referral process
- to agree access to prisoners
- to safeguard access against changes in regime
- to plan for continuation of the projects through their Business Plans and Budget Plans
- to integrate the projects' work with other work in the prisons
- to develop more useful working information about their prisoner populations, e.g. ethnic background, literacy, languages, dependence problems and other special needs
- to tailor programmes to meet the needs of individual prisoners, by collaboration, where appropriate, with outside organisations

The Prison Service needs

- to build upon positive new initiatives and disseminate examples of good practice
- to establish guidelines for collaboration with outside organisations
- to recognise the role of outside organisations in providing and maintaining services for prisoners (particularly when the system is under pressure)
- to plan for sustained collaboration by incorporating work with outside organisations in management structures, e.g. in key performances indicators and at Area level.

The criminal justice system needs

- a multi-agency collaborative forum parallel to the Criminal Justice Consultative Council which includes organisations from the voluntary sector, academics and practitioners with experience of both the statutory and voluntary sectors.

Funders need

- to enter into dialogue with statutory agencies, such as the Prison Service, Social Services and probation services, to develop the work of their projects as part of a strategic approach to collaboration between the statutory and voluntary sectors.



Other publications available from the City Parochial Foundation:

- A Report on the Small Groups Worker Scheme
- Mental Health Programme *Report Summary and Full Report*
- Grants Review 1996
- Carers In London *Report Summary and Full Report*

