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“ I got my life back ”
thanks to POP

“ The help they give is indescribable ”

“ There is someone out there ”
that does care about me

- i <https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/Publications/costcrimjustscot/costcrimjustdataset>
- ii <https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/statistics/2019/03/scottish-crime-justice-survey-2017-18-main-findings/>
- iii Scottish Prison Service Annual Accounts 2018-19
- iv <https://www.scotpho.org.uk/behaviour/drugs/data/availability-and-prevalence>
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Positive Outcomes Project Stabilising People's Addiction Issues to Reduce Persistent Offending

Social Return on Investment Analysis 2019/20

Positive Outcomes Project (POP)
Produces a Social Value Range of between
£7.50 per £1 invested
(based on a duration of 2 years sustained outcomes)
£4.45 per £1 invested
(based on 1 year of sustained outcomes)



About The Positive Outcomes Project (POP)

The Positive Outcomes Project (POP) is a **one of a kind service** based in the centre of Glasgow. Its purpose is to stabilise people's addiction issues to reduce their persistent offending. **The service supports people - currently living chaotic lives - to make improved life choices and turn their lives around.**

The main objectives of this service are to:

- reduce levels of alcohol/drug misuse;
- reduce levels of persistent crime and the number of victims this creates;
- reduce drug related deaths; and
- contribute to safer communities for all of Glasgow's Citizens.

The service was originally developed by a joint proposal between Police Scotland, Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership (GHSCP) and is now supported by lived experience input through Aid & Abet.

POP is the only service in Glasgow at this time where Police Scotland and Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership work simultaneously sharing information from different databases and jointly case managing in an equal partnership, supported by lived experience input through Aid & Abet.

What is Social Return on Investment (SROI)

A Social Return on Investment (SROI) study is a method of analysis that includes both qualitative and quantitative data. **This specific type of study enables the social, personal and environmental outcomes of a service to have a monetary value assigned to them.** This applies a balanced perception on whether the service/enterprise that is being analysed is valuable and cost-effective to the individuals who are using it.

SROI measures the individual changes that occur as a result of activity (outcomes) and the combined value of all of the outcomes achieved (impact). It enables the social, environmental and economic benefits a project delivers to be calculated.

“ If I wasn't attending POP, I'd be in the jail ”

“ POP has helped me to think differently and actually see my life change positively ”

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Why is the POP Service Important – Key Facts and Figures

TOTAL ECONOMIC & SOCIAL COSTS OF CRIME AT APPROXIMATELY £3.8 BILLION PER YEAR IN SCOTLAND¹

IN GLASGOW
THE ESTIMATED COST OF RE-OFFENDING IS IN EXCESS OF **£580 MILLION** PER YEAR

46% OF VIOLENT CRIME INVOLVED OFFENDERS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND **36%** OF VICTIMS REPORTED THAT THE CRIME AGAINST THEM INVOLVED OFFENDERS WHO WERE THOUGHT TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS²

£35,601³ - THE AVERAGE ANNUAL COST OF A PRISON PLACE PER PERSON, PER YEAR

There is a strong desire to significantly reduce reoffending rates in Scotland with a significant investment by Scottish Government. Not only is there a high financial cost of reoffending, it destructs communities, wastes potential and the impact it has on the individual who is consumed by addiction.

Community Justice Glasgow shares a focus of reducing reoffending with the POP. Community Justice Glasgow works to successfully review already existing partnerships between services and their contributions. Also, they ensure that new services can develop and provide support

INVESTMENT IN POP OF £8,066 PER PERSON OVER A 12 MONTH PERIOD

71% OF PRISON RECEPTIONS IN SCOTLAND TESTED POSITIVE FOR ILLEGAL DRUGS⁴

HOMELESSNESS
IS A KEY UNDERLYING DRIVER THAT CONTRIBUTES TO AN INDIVIDUAL COMMITTING CRIME

3,193 PEOPLE IN SCOTLAND BECAME HOMELESS DUE TO BEING DEPENDENT ON DRUGS/ALCOHOL⁵

IN GLASGOW 7.1% (404) OF ALL HOMELESSNESS APPLICATIONS WERE MADE BY PRISON LEAVERS WHO ALSO ACCOUNTED FOR 27.5% OF ALL REPEAT APPLICATIONS

to people who are continuously reoffending with the view of putting the correct support in place that is easily accessible for people who reoffend. This SROI was undertaken as part of that approach.

The service users who attend POP reported in their interviews for this SROI that due to the support they have received through the service they now think about their actions before offending which often prevents them from going through with the crime. Additionally, the majority of the service users have learned to make better informed decisions about their drug/alcohol misuse and have reduced their levels of misuse.