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Activity: Media

The Probation Service

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- evaluate the effectiveness of the Probation Service as an agency of social control.

A. Using the link below, complete questions 1 to 14 that follow.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtWnHGc4nts>

1. According to Simon Simpson, the area manager, what do the approved premises do?
 2. What does Simon Edwards say would happen to him without approved premises?
 3. According to Gerry Marshall, why do offenders say prison is easier than probation?
 4. What are offending behaviour programmes and who are they aimed at?
 5. Why do probation officers perform drug tests on offenders?
 6. According to Paul Bonner, what did the community sentence do for him?
 7. According to Ian Troup, what does the Probation Service need to do for drug users?
 8. What are the duties of the Probation Service in relation to high risk offenders such as sex offenders or those who have committed domestic violence?
 9. What does MAPPA stand for and who does it involve?
 10. What is the Oasis system and how does the Probation Service use it?
 11. How does the Probation Service help with restorative justice?
 12. What does the victim liaison officer focus on?
 13. What happens if you send someone to prison for three months as compared with probation supervision?
 14. Why is unpaid work on probation beneficial to the offender and to the local community?
- B. From the examples of the different types of work carried out by the Probation Service shown in the clip, evaluate the effectiveness of the Probation Service as an agency of social control.