

SUPPORT FOR OFFENDERS AND EX-OFFENDERS

Our organisation provides support services for people who are offenders or ex-offenders to help them stop reoffending and to start afresh.

Our staff and volunteers are available to provide support to people from all age groups and backgrounds in the form of:

➤ *Advice and Information*

For Example: how to cope with a diagnosis, providing support for a family member / support your family, benefits you are entitled to, housing, employment and so on.

➤ *Advocacy*

This will be required if you are in need of professional help to appeal against an unfair decision made against you or any representations that need to be carried out on your behalf.

➤ *Referrals*

If you need to be referred to other organisations, groups or professional services we will be able to help you get the help you need.

➤ *General Support*

This will cover anything not listed above. If you need help or have any questions which we have not covered then please contact us and we will try to assist you.

➤ *Skills Programme and Support*

➤ *Work Experience and Training*

Through our organisation you will be able to work with other existing volunteers to provide our practical and outreach based support services (including administration support) which will enable you to gain the skills and knowledge that you need to be able to gain employment or go on to further training or higher education.

➤ *Employment support*

Our staff and volunteers will be able to help with writing CV's and application forms, cover letters, job searches, references and any other form of support to help you make the most of your skills and opportunities.

➤ *Mentoring and Peer Support*

We will work with you to provide support and advice to enable you to support yourself (and your family) for the future. Through acquiring information and learning new skills (such as practical skills) which will enable you to maximise your performance to achieve your potential and become the person you want to be. This support will be provided in a range of ways including: one-to-one support, outreach support, group support, partnerships with other organisations and agencies, workshops, via email, the phone and in person.

We hope that through this support you will be able to stay away from other criminals and former associates who may encourage you to reoffend.

REFERRAL

If you or someone you know would benefit from this service please contact us at

info@cassadvice.org or on 020 3538 4418

Providing the following details (if possible):

- Name of the person who will be receiving the support
- Contact Details of the above person
- Name of the referring organisation / person
- Contact Details for the referring organisation / person
- Age and Circumstances of the person receiving the service
- Any additional information you feel is relevant or that we need to know

Please feel free to contact us by email with any questions you may have prior to referring yourself or someone else for support.