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Act to Improve- Akwesi Penemo

Subject: Report relating to the services commissioned by High Wycombe Police Station of the company Act to Improve.

We recently commissioned Akwesi Penemo to complete mentoring of a young person at risk of exploitation. It has been recognised through research that the best diversion for young persons is 1x1 mentoring by a person who is relatable and credible.

Akwesi was initially funded by the parents of this young person and due to the success that were seen, additional funding was secured by police. This programme has now come to an end however throughout the programme Akwesi provided feedback through his mentoring (paid for by TVP) and resulted in the following results evidenced through the mentor, education and through the young person's parents:

- They are happier, closer to his parents, relationship with brother is developing
- Increasing weight, appearance looking healthier and more presentable.
- Less aggressive around the house, however, I made him aware at times, he still displays aggressive behaviour whilst at school, and in the community, and this is something that we would start to focus on.
- Realisation peers are only looking out for their own interests, they don't really care about anyone else.
- Education-need to improve grades, improving his numeracy. Importance in achieving some GCSE's.
- Avoiding trouble in the community and school. Not been in contact with their former negative associates. Attitude in the community was positive. Starting to understand their behaviour, whether negative or positive has an impact on how others view and treat them out in the community, school and at home.
- Refusing to take medication which would help MH condition. Akwesi discussed the importance of the medication prescribed, and the reasons for

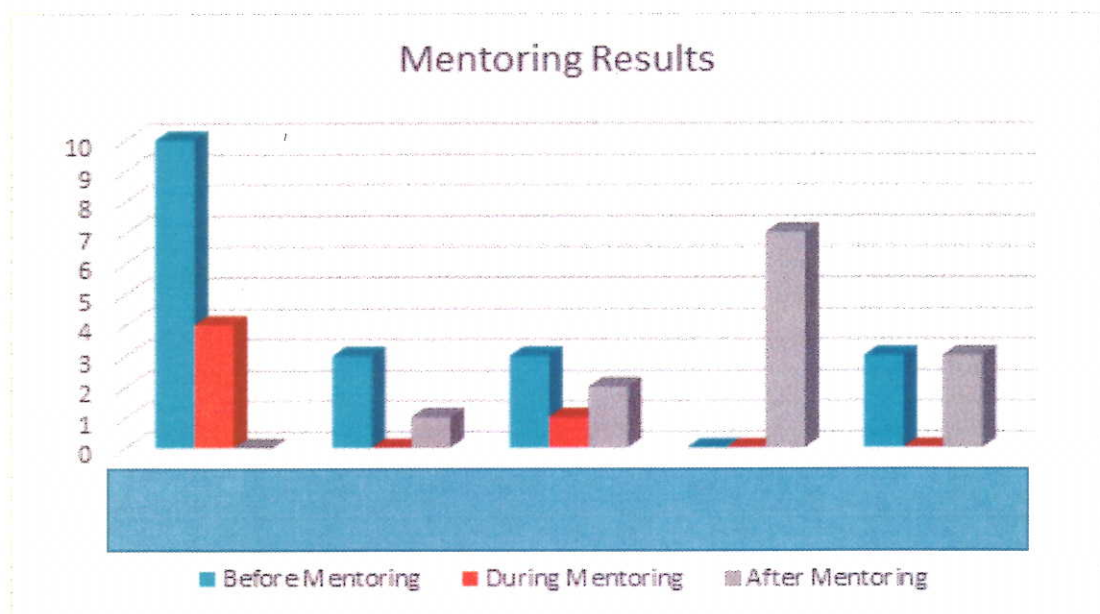
taking them, different types of drugs, addiction, and the negative impacts this has on the body.

- Was sticking to his curfew, and getting back home with 10 – 20 minutes to spare.

A TVP analyst completed a report for 6 months prior to the young person being mentored and then 6 months after. The figures speak for themselves.

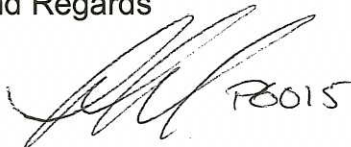
- ***** involvement in criminality has dropped significantly, going from 10 offences in the 6 months before mentoring, to 0 in the 6 months following.

Based just on these figures, I would feel confident in saying the mentoring was working (where the cohort engaged)



I would happy to work with Act to improve again. Akwesi is very professional and has a way of communicating to people from whichever way of life they are from- police/agencies or troubled pasts to make them feel at ease.

Kind Regards



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