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- **DIVERT is a Metropolitan Police custody programme designed to divert 18-25 years olds away from offending and into employment, development and education based in Brixton, Croydon, Wood Green, Stoke Newington, Bethnal Green and Lewisham Police.**
- **Working with Bounce Back, The New Era Foundation , Palace for Life Foundation and Millwall Community Trust we connect people that come through our programme to a vast network of local and city wide provision.**
- **DIVERT uses Custody Intervention Coaches based directly in police custody to speak with young adults with the ultimate aim of changing their direction so that they don't reoffend and have a reduced chance of becoming victims or perpetrators of violence.**

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- **We work separately to the Criminal Justice System and work on a tailored approach. We find working within police custody uses that environment as a teachable moment.**
- **We speak with people arrested for the possession of knives and weapons including offences that also drive violence including drug possession and supply. This isn't a soft option, this is about that young adult taking responsibility and making better choices to change their life.**
- **After they have left police custody whether they have been NFA'd , Bailed, RUI'd or Charged our Custody Intervention Coaches work in a proactive and timely way to get that young person into opportunity.**

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- **DIVERT has been running in Brixton Custody since April 2015.**
- **Between 2015 and October 2018 we have spoke with over 320 people. 150 of which are now employed, with another 100 in training and development for work.**
- **Only 7% out of the 320 have reoffended. Over 60% of those we spoke with were either arrested for possession of weapons, drugs of violent crime.**
- **Since October 2018 we have been able to expand to our six sites courtesy of the Home Office Early Intervention Youth Fund.**
- **Since October we have worked with over 800 people, over 400 have been given Information, Advice and Guidance, 250 are in training and development with 150 in employment.**

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Paul was arrested for the possession of knife and taken to Brixton Custody. Angel spoke with him and identified his passion for music. Paul enrolled and attended a 7 week music development course via the Grit School. He here is with Angel after performing in Brixton.



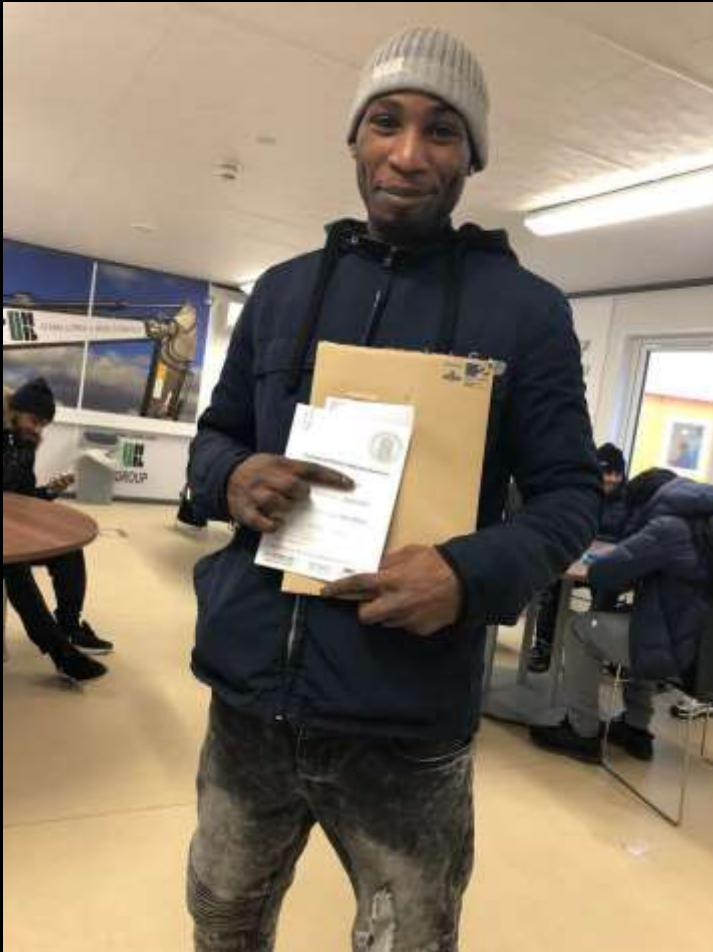
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PALACE FOR LIFE FOUNDATION

Here is Aaron our Custody Intervention Coach from Palace for Life. Aaron works in Croydon Police custody. Working with Shamel he has now enrolled him onto a football coaching course after coming into custody

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“Aaron was my hero, my knight in shining armour when he came to my door that day. I knew I could open up to him and tell him things about myself.”

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In April 2019 we launched DIVERTYouth. Working with Juvenis we aim to work with 10-17 year olds that come into Brixton Custody.

Using a slightly different operating model we connect the appropriate adult and young person to an on call youth worker who then meets them as soon as they leave police custody.

Juvenis will then subsequently work with that juvenile to reconnect them into education, refer into apprenticeships and connect the whole family into Early Help.

Since May we have worked with 10 juveniles and our aims are to prevent first time entrants into the CJS and to keep you people safe from violence.

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