Funded Partnership Initiative

Initial Transitional Support – ITS

The ITS is available at 26 primary locations linked to the local Community Corrections Office. If there is available space, the primary location may accept referrals from the secondary locations.

- Initial post-release support to medium/high high risk offenders
- A dedicated worker per ITS location
- The service providers will work in collaboration with Community Corrections, to link support directly to the offender's case plan to reduce the risk of reoffending
- Support is for up to 12 weeks but can be extended by Community Corrections.

Where is ITS Available?

| Providers | Primary Locations | Secondary Locations |
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| Arbias | Bathurst Campbelltown Dubbo Gosford Goulburn (part time) Grafton Kempsey Leichhardt Lake Macquarie Lismore Mt Druitt Nowra Parramatta Taree Wagga Wagga Wollongong Wyong | - Wellington - Bowral Casino Penrith - Blacktown |
| Housing Plus | Broken Hill Maitland Moree Muswellbrook Orange (part time) Albury Griffith (part time) Tamworth (part time) | - - - - - - - Armidale |
| Samaritans | Newcastle | - |

What are the eligibility criteria?

- ✓ Subject to supervision by Community Corrections in the community
- Assessed as having a medium-high or high risk of re-offending according to the Risk rating.
- ✓ Preference goes to offenders on parole above other orders
- ✓ Living in or about to be released for supervision to one of the 26 primary Community Corrections offices.

How can I refer an offender to this service?

- ✓ Complete the ITS referral form (available on the <u>FPI Intranet</u> page)
- Contact the Gatekeeper in the primary Community Corrections location.

Referral may be made:

- ✓ At pre-release home visit stage
- ✓ From a parole unit during pre-release preparation. The parole unit may liaise with the ITS location Gatekeeper prior to release
- ✓ During supervision.

Who is a Gatekeeper?

A Gatekeeper is the person in the Community Corrections office who processes and manages referrals for the FPI service.