**Together a Chance: Evaluation of a pilot project for Pact Social Workers based within Women’s Prisons**

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This event will present the second set of interim findings from a three-year evaluation of the Together a Chance service, a pilot project placing a social worker in two women’s prisons, HMP Eastwood Park and HMP Send. The pilot is running from April 2021- December 2023.

**Aims of the intervention**

The Social Worker based in the prison works with mothers where there is a risk of family breakdown. The Social Worker works closely with the children’s Social Worker, as well as other professionals within the prison and in the community, to ensure that mothers who are incarcerated

* are involved in decision making
* represented at key meetings
* empowered to remain engaged in their children’s lives

**Findings**

We will be presenting cumulative findings to the end of Year 2 of the evaluation, identifying the profile of mothers worked with, the nature of the role and how well it has become embedded in each prison. We will also consider the value of the prison Social Worker to mothers in prison and their families, community practitioners and prison staff.