

Gareth self referred to WYCCP having spent 13 of the past 15 years in adult or youth prison. He wanted to break the cycle and has now spent an entire year back in the community for the first time since he was 17 years old. He re-entered the community with no support other than WYCCP and immediately found himself homeless and without his drug treatment medication.

For the first few days following his release WYCCP worked with Shelter to get him somewhere to stay and managed to persuade a local GP to override convention and prescribe him additional medication. Gareth had always felt crime was the only way out of these situations but since seeing how, using support, he could break this cycle he has grown from strength to strength.

He has now accessed his own accommodation, has found temporary work in the community and started a family. He cannot see any circumstances in which he would return to his old lifestyle of drugs and crime.