Q-Step Summer Project 2017:
National Offender Management Service (CFO)

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Team/Department: Research and Statistics Team

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Provisional Title for Project: "Analytical Study into the Impact of Offender Provision on Social Inclusion and Employment"

100 word abstract of what the project would probably undertake, and any data to be used:

The National Offender Management Service (NOMS) incorporates a Co-Financing Organisation (CFO), set up to deliver services to offenders in custody and the community across England, using European funding. Participants on the CFO programme are assessed via a case management system against a number of resettlement pathways (including employment, education, debt, health, relationships etc.). This assessment identifies individual needs and barriers to social inclusion, which are addressed via a number of interventions or specialised support mechanisms. This project will utilise NOMS CFO data to analyse the provision delivered to participants and determine whether offender needs have been addressed. It will also analyse any links between identified needs, interventions delivered and social inclusion (e.g. successful entry to the labour market).

Key Words (up to 12): Offenders, Prisoners, Prison, Probation, Re-Offending, Social Inclusion, Criminal Justice, Criminals, Criminology

Essential and desirable skills that the student would need to have:

Essential: Understanding of offender behaviours and the criminal justice system, with a desire to learn more about offender behaviour using real data
Dataset manipulation skills
Data analysis skills and experience with quantitative data
Basic knowledge of statistical packages such as SPSS
Knowledge of Microsoft Office
Excellent oral and written English
(All data is logged on a project specific SQL database – data extraction will be undertaken by other members of the team.)

Desirable: Advanced knowledge of SPSS

Preferred selection method: Interview (in Warrington)

Support and training offered by the organisation:

The student will be mentored by the unit's statistics managers as well as supported by policy and performance/delivery colleagues. The student will experience first-hand how provision is delivered, with visits to HM prisons and probation areas to gain an understanding of the criminal justice system. The student will be working within a team with many years' experience of working with offenders with multiple barriers.

Public transport routes to Daresbury Park are sparse, driving to the office (free parking available) would be easier for the student.

Any issues of data confidentiality and/or IPR that would need to be resolved:

The outputs and any IP generated by the student will remain the property of NOMS CFO.

Supporting Information:

Reports may be published on the NOMS CFO website. Ongoing updates will occur within the unit.

Financial assistance offered by the organisation: N/A