

## Amey Rehabilitation Alliance Board to reduce reoffending

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<u>Amey</u> has officially launched a Rehabilitation Alliance Board to support the UK Government's initiative to reduce reoffending, helping prison leavers secure meaningful employment and reintegrate successfully into society.

Chaired by Amey's People Director and ESG Lead, Stephanie Johnson, the Board has united leaders from across Amey to work alongside key partners including the Ministry of Justice, Employment Advisory Boards, third-sector organisations, and Amey's supply chain.

The Board has developed targeted rehabilitation programmes over the last eight months that are designed to break down employment barriers for prison leavers, addressing the estimated £18 billion annual cost of reoffending to the UK economy.

Stephanie Johnson emphasises the importance of employment in rehabilitation saying: "We know that the rate of reoffending drops significantly for individuals who are employed within six weeks of release. As a facilities management company working across 64 prisons, we know that reducing reoffending is a community effort and we are in a unique position to support that transition during sentence and beyond."

The Board will initially focus on improving outcomes for young people, women, and 18–25s, with roles identified and ringfenced across Amey and its supply chain, alongside dedicated support, including CV writing, application guidance, and interview coaching. The Board has also established partnerships with third-sector organisations to support prison leavers' needs on release.

Stephanie adds: "Amey has a longstanding commitment to rehabilitation. We already run several initiatives to open up opportunities for prison leavers, from in-prison training to guaranteed interviews. The



Rehabilitation Alliance Board is a natural next step in scaling that impact and working more closely with government and industry to reduce reoffending."

Amey already partners with the New Futures Network, part of HM Prison and Probation Service, and Working Chance to ensure vacancies across the business are shared with prison leavers.