

# TURNING TO DRAMA TO SET OFFENDERS ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW

***As prison overcrowding dominates the news, a young filmmaker is focusing on deterring repeat offenders.***

Officials in Derbyshire have called on Sandra Harrison of Revival Studios to produce a dramatic piece of film designed to discourage repeat offenders from continuing a life of crime.

The DVD has been commissioned by Derbyshire Criminal Justice Board (DCJB) – one of 42 across the country working at local level to co-ordinate and improve the effectiveness of the criminal justice system – and will feature interviews with reformed ex-offenders describing how they have turned their lives around as well as a dramatised opening sequence of a prisoner being released after a stretch inside.

The film will be shown to persistent offenders who commit the most crime and cause the most harm to local communities, to help them understand the services such as housing, drug intervention, alcohol treatment and education that are on offer to them to encourage them to reform. And it will also be used as a training tool for staff working with offenders, so they can see where partnership working can help.

Said Laura Gurnett of DCJB: *"The film will be a key tool in helping persistent offenders get back on the straight and narrow and that should have a real impact on their communities. We really need the creative touch to get a powerful message across."*

Sandra Harrison, managing director of Revival Studios added: *"I'm really looking forward to this one. When I started out in video and film production, I wanted to produce videos with stories that could change lives. I have a particular interest in criminal drama and researched the subject then, so this is a great opportunity."*



**To watch the film footage online, [click here](#)**

Revival Studios Ltd is a creative corporate video production company based in Derbyshire and Paisley in Scotland.

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