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User Voice and Probation Institute announce new partnership.

User Voice and the Probation Institute are pleased to announce a new partnership, reflective of a common commitment to probation ethics and values, particularly regarding the importance of service user involvement and engagement with the design and delivery of probation services.

Our two organisations are committed to working together to:

- Promote purposeful and effective probation services,
- Share a commitment to the professional development and training of probation workers, including volunteers,
- Support the use of effective, evidence informed practice; and,
- Achieve better outcomes for those in the criminal justice system, whether as service users or victims, supporting confidence in community justice and safer communities.

User Voice and the Probation Institute will work to support these shared objectives through research initiatives, events and other mutually beneficial arrangements as and when opportunities arise.

Savas Hadjipavlou, interim Chief Executive of the Probation Institute said:

“I am delighted that the first partnership agreement of the Institute is with User Voice. This recognises the importance that we attach to the involvement of service users, contributing their personal experience, and helping to shape the work of probation.”

Mark Johnson, Chief Executive and Founder of User Voice said:

“We are excited to work with the Probation Institute to further the voice, influence and opportunity of service users to be engaged in the development of probation and rehabilitation services. In these changing times we must stay focused on the fact that the involvement of service users is a critical part in the reduction of reoffending.”

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