

Press Invitation/Photocall

Fergus Ewing, MSP, Minister for Community Safety, to open one-stop shop for rehabilitation

Ex-Prisoner, Now A Service User, to Join Minister in Plaque Unveiling Ceremony

Event: Edinburgh's Community Links Centre, the only one of its kind in the country and an initiative chosen as a Centre of Excellence by the Lothian and Borders Community Justice Authority, is to be officially opened by Fergus Ewing MSP, Minister for Community Safety.

The Centre, which is managed by Sacro, the leading community justice organisation, and funded by the Scottish Government, through the City of Edinburgh Council, provides valuable support services to help ex-prisoners reintegrate into their communities.

The Minister will be joined by an ex-prisoner who now benefits from the Community Links Centre facilities.

Date: **Tuesday 4 December 2007**

Time: **11.30am for 12 noon plaque unveiling and short speeches.**

Venue: **Edinburgh Community Links Centre, 25 Nicolson Square, Edinburgh EH8 9BX. Telephone 0131 622 7500**

Further information:

The Community Links Centre is a working partnership with Spectrum (Employment); Progress to Work- Apex (Employability issues relating to drug misuse); Housing Options Team (Sustaining tenancies, accessing emergency accommodation); PATH - NHS (meeting health needs of prison leavers, consultant to staff within CLC, assisting users in GP registration); Streetwork Lawyers (homelessness lawyer, legal advice pertaining to accommodation issues); South Bridge Literacy and Innumeracy Project (assistance with form-filling etc)

Sacro Services based in the Community Links Centre:

Alcohol Education Probation Service; Supervised Bail Service; Supported Accommodation Service; Edinburgh and Midlothian Arrest Referral Service; Throughcare/Throughcare Addictions Service; Edinburgh and Midlothian 'Another Way' Street Sex Workers Service

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