



## **PQF UPDATE – JUNE 2010**

### **RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION**

The process of selecting staff for Probation Officer qualifying training is now underway for programmes due to commence in 2010/11.

The start date for parts 1 & 2 of the Honours Degree is 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010. Staff who are selected for the Graduate Diploma route will begin by undertaking six units of the Vocational Qualification and will then commence their academic work in April 2011.

### **LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN PROBATION PRACTICE**

It is now mandatory for all newly appointed PSOs to achieve the Level 3 Diploma in Probation Practice within 12 months of their appointment. This consists of three elements:

- **Gateway to Practice**  
To be completed by the candidate and signed off by the line manager within the first 2 weeks of being in post.
- **Practice Development Programme**  
This Learning and Development Programme provides the underpinning knowledge for the Vocational Qualification
- **Vocational Qualification**  
The candidate's practice will be assessed in the workplace to enable them to demonstrate competence against the required units of the vocational qualification.

Line managers and training managers will work in partnership with the Consortium to ensure that candidates achieve these qualifications within the required timescales.

### **INDUCTION DAY FOR CANDIDATES**

An Induction Day is to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> September at Manchester Metropolitan University for candidates starting on both the Honours degree and the Graduate Diploma routes. Their line managers will also be invited to attend. The purpose of this event is:

- To brief candidates and their line managers about both the academic and vocational elements of the programmes.
- To provide Programme Handbooks for candidates and line managers
- To enable candidates undertaking the degree to register with the University and obtain log-on details for their E-learning delivery platform.
- To enable candidates on the Graduate Diploma route to register for their Diploma in Probation Practice.

This event is also being used as an opportunity to launch the new probation qualifications in the North West region and Chief Officers and other guests have therefore been invited to attend the first part of the Induction Day.

Further information about this event will be provided in due course.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information about the PQF and the new qualifications can be found on the North West Consortium website:

<http://www.probation-northwest.co.uk>