Case Study 3 Effect of imprisonment (Social)

Application: at least one strategy for reducing offending

Sixteen-year-old JC was found guilty of ABH in August 2013. The circumstances surrounding the offence were that JC had been drinking with friends in the town centre on the night of 15th April 2013. He had consumed approximately eight pints of strong lager and 3 shots of tequila.

At 21:40, JC attempted to gain entry to a local bar but was refused due to his drunken state. At this point JC was verbally aggressive to the doorman. JC then left the entrance of the bar and started a fight with another customer in the queue. CCTV recorded JC repeatedly punching and kicking the victim in the head and stomach. The victim sustained serious head injuries.

JC was sixteen at the time of the offence. He is unemployed, of no fixed abode and has no qualifications.

Task
What strategies could be put in place to help reduce the chances of JC re-offending on release from prison? Try to think of a range of interventions.

Extension task
How would you measure if these have been effective?