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Ollie began work as a social worker in the late 1970's before training as a probation officer at the London School of Economics. He is a specialist on the subject of substance misuse and has worked throughout England and Scotland in the statutory, voluntary and private sectors.

His involvement in national and regional drug initiatives has been both community and prison based. A visiting lecturer at Northumbria University, he has written widely on the subject including "A Cognitive Behavioural Programme for Substance Misusing Offenders", "Substance Misuse: An Open Learning Pack" and "Use and Misuse: A Christian Perspective on Drugs".

Ollie joined the Home Office in 1999 as a Regional Drugs Advisor before moving into Government Office North East in 2003 as the regional manager of the Drug Interventions Programme. He joined The Cyrenians in January 2007.

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