

Surveying Prisoner Crime Reduction (SPCR)

Waves 3 and 4 (Post-release)
Samples 1 and 2 Technical Report

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1. Introduction

1.1 About SPCR

Surveying Prisoner Crime Reduction (SPCR) is a longitudinal study which aimed to track the progress of 4,000 newly sentenced prisoners in England and Wales from 2005 to 2010. At the time it was the largest survey of prisoners ever undertaken in Britain. Ipsos MORI was commissioned to undertake the survey by the Research Development and Statistics Directorate (RDS) National Offender Management Service (NOMS) at the Home Office, now Offender Management and Sentencing Analytical Services (OMSAS) at the Ministry of Justice (MoJ).

The broad aim of SPCR was to explore how interventions might work in combination to address the range of prisoners' needs. More specifically, SPCR aimed to assess prisoners' problems and needs on reception, how these are addressed during and after custody and the combined effect of any interventions on offending and other outcomes, in light of prisoners' background characteristics, after release from prison.

1.2 Research Design

This report describes the data collection for the Waves 3 and 4 interviews, each of which was conducted after release from prison for the SPCR sentence. Wave 3 field work was conducted from April 2006 to April 2010 and Wave 4 from May 2007 to October 2010. Separate reports provide the sampling and data collection information for the Wave 1 and Wave 2 interviews (Cleary et al. 2012a; 2012b).

SPCR consists of an overall sample of 3,849 prisoners in two parts: a representative sample of 1,435 prisoners (Sample 1) sentenced to between one month and four years (76% were sentenced to less than 12 months), and a sample comprising 2,414 prisoners sentenced to between 18 months and four years (Sample 2). The rationale for Sample 2 was to interview more prisoners who had been in custody long enough to undertake prison interventions.

Both samples followed the same four-stage longitudinal design:

- Wave 1 (reception) interviews, conducted shortly after prisoners' reception into custody
- 2. Wave 2 (pre-release) interviews, conducted shortly before release, or at the same time as the reception interview (using a "combined" version of the questionnaire) for those Sample 1 prisoners on shorter sentences (mostly sentenced to less than six months)

- 3. Wave 3 (post-release two-month) interviews, conducted one to two months after release
- 4. Wave 4 (post-release six-month) interviews, conducted six months after prisoners' release (Sample 2 only)

1.3 Structure of the Waves 3 and 4 Technical Report

This report describes the methodology and processes employed during setup, field work, data processing, and data outputs processes for the Waves 3 and 4 (post-release) stages of SPCR. Survey results from Waves 1–3¹ of SPCR are available on the MoJ website (e.g. MoJ, 2010, Sadlier 2010, Williams et al., 2012a, Williams et al., 2012b, Cunniffe et al., 2012, Hopkins, 2012, Boorman & Hopkins, 2012; Light et al., 2013; Brunton-Smith & Hopkins 2013; 2014; Hopkins & Brunton-Smith 2014).

It is structured into the following sections:

Section 2: Sample eligibility and tracing procedures – keeping in contact with eligible prisoners.

Section 3: Field work – interviewer briefings, field work procedures and survey response rates.

Section 4: Waves 3 and 4 interviews – topics covered and procedures used.

Annex: Waves 3 and 4 questionnaires.

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Wave 4 was only asked of Sample 2 prisoners who had been interviewed at Wave 3, and therefore was not representative.

2. Sample eligibility and tracing procedures

The sample design and sampling procedures for SPCR are described in the Wave 1 technical report (Cleary et al., 2012a). This chapter provides information on how prisoners were contacted for interview for Waves 3 and 4. Prisoners were free to opt out of the survey at any stage, although this did not occur very frequently (see Section 3.3).

2.1 Wave 3 eligibility

All respondents interviewed at Wave 1 (on reception to prison) became eligible for Wave 3 interviews after their release irrespective of whether they were interviewed at Wave 2 (shortly before release). A small number of prisoners not released over the course of the study were hence never eligible for a Wave 3 interview.²

The aim was for Wave 3 interviews to take place between one and two months after release. However, in order to maximise the response rate, if initial attempts at obtaining an interview were unsuccessful, the interviews could take place up to a year after release. This meant that it was possible to follow up any new contact information obtained through tracing mechanisms. Wave 3 interviews could also take place in prison if respondents were discovered to have been re-imprisoned post-release.

2.2 Wave 4 eligibility

Wave 4 interviews were restricted to Sample 2 respondents (prisoners sentenced to serve 18 months to four years) who had been interviewed at Wave 3. Respondents interviewed in prison at Wave 3 were not eligible for a Wave 4 in-prison interview unless they had been released between the two waves, as the focus of the post-release interviews was life in the community.

Wave 4 interviews were scheduled to take place four months after the Wave 3 interview, i.e. at around six months after first release. Interviews could take place later than this if new contact information was obtained.

This applied to 10 prisoners. The initial sample was restricted to prisoners serving a maximum of four years which allowed sufficient time for all prisoners to be released during the study. However changes to the sentences of some prisoners while in custody, and the policy of giving Indeterminate Sentences for Public Protection (IPP) to potentially dangerous offenders, meant some prisoners were not released.

2.3 Procedures for tracing respondents.

Matching to MoJ prison data

On a monthly basis a list of the unique prisoner IDs of all SPCR respondents was sent to the MoJ to be matched to the Prison Service's Inmate Information System (IIS) database.³ The extracts included the date of discharge of each SPCR prisoner and these prisoners were entered into the sample issued for the Wave 3 interviews.

MoJ also checked whether any previously discharged prisoners had been recalled and returned to custody. Recalled prisoners will usually retain their original prisoner ID if they are recalled as part of the same offence (e.g. for breach of licence conditions) but will usually be assigned a new prisoner ID if they are convicted for a separate offence. In order to detect the latter type of prisoner an additional match of the surname and date of birth of all previously discharged respondents was carried out each month. The returned data were used to initiate interview procedures in prisons for eligible prisoners.

The timing of all interviews was based on accurate release and location information for the cohort of prisoners. For the most part the IIS provided sufficient information to enable this, but difficulties were experienced due to the way prison data are recorded. For example:

- Sentence lengths and release dates changed over time due to changes in sentence conditions,
- Mismatches between individual prison databases and the IIS were observed,
- Some prisoners were listed as discharged whilst also listed as part of the prison population,⁴
- Some prisoners were listed on IIS but not on the individual prison's records,
- Identical surname and date of birth (DOB) combinations led to the wrong prisoners being contacted.

These issues led to difficulties contacting some prisoners for interview at Wave 3 (see Section 3.3 for details).

The IIS is a central database which includes data on all prisoners in custody in England and Wales. Extracts are compiled monthly, providing details of the prison population on the last day of the month. Separate extracts covered the population in prison (population extract) and discharged prisoners (discharge extract).

⁴ This can happen if prisoner is 'discharged' from sentence but doesn't actually leave the prison as is retained on remand or recall for another offence.

Obtaining contact details for ex-prisoners in the community

Waves 3 and 4 interviews relied on access to prisoner contact details after release from prison. Unlike longitudinal surveys of the general public, where interviewers usually return to the same address at each wave, the SPCR post-release interviews all took place at addresses which had not been visited before. This contributed to difficulties in contacting prisoners for interview.

At the Wave 2 (pre-release) interviews, prisoners were asked for their planned address on release, home and mobile telephone numbers, and the address and telephone contact details of 'stable contacts' who the prisoners thought might help interviewers if the prisoners themselves could not be contacted. Other contact information came from administrative sources:

- Prison Inmate Information System (IIS) (MoJ) information: prisoners were required to give an address on reception to prison,⁵
- Home Detention Curfew (HDC) addresses,
- The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) permission was requested from prisoners during the Wave 1 (reception) interview for address information to be provided by the DWP from benefits data, and
- The Probation Service prisoners were required to provide their address to the Probation Service while on licence (applied to most prisoners sentenced to 12 months or more).

The quality and quantity of contact details varied amongst the SPCR sample, by data source, and across the duration of the project. Each source is described further below.

Inmate Information System (IIS) (MoJ)

Addresses provided by prisoners and the IIS were in most cases the same, as this information originated from the prisoners themselves. Information provided by prisoners at Wave 2 (pre-release) was thought to be most up-to-date and was used if available. Wave 1 and/or IIS information was used to complete addresses if Wave 2 information was missing. If different addresses came from each source Wave 1/IIS information was provided to interviewers (in addition) as lower priority addresses.

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⁵ Some were registered as "no fixed abode".

Home Detention Curfew (HDC) addresses

Around one-quarter of the SPCR sample was granted early release under HDC (26% overall: 17% of Sample 1 and 31% of Sample 2). These prisoners were required to be at a nominated address (usually their home) at fixed times (usually overnight), and were electronically tagged for enforcement purposes. While HDC conditions were in force, sending interviewers to these addresses in the evening was expected to be a successful strategy for interviewing them.

From 2007, HDC prisoner IDs were manually entered into the live IIS system at the MoJ's offices and the HDC addresses returned to Ipsos MORI. Response rates amongst respondents with HDC addresses were higher than those of other respondents (e.g. from October to December 2007, 64% of such respondents were successfully interviewed, compared with around 50% amongst other prisoners). However, address information was needed quickly as HDC periods were mostly short (a few weeks). As the manual processes were time-consuming, the resources were not always available to inform the field work quickly enough.

Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

SPCR prisoners were asked at Wave 1 to consent to their details being passed to the DWP for address matching (88% consented to matching for tracing purposes). DWP provided addresses on a monthly basis from April 2006 to February 2008, when the processing ceased because of security issues (unrelated to SPCR).

Matching to DWP data was generally successful. For example, the first batch of 139 released prisoners returned 131 prisoner details. However, records were not always updated between release and Wave 3 interviews, and the addresses provided were typically those registered by prisoners for benefits before custody (most SPCR prisoners reported having claimed benefits in the year before custody). In some cases this address was the only one available, and hence was useful as it enabled more of the sample to be issued for field work.

Probation Service

Most offenders given a prison sentence of 12 months or more spend the second half of their sentence outside of custody "on licence". The Probation Service held the addresses of offenders being supervised on licence. Probation Areas were contacted on a monthly basis from June 2007 to provide the addresses of respondents due a Wave 3 interview. Around two-thirds of the Areas returned addresses each month. The information provided by

Probation Areas was most effective at providing new contact information for later field work attempts ("re-issues", see Chapter 3).

An assessment was made in April 2008 of the likely impact of asking individual Probation Officers (in comparison to Probation Area offices) to provide contact information on 'hard to reach' respondents under their supervision. Contact was made with 27 officers, most of whom contacted the ex-prisoners in their care. Further contact was made with a larger group of Probation Officers (94) in September 2008. This was less successful. In many cases probation officers were no longer managing the offenders of interest, or the licence periods had ended. Up to November 2008 a total of 20 interviews had been achieved using Probation Officer information (mostly with respondents who were back in prison, for whom there were already tracing mechanisms in place via the IIS), and so no further systematic attempts were made to contact Probation Officers.

In summary, a number of mechanisms were used to trace prisoners eligible for Waves 3 and 4 interviews. These included contact information provided by self-report (the prisoners themselves, and their stable contacts) and administrative data (from MoJ headquarters, agencies, and other government departments). Ex-prisoners are a 'hard to reach' group, and despite the systems and procedures in place, there were difficulties tracing them. Section 3.3 details the response rates achieved for Waves 3 and 4 interviews in the field.

3. Field work

Waves 3 and 4 field work was conducted across England and Wales, at suitable locations, or in prisons, from April 2006 to October 2010, using a workforce of trained interviewers. 3,182 Waves 3 and 4 interviews with SPCR respondents were conducted in total, out of 3,586 successful contacts, and many more attempts at contact (interviewers were required to attempt a minimum of four face-to-face contacts per interviewee).

3.1 Interviewer briefings and security

Interviewers (160 in total) were briefed for Waves 3 and 4 field work in November and December, 2005. Security procedures for working in prisons were approved by the Prison Service (as per the Waves 1 and 2 interviews). Further information is available in the Wave 1 (reception) technical report (Cleary et al., 2012a). A number of measures were in place to safeguard interviewer safety in the community. These included:

- Interviewers were required to register with the local police station before starting work.
- Interviewers were reminded to be vigilant and not put themselves into situations
 they would be uncomfortable with. They were given advice about clothing and
 personal possessions, carrying fully charged phones, what to look out for when
 interviewing respondents, and so on.
- It was recommended that interviewers phone first to make an appointment, to
 make an initial assessment of the respondent. Meeting at neutral venues (rather
 than respondent's homes) was recommended. If interviewers felt uncomfortable
 at any stage, they were advised to leave immediately.
- Interviewers were instructed to keep in touch with their managers or another
 person while in the field. They were required to provide their approximate
 schedule (including a list of addresses), to give updates, and call before entering
 an address and after leaving.
- A budget was provided for interviewers to be accompanied by a minder if preferred (to maintain confidentiality the minder could not be present during the interview).
- Interviewers were provided with panic alarms.

These measures ensured that the Waves 3 and 4 interviews were conducted safely.

Refresher briefings

Refresher briefings were conducted with all interviewers in December 2007. The topics included: aims and objectives of the study; numbers of interviews conducted so far; a presentation of the key findings from the Wave 1 interviews (delivered by the MoJ); revision of key survey processes and contact procedures; best practice sharing for working in prisons; and effective tracing and maximising response rates at Waves 3 and 4.

Interviewers also provided written feedback on the study and their suggestions for improvements. A summary is provided below:

- The most frequently reported interviewer difficulty was tracking the respondents down. Contact details were frequently out of date or invalid, 'stable contacts' and other contacts were sometimes reluctant to pass on details to 'smartly dressed people anxious to contact respondents'. Some contacts wanted nothing more to do with the respondents. Official 'gatekeepers' such as hostel staff were often reluctant to provide information.
- Response rates varied according to time of day and method of contact.
 Interviewers reported that good times to call were mornings, after 7pm in the evenings, or on Sundays. Telephone numbers (particularly mobiles) were valuable given how dispersed the sample tended to be. Stable contacts (usually family and friends) were useful when available.
- In general the survey relied on persistence: trying every piece of information; asking neighbours; and trying to get mothers/grandmothers etc. engaged through multiple visits. Some interviewers reported that the call pattern of four visits was too few where multiple addresses had been provided for a respondent.
- Interviewers reported that it was easy to persuade respondents to take part once
 they had been contacted. Interviewer continuity across Waves was useful. Many
 interviewers felt that it was useful to stress the importance of remaining in the
 survey or the opportunity to give one's view and provide information that will help
 others in the future.
- A few interviewers reported that respondents had become disinterested in the study, wanted to put the experience behind them, or felt less obligated to take part following their release from prison.

3.2 Field work timings and procedures

Wave 3 field work was conducted from April 2006 to April 2010 and Wave 4 from May 2007 to October 2010. Chart 3.1 illustrates how all four waves, including Waves 1 and 2, progressed over the life of the study.

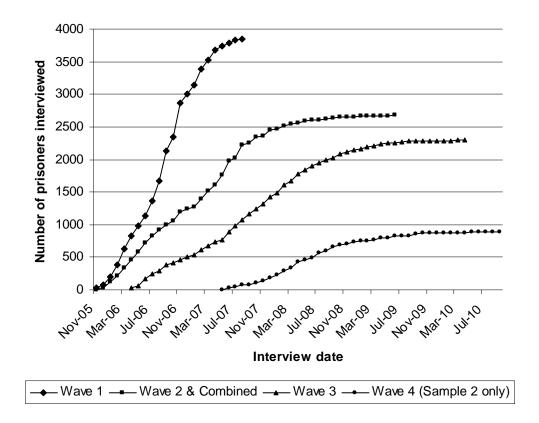


Chart 3.1 SPCR Samples 1 and 2: Waves and interview dates

Chart 3.1 shows that after the initial sampling at Wave 1, attrition accumulated across survey waves, with each wave successfully interviewing fewer prisoners (note that only some prisoners were eligible for a Wave 4 interview). At Wave 2 (including Combined Wave 1 and 2 interviews) interviews were achieved with 70% of all Wave 1 participants, dropping to 60% at Wave 3. Survey attrition is common in longitudinal cohort studies, and is usually more marked in hard-to-reach groups such as offenders. For a detailed analysis of attrition rates, and how some of the missing data was 'recovered' using statistical techniques see Brunton-Smith et al., 2014.

Addresses were issued for field work on a monthly basis for most of the study. Exceptions were the first field work wave (in April 2006) when a longer period was allowed to trial and revise procedures, and from 2009, when the monthly samples had reduced in size, and

addresses were issued every second month. Sample preparation included a number of steps (see section 2.3 for further information) which took up to eight weeks to complete (Table 3.1).

Table 3.1 SPCR Waves 3 and 4: steps leading to field work interviews

Week	Steps
	Sample prisoner IDs sent to MoJ and IIS data returned.
	List of newly discharged prisoners compiled from data and details sent to
1 (mid-month to	DWP/Probation Service for address matching.
time with monthly IIS update)	List of discharged prisoners released on HDC returned to MoJ for HDC address look-ups.
no upuate)	Respondents sought for post-release interviews who were confirmed as back in prison by the IIS data added to the project pre-release schedules to be included
	when arranging access with prisons for interviews to take place.
	Probation Service and DWP contacted where necessary.
2	Initial addresses provided to field management team for allocation of interviewers.
2	Where possible respondents were allocated to the interviewer who had
	interviewed them at the previous wave.
3	Contact information compiled, addresses cleaned and given priorities, allocations finalised.
4–8	Contact sheets and letters to respondents prepared, printed and despatched to interviewers, field work commences and runs for around four weeks.

Respondents with insufficient contact information were not issued for field work at Waves 3 and 4 (see section 3.3 for numbers). Re-issues (a process of issuing unsuccessful respondents again, usually to a different interviewer⁶) were conducted for selected unsuccessful outcomes (primarily circumstantial refusals, e.g. 'busy at the time') and those where new contact information was obtained. Additional re-issue waves were also performed periodically when new address information was obtained. The first of these was carried out in January 2007 and then bi-monthly throughout 2007 and 2008, particularly to allow any new information from the DWP and Probation Service to be used. Interviews amongst those successfully contacted were conducted in the community, or in prison (for those respondents who had returned to prison).

Interviews in the community

Interviewers were provided with a letter for each respondent, to be posted in advance of the interview, and a contact sheet containing alternative contacts for each respondent. They were also issued with a laminated letter from the Home Office/MoJ to provide evidence of the legitimacy of the research. Materials were provided to assist with tracing respondents who had moved, including letters which could be sent or left with other occupiers or stable contacts.

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⁶ With a higher per-interview fee.

Interviewers were required to make four face-to-face visits per respondent (across all addresses provided). Interviewers could phone first if a phone number was available, although these calls did not count towards the four visits required.

The four visits were required to be spread across different days/times of day, with a minimum of one call in the evening after 5pm and one on the weekend. They were also required to be spread over at least three weeks. Interviewers were encouraged to make additional visits when working in the area. Where contact was not made, the interviewer attempted to trace the respondent by asking current occupiers and neighbours, contacting the stable contacts, or making other enquiries. Where a hostel was listed, a separate letter, co-signed by the MoJ, was sent from Ipsos MORI's office to provide evidence of the study's legitimacy.

Interviews in prisons

Nearly a quarter of all Wave 3 interviews were conducted with respondents while they were back in prison (23%, 518 interviews), including 227 of the Sample 1 interviews (28% of all Sample 1 interviews) and 291 Sample 2 interviews (20% of all Sample 2 interviews). These interviews took place across 87 prisons in England and Wales. At Wave 4, three percent of the interviews (31 interviews) were conducted in prisons.

The majority of the prisons had already taken part in Waves 1 and/or 2 of SPCR. As Wave 2 (pre-release interviews) continued into mid-2010, overlapping with Waves 3 and 4, arrangements to conduct Waves 3 and 4 interviews in prison could be made via the monthly prison liaison procedures already in place. These procedures are described in detail in the pre-release (Wave 2) technical report (Cleary et al., 2012b).

Timing of interviews

Wave 3 interviews were planned to take place around one to two months after a prisoner's release, and Wave 4 interviews four months after Wave 3. In practice, the speed of IIS updates (available at a maximum of six weeks after the release of prisoners), the field work preparation processes (which required a further four weeks), and the initial field work period (four weeks), meant that prisoners could be interviewed up to 14 weeks after their release. Interviews achieved via re-issues on new information, or after prisoners were back in prison, took place later than this.

Overall, 53% of the Wave 3 interviews took place within the 'ideal' time scales of up to 14 weeks after release from prison (1,211 interviews). A further 20% (463 interviews) took place between 14 and 20 weeks after release. The majority of the remaining interviews which took

place more than 20 weeks after release were in-prison interviews (68% of the remaining 620 interviews).

At Wave 4, 78% of the interviews took place between four and six months after the Wave 3 interview, as planned (695 out of 888 interviews). These figures show that allowing a flexible interviewing window helped maximise the response rate.

3.3 Field work outcomes and response rates

Wave 3

The overall response rate for Wave 3 was 57% for Sample 1 (Table 3.2 – see boxed figure) and 61% for Sample 2 (Table 3.3 – see boxed figure). The field response rate, after removing: those with insufficient address information; respondents who died or were deported on release; those found to be back in prison during the course of in-community field work (and for whom interview attempts in prisons were unsuccessful); and those with "ineligible" addresses (including property vacant/does not exist/current occupiers say the respondent never lived there), was 68% for Sample 1 and 73% for Sample 2 (see boxed figures in Tables 3.2 and 3.3).

Table 3.2 SPCR Sample 1: Wave 3 response rates

Sample details	N	% of full sample
Total sample	1,435	100%
Not contactable in the field	234	16.3%
Not issued	139	9.7%
Died or deported	23	1.6%
Incorrect address	47	3.3%
Back in prison and not interviewed	25	1.7%
Contactable in the field	1,201	83.7%

Sample details	N	% of full sample	% of contactable in the field
Contactable in the field	1,201	83.7%	100%
Interviewed	814	56.7%	67.8%
Interviewed in the community	587	40.9%	48.9%
Interviewed in prison	227	15.8%	18.9%
Refused	61	4.3%	5.1%
Other	82	5.7%	6.8%
Non-contact	244	17.0%	20.3%

Overall, the largest non-response categories were non-contact (17% of Sample 1 and 14% of Sample 2) and being unable to issue the respondent for field work⁷ (10% of Sample 1 and 8% of Sample 2). The refusal rates (see boxed figures in Tables 3.2 and 3.3) were relatively low for a longitudinal study, at 4% for Sample 1 and 6% for Sample 2 (refusal rates of around 10% are typical for general public longitudinal surveys), although it is likely that many of the potential 'refusers' were not contactable (e.g. gave out false information, avoided interviewers or instructed other householders/friends and family not to give out their whereabouts).

Table 3.3 SPCR Sample 2: Wave 3 response rates

Sample details	N	% of full sample
Total sample	2,414	100%
Not contactable in the field	375	15.5%
Not issued	186	7.7%
Died or deported	<i>5</i> 8	2.4%
Incorrect address	<i>5</i> 8	2.4%
Back in prison and not interviewed	73	3.0%
Contactable in the field	2,039	84.5%

Sample details	N	% of full sample	% of contactable in the field
Contactable in the field	2,039	84.5%	100%
Interviewed	1,480	61.3%	72.6%
Interviewed in the community	1,189	49.3%	58.3%
Interviewed in prison	291	12.1%	14.3%
Refused	140	5.8%	6.9%
Other	80	3.3%	3.9%
Non-contact	339	14.0%	16.6%

More than two thirds of each of Samples 1 and 2 respondents who were contactable in the field were interviewed. The most frequently cited reason for not being interviewed was 'non-contact' (20% of Sample 1 contactable and 17% of Sample 2 contactable respondents), followed by 'other' (7%) and refusals (5%) in Sample 1, and refusals (7%) then 'other' (4%) in Sample 2. Non-contact means that efforts to contact the respondent failed, because no-one was at the address(es) provided, the wrong person was there, or because the respondent had moved, and there was no forwarding address. The category 'other' included participants who were ill or away. A detailed breakdown of all tracing outcomes is provided in Table 3.4. This included respondents who were not contactable in the field, and for whom no interviews were attempted and those who were contactable in the field, and for whom interviews were attempted.

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When insufficient contact information was available for a respondent, an interview was not issued.

Table 3.4 SPCR Samples 1 and 2: Wave 3 respondent tracing outcomes in detail

	Sample 1		Sample 2	
Sample details	N	%	N	%
Total sample	1,435	100%	2,414	100%
Not issued	139	9.7%	186	7.7%
Not released from prison	2	0.1%	8	0.3%
Opted out of further participation	3	0.2%	11	0.5%
Insufficient address information	95	6.6%	141	5.8%
As above plus unsuccessful attempt in prison	39	2.7%	26	1.1%
Died or deported	23	1.6%	58	2.4%
Named contact died	6	0.4%	3	0.1%
Released for deportation	17	1.2%	55	2.3%
Incorrect address	47	3.3%	58	2.4%
Named contact never lived at address	23	1.6%	25	1.0%
Property vacant	12	0.8%	19	0.8%
Property derelict or demolished	2	0.1%	5	0.2%
Property not found	10	0.7%	9	0.4%
Back in prison and not interviewed	25	1.7%	73	3.0%
Successful interview	814	56.7%	1,480	61.3%
Unproductive	387	27.0%	559	23.2%
Refused	61	4.3%	140	5.8%
Named contact refused	54	3.8%	121	5.0%
Proxy refusal (on contact's behalf)	7	0.5%	19	0.8%
Other	82	5.7%	80	3.3%
Too ill to participate	5	0.3%	2	0.1%
Currently away	15	1.0%	8	0.3%
Data lost or reference incorrectly coded	29	2.0%	42	1.7%
Other	33	2.3%	28	1.2%
Non-contact	244	17.0%	339	14.0%
No contact with anyone at address	61	4.3%	99	4.1%
Wrong contact at address	73	5.1%	81	3.4%
Named contact moved, untraced	110	7.7%	159	6.6%

Wave 4

Only Sample 2 respondents interviewed at Wave 3 were eligible for a Wave 4 interview. In addition, respondents interviewed in prison at Wave 3 could not be re-interviewed in prison at Wave 4. Therefore these respondents were classed as ineligible, along with one respondent who was reported to have died (Table 3.5). Eligible respondents therefore accounted for just over half (54% - see boxed figure in Table 3.5) of the Sample 2 sample.

The Wave 4 response rate, out of eligible respondents, was 68% (see boxed figure in Table 3.5). However, the overall proportion of Sample 2 respondents interviewed at Wave 4 was only 37% (see boxed figure in Table 3.5), because of the proportion of ineligible respondents, and those not contactable in the field. This low response rate means that Wave 4 was potentially unrepresentative of all Sample 2 prisoners. The field response rate of 71% was calculated using only those who were contactable in the field, after removing ineligible respondents, and a small proportion (3%) who were not contactable in the field.

Table 3.5 SPCR Sample 2: Wave 4 detailed response outcomes

		% of full
Sample details	N	sample
Total Sample 2	2,414	100.0%
Ineligible/out of scope	1,100	45.6%
Not interviewed at Wave 3	934	38.7%
Wave 3 interview in prison	165	6.8%
Named contact died	1	<1%
Eligible for Wave 4 interview	1,314	54.4%

		% of full	% of
Sample details	N	sample	eligible
Eligible for Wave 4 interview	1,314	54.4%	100.0%
Not contactable in the field	70	2.9%	5.3%
Incorrect address	18	<1%	1.4%
Contact never lived at address	6	<1%	<1%
Property derelict/demolished	2	<1%	<1%
Property vacant	10	<1%	<1%
Back in prison and not interviewed	52	2.2%	4.0%
Contactable in the field	1,244	51.5%	94.7%

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Commis details		% of full		contactable
Sample details	N N	sample	eligible	in the field
Contactable in the field	1,244	51.5%	94.7%	100.0%
Interviewed	888	36.8%	67.6%	71.4%
Interviewed in the community	857	35.5%	65.2%	68.9%
Interviewed in prison	31	1.3%	2.4%	2.5%
Refused	41	1.7%	3.1%	3.3%
Named contact refused	38	1.6%	2.9%	3.1%
Proxy refusal (on contact's behalf)	3	<1%	<1%	<1%
Other	52	2.2%	4.0%	4.2%
Too ill to participate	2	<1%	<1%	<1%
Currently away	2	<1%	<1%	<1%
Data lost/reference incorrectly coded	36	1.5%	2.7%	2.9%
Other	12	<1%	<1%	1.0%
Non-contact	315	13.0%	24.0%	25.3%
No contact with anyone at address	84	3.5%	6.4%	6.8%
Wrong contact at address	82	3.4%	6.2%	6.6%
Named contact moved, untraced	149	6.2%	11.3%	12.0%

Similarly to Wave 3, the non-contact rate amongst those contactable in the field was high (25% of the contactable sample – see boxed figure in Table 3.5), and particularly so given that prior contact had been established at the address (at Wave 3). Close to half of the non-contacts (47%) were due to address moves. More than one in ten (12%) of the contactable sample were reported to have moved since their Wave 3 interview, after a period of around four months on average, reflecting the difficulties with reaching this population.

4. Waves 3 and 4 interviews

The Waves 3 and 4 interviews were designed to capture detailed information at two time points on respondents' circumstances after release from prison for their SPCR sentence. The questionnaires used 'feed-forward' questions to update the information provided at previous interviews by the respondents. The questionnaire was designed by the MoJ.

The following topics were covered within the Wave 3 and 4 questionnaires:

- Time spent in prison since release
- Custodial interventions, support and training received since the previous interview (Wave 3 questionnaire only)
- Conditions of release and probation (Wave 3 questionnaire only)
- Accommodation and family
- Employment and education
- Alcohol and drug use and treatment
- Physical and mental health
- Offending since release
- Basic skills and money
- Attitudes and motivation

The **Wave 3 interview length**, after excluding outliers (which are likely to reflect episodes of interviews being completed in more than one sitting), was 40 minutes on average and the median was 33 minutes. The Sample 1 interviews were a similar length on average (39 minutes, median 33 minutes) to the Sample 2 interviews (average 41 minutes, median 32 minutes). Interviews which took place in prisons were slightly longer, at 42 minutes on average (median: 38 minutes) compared with 40 minutes (median: 31 minutes) for community interviews.

The **Wave 4 interview length** (also after excluding outliers) was an average length of 37 minutes and median of 23 minutes. The in-prison interviews were shorter for this wave (average 32 minutes, median 25 minutes).

The Wave 3 interview was tailored depending on whether a respondent had been interviewed at Wave 2 (pre-release). If so, the prison intervention section was structured to check whether the respondent had finished each intervention/course they reported at their pre-release interview, and whether the frequency and duration of the interventions had

changed. They were also asked if they had undertaken any additional interventions in the time between the pre-release interview and their release. If they had not been interviewed at Wave 2, or been asked the single combined pre-release/reception questionnaire at Wave 1 (short-sentenced prisoners), a more comprehensive set of questions were asked about prison interventions in order to capture the missing pre-release questionnaire data on these topics.

Both questionnaires were adapted for community or in-prison interviews. The in-prison interviews were adjusted so that the reference periods asked about what the respondent was doing in the month prior to their being imprisoned again.

All interviews were conducted face-to-face using computer assisted personal interviewing (CAPI). The majority of questions were pre-coded, where a list of responses appeared on-screen, and interviewers selected the appropriate response. Pre-coded questions sometimes include an 'other-specify' option, allowing answers other than those in the pre-coded lists. Showcards were used for some questions (see Appendix).

Consistency checks were undertaken as part of the CAPI program. Interviewers were alerted to anomalies and resolved them with the respondent during the interview. The full dataset was validated to ensure the correct respondents had been interviewed. Validation procedures included the following:

- prisoner reference numbers were checked against records during the CAPI interview and interviewers verbally confirmed they were interviewing the correct individual;
- Date of birth (DOB) was checked against records and discrepancies were investigated; and
- the sequence of interviews was checked.

A series of structure checks were carried out on the final dataset. The structure checks ensured that there was a record for each respondent and that all question routing worked correctly and routing errors were assigned a code to indicate this. Checks also ensured all variables were coded correctly including appropriate missing value codes.

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Appendix: Waves 3 and 4 post-release questionnaires

A. Wave 3 (two months post-release) questionnaire

{Feed forward data}

FFWave2

Whether interviewed in Wave 2?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

FFMonth

Date started sentence: DDMMYY

{Ask all}

A3LvCust

First can I just check, when were you released from prison after the sentence you started on <FFMonth>?
DD/MM/YY

{Derived variable}

A3Out

Number of days since release: 1..9997

{Ask all}

A3Again

Can I just check, have you spent any time in prison since then?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If A3Again=yes}

A3LngU

Since being released on <date>, how long have you spent in prison?

- 1. Days
- 2. Weeks
- 3. Months

{If A3Again=yes}

A3LngN

INTERVIEWER: Code number of days/weeks/months: 1..97

Custodial interventions feed forward questions

We last spoke with you while you were in prison, on <date>. I'm now going to ask you about some of the programmes and help you received during the rest of your time in custody, that is, from <date> to <date>.

BLOCK L - DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Detoxification

{If pre-release=still on detox}

L3SDetox

When we last spoke with you, in prison on <date>, you said you were receiving a detox for a [feed forward from pre-release...drug/alcohol/drug and alcohol] problem.

Can I ask, did you complete your detox?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If L3SDetox=no}

L3WDetox

Why didn't you complete your detox?

- 1. Removed from the detox
- 2. Dropped out
- 3. Transferred to another prison
- 4. Other reason

L3LDetox

And, overall, how long did your detox last?

Record in days: 1..97

Rehabilitation programmes/treatment and counselling

{If pre-release=still in rehab}

When we last spoke with you, in prison on <date>, you said you were in a rehab programme for a [feed forward from pre-release...drug/alcohol/drug and alcohol] problem. Just to remind you, you said this was a [feed forward type] programme.

L3SRehb

Did you complete your rehab programme?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If L3SRehb=no}

L3WRehb

Why didn't you complete your rehab programme?

- 1. Removed from the programme
- 2. Dropped out
- 3. Transferred to another prison
- 4. Other reason

L3LRehb

And when we last spoke with you, you said you had been in a rehab programme for a [feed forward from pre-release] weeks during your sentence. Can I check with you, how many more weeks were you in this rehab programme before you left custody on <date>? 1..997

Group counselling

{If pre-release=still receiving group counselling}

L3RGrCon

When we last spoke with you, in prison on <date>, you said you were receiving group counselling sessions for a [feed forward from pre-release...drug/alcohol/drug and alcohol] problem – **NOT part of a rehab programme**.

Did you complete your group counselling?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If L3RGrCon=no}

L3WfGrCon

Why didn't you complete your group counselling?

- 1. Removed from the programme
- 2. Dropped out
- 3. Transferred to another prison
- 4. Other reason

L3GrCon

And when we last spoke with you, you said you had attended [feed forward pre-release data] group counselling sessions for a [feed forward from pre-release...drug/alcohol/drug and alcohol] problem in total. Can I check, how many more group sessions for a [feed forward from pre-release...drug/alcohol/drug and alcohol] problem did you receive before you left custody on <date>? 1..9997

L3EGrCon

You previously said that these group counselling sessions usually lasted for about [feed forward pre-release data] minutes. Thinking about all the group counselling sessions you received for a drug or alcohol problem during your sentence [but not part of a rehab programme], is this estimate about right?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If L3EGrCon=no}

L3LGrCon

On average, how long did each group counselling session last? 1...997 INTERVIEWER: Record in minutes: 1...997

Individual/one-to-one counselling

{If pre-release=still receiving individual counselling}

L3RIndCo

When we last spoke with you, in prison on <date>, you said you were receiving individual/one-to-one counselling sessions for a [feed forward from pre-release...drug/alcohol/drug and alcohol] problem.

Did you complete your programme of individual/one-to-one counselling?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If L3RIndCo=no}

L3WfIndCo

Why didn't you complete your individual/one-to-one counselling?

- 1. Removed from the individual/one-to-one counselling programme
- 2. Dropped out
- 3. Transferred to another prison
- 4. Other reason

L3AIndCo

And when we last spoke with you, you said you had attended [feed forward pre-release data] individual/one-to-one sessions for a [feed forward from pre-release...drug/alcohol/drug and alcohol] problem. Can I check, how many more sessions did you receive before you left custody on <date>? 1..9997

L3EIndCo

You previously said that your individual/one-to-one sessions usually lasted for about [feed forward pre-release data] minutes. Thinking about all the individual/one-to-one counselling

sessions you received for a [feed forward from pre-release...drug/alcohol/drug and alcohol] problem during your sentence, is this estimate about right?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If L3EIndCo=no}

L3LIndCo

On average, how long did each individual/one-to-one session last? 1...997

INTERVIEWER: Record in minutes: 1..997

Methadone or other prescribing

{If pre-release=still receiving methadone/other prescribing}

L3SMeth

When we last spoke with you, in prison on <date>, you said you were being prescribed [feed forward pre-release data – i.e. methadone or buprenorphine (Subutex)] for a drug problem. Were you still being prescribed [drug] maintenance at the end of your sentence?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If L3SMeth=no}

L3RMeth

Why did your treatment finish?

- 1. Completed treatment
- 2. Removed from treatment
- 3. Dropped out
- 4. Transferred to another prison
- 5. Other reason

{If prescribed methadone}

L2MethPre

Can you remember you're the how much methadone you were prescribed on the last occasion you received it during your sentence? INTERVIEWER record in mg: 1..997

{If prescribed buprenorphine}

L3MethBup

Can you remember you're the how much buprenorphine (Subutex) you were prescribed on the last occasion you received it during your sentence? INTERVIEWER record in mg: 1..997

Aftercare for drug and alcohol problems

{If pre-release=still in ANY drug/alcohol treatment}

L3Aft

After the last treatment or counselling for a [feed forward from pre-

release...drug/alcohol/drug and alcohol] problem you received during custody had finished, were you offered any further care or support while you were in prison?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If L3Aft=no}

L3AftN

Would you have liked aftercare or support after your treatment or counselling finished?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

L3Aftot

And was any aftercare or support arranged for your release?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

Offending behaviour programmes

{If pre-release=still in programme to help control anger or violent behaviour}

L3AngSt

When we last spoke with you, in prison on <date>, you said you still were in a [if one programme specified in pre-release, insert name here] programme to help you to control anger or violent behaviour.

Can I just check, did you complete the programme?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If L3AngSt=no}

L3AngWf1

Why didn't you complete the programme?

- 1. Removed from the programme
- 2. Dropped out
- 3. Transferred to another prison
- 4. Other reason

L3AngSe

And when we last spoke with you, you said you had attended [feed forward pre-release data] sessions on a programme to help you to control anger or violent behaviour. How many more sessions did you receive before you left custody on <date>? 1..9997

L3AngLaCk

You previously said that these sessions usually lasted for about [feed forward pre-release data] minutes. Thinking about all the sessions on a programme to help you to control anger or violent behaviour you received during your sentence, is this estimate about right?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If L3AngLaCk=no}

L3AngLa

On average, how long did each session last? 1...997

INTERVIEWER: Record in minutes: 1..997

{If pre-release=still in programme to help thinking skills or understand offending behaviour}

L3BhavSt

When we last spoke with you, in prison on <date>, you said you still were in a [if one programme specified in pre-release, insert name here] programme to help your thinking skills or to understand your offending behaviour.

Did you complete the programme?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If L3BhavSt=no}

L3BhavWf

Why didn't you complete the programme?

- 1. Removed from the programme
- 2. Dropped out

- 3. Transferred to another prison
- 4. Other reason

L3BhavSe

And when we last spoke with you, you said you had attended [feed forward pre-release data] sessions on a programme to help your thinking skills or to understand your offending. Approximately how many more sessions did you receive before you left custody on <date>? 1..9997

L3BhavLaCk

You previously said that these sessions usually lasted for about [feed forward pre-release data] minutes. Thinking about all the sessions on a programme to help your thinking skills or to understand your offending behaviour, is this estimate about right?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If L3BhavLaCk=no}

L3BhavLa

On average, how long did each session last? 1...997

INTERVIEWER: Record in minutes: 1..997

BLOCK M - BASIC SKILLS

{If pre-release=still on basic skills course}

M3ACourC

When we last spoke with you, in prison on <date>, you said you still were doing a basic skills course - that is, an education course specifically to help your reading, writing, maths/numbers or English speaking skills.

Can I check, did you complete the course?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No.

{If M3ACourC=no}

M3ACourRe

Why didn't you complete the course?

- 1. Removed from the course
- 2. Dropped out
- 3. Transferred to another prison
- 4. Other reason

M3ACourA

And when we last spoke with you, you said you had attended [feed forward pre-release data] sessions on an education course specifically to help your reading, writing, maths/numbers or English speaking skills. Approximately how many more sessions did you receive before you left custody on <date>? 1..9997

M3ACourLCk

You previously said that these sessions usually lasted for about [feed forward pre-release data] minutes. Thinking about all the sessions you attended on the course, is this estimate about right?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If M3ACourLCk=no}

M3ACourL

On average, how long did each session on the course last? 1...997 INTERVIEWER: Record in minutes: 1...997

M3ACourQ

And did you get any qualifications through this course?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If M3ACourQ=yes}

M3Qual

Was this for:

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Reading or writing
- 2. Numbers/maths
- 3. Speaking English

At what level was your qualification?

M3Qual

SHOWCARD

ASK FOR EACH OBTAINED (i.e. reading, numbers & speaking)

- 1. Below entry level
- 2. Entry level
- 3. Level 1
- 4. Level 2
- 5. Above Level 2
- 6. Don't know

Vocational training

{If pre-release=still on vocational training course}

M3VcCom

When we last spoke with you, in prison on <date>, you said you still were doing a [if type of training specified, insert here] job training course.

Can I just check, did you complete the course?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If M3VcCom=no}

M3VcNCm

Why didn't you complete the course?

- 5. Removed from the course
- 6. Dropped out
- 7. Transferred to another prison
- 8. Other reason

M3VocSe

And when we last spoke with you, you said you had attended [feed forward pre-release data] sessions of job training. Approximately how many more sessions did you attend before you left custody on <date>?1..9997

M3VocLgCk

You previously said that these job training sessions usually lasted for about [feed forward pre-release data] minutes. Thinking about all the sessions of job training you did during your sentence, is this estimate about right?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If M3VocLgCk=no}

M3VocLg

On average, how long did each session last? 1...997

INTERVIEWER: Record in minutes: 1..997

M3VcQu

And did you get any qualifications through this job training?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No.

{If M3VcQu=yes}

M3VcQW

What was this qualification?

IF MORE THAN ONE, CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. BTEC/BEC/TEC/EdExcel
- 2. SCOTVEC, SCOTEC or SCOTBEC
- 3. Vocational A-level or equivalent
- 4. NVQ/SVQ
- 5. GNVQ/GSVQ
- 6. Vocational AS level or equivalent
- 7. Vocational GCSE
- 8. HNC/HND
- 9. ONC/OND
- 10. Apprenticeship
- 11. RSA/OCR
- 12. City & Guilds
- 13. YT Certificate
- 14. Any other professional / vocational qualification / foreign qualifications

BLOCK N - HEALTHCARE

{If pre-release=received medical treatment}

N3MedR

When we last spoke to you, in prison on <date>, you said that you had seen a [insert type(s) of healthcare professional] for a medical problem [insert number] times. During your sentence, did you see a doctor, nurse or dentist on any further occasions? Please do not include any treatment or help you may have received for a drug or alcohol problem.

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If N3MedR=yes}

N3MedN

Approximately how many more times did you see a doctor, nurse or dentist before you were released? 1..997

{If pre-release=not received medical treatment}

N3Med

When we last spoke to you, in prison on <date>, you said that you had not received any treatment for a physical medical problem during your sentence. Can I just check, did you receive any medical treatment during the rest of you sentence? Please do not include any treatment or help you may have received for a drug or alcohol problem.

1. Yes

2. No.

{If N3Med=yes}

N3MedWho

Who provided this treatment?

Please do not include any treatment or help you may have received for a drug or alcohol problem.

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Prison doctor
- 2. Nurse
- 3. GP/local doctor
- 4. Dentist
- 5. Someone else

N3MedNPDr

And, overall, how many times did you seen a ractitioner> for medical treatment during your sentence? 1..997

Please do not include any treatment or help you may have received for a drug or alcohol problem.

{If pre-release=received treatment for a mental health problem}

N3PsvR

When we last spoke to you, in prison on <date>, you said that you had seen a [insert who provided it] for help or treatment for a mental health or emotional problem [insert number] times during your sentence. During the rest of your sentence, did you receive any more help or treatment for a mental health or emotional problem? Please do not include any treatment or help you may have received for a drug or alcohol problem.

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If N3PsyR =yes}

N3PsyN

How many more times did you have help or treatment for a mental health or emotional problem? 1..997

{If pre-release=not received treatment for a mental health problem}

N3Psy

When we last spoke to you, in prison on <date>, you said that you had not received any help or treatment for a mental health or emotional problem during your sentence. Can I just check, did you receive any medical treatment during the rest of you sentence? Please do not include any treatment or help you may have received for a drug or alcohol problem.

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If N3Psy=yes}

N3PsyWho

Who provided this help or treatment?

Please do not include any treatment or help you may have received for a drug or alcohol problem.

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Prison Doctor
- 2. Psychiatrist
- 3. Psychotherapist
- 4. Psychiatric Nurse

- 5. Chaplain
- 6. Counsellor
- 7. Psychologist
- 8. Voluntary worker
- 9. Probation Officer
- 10. Someone else

BLOCK O - ACCOMMODATION AND EMPLOYMENT

{If pre-release=not received support/advice for housing problems}

O3AcHlp

When we last spoke with you, in prison on <date>, you said you had not received any support or advice for housing problems, including rent and housing benefit, during your sentence? Can I just check, did you receive help or advice for housing problems during the rest of your sentence?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If O3AcHlp=yes}

O3AchTp1

What was this help for?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Problems with your tenancy
- 2. Housing benefit
- 3. Rent arrears
- 4. Finding somewhere to stay after release
- 5. Other specify

O3AcHlpW1

Who provided this help?

SHOWCARD

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Staff on pre-release programme
- 2. Prison service/prison officer/resettlement officer
- 3. Probation service
- 4. Voluntary organisation (such as NACRO)
- 5. Family or friends
- 6. Local Authority Housing Department
- 7. Local Authority Social Services department
- 8. An independent advice service
- 9. Solicitor
- 10. Someone else specify

Employment, training and education (ETE) after release

{If pre-release=not received help for ETE}

O3Ete

When we last spoke with you, in prison on <date>, you said that you had not received any? Can I just check, did you receive help to look for a job, training or education for after your release during the rest of your sentence?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If O3Ete= yes}

O3Ete

What was this help for? CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Finding a job
- 2. Training
- 3. Education

O3EteM

Who provided this help? CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Staff on a pre-release programme
- 2. Staff from prison education department
- 3. Other prison staff/prison officer/resettlement officer
- 4. Probation Officer
- 5. Voluntary organisation (such as NACRO)
- 6. Job centre
- 7. Former employer
- 8. Family or friends or other informal contacts outside prison
- 9. Local Authority
- 10. Private employment agency
- 11. An independent advice service
- 12. Someone else specify

BLOCK Q & K - RELEASE ARRANGEMENTS AND FAMILY AFTER PRISON

Intro

I would now like to ask a few questions about your release from prison, that is, from <date> to <date>.

{Ask all}

Q3HDC

When you were released from prison on <date>, were you on Home Detention Curfew (HDC) or tagged? YN

{If Q3HDC=yes}

Q3HDCLn

How many days in advance were you told that you would be released on Home Detention Curfew?

INTERVIEWER ADD IF NECESSARY: That is, released, but subject to tagging. 0..97

{If Q3HDC=yes}

Q3Disr

Did your release on Home Detention Curfew stop you from completing any programmes, education or training you had started while in prison?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If Q3Disr=yes}

What were you unable to complete?

- 1. A drug programme
- 2. An offending behaviour programme
- 3. Basic skills course to help your reading, writing, maths/numbers or English speaking skills
- 4. Other education
- 5. Job training

6. Other

{Ask all}

Q3Prob

Can I just check, have you been under the supervision of the Probation Service since being released from prison on <date>?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If Q3Prob=yes}

Q3ProbH

SHOWCARD

On average, how many times have you met with a Probation Officer since your release?

{If Q3Prob=yes}

Q3ProbD

And from the day you were released, when did you first meet with a Probation Officer? Enter days: 1..997 Enter day of release as 1.

{If Q3Prob=yes}

SHOWCARD

Q3ProbS

Overall, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

I am satisfied the help and support you have received from my Probation Officer(s)?

- 1. Strongly disagree
- 2. Disagree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Agree
- 5. Strongly agree

{Ask all}

Q3Acc

SHOWCARD

I would now like to ask you some questions about your current living arrangements Which of these describes where you currently live?

- 1. In a house or flat that you (or your partner) owned
- 2. In a house or flat that you (or your partner) rented
- 3. In a house or flat that you (or your partner) part rented and part owned (shared ownership)
- 4. In a house or flat owned or rented by someone else and paying board
- 5. Living rent free in a house or flat owned or rented by someone else (but not in a squat)
- 6. In a squat
- 7. In a probation or bail hostel
- 8. In a DSS or other hostel
- 9. In supported accommodation (e.g. sheltered housing, refuge or foyer)
- 10. In any other temporary accommodation (e.g. B&B, 8 night shelter)
- 11. Homeless and sleeping rough
- 12. Other specify

{If Q3Acc=other}

Q3OthAC

INTERVIEWER: Record 'Other' accommodation.

⁸ Bed and Breakfast Hotel.

{If Q3Acc=rent or share}

Q3Land

Is this property rented from a Local Authority, housing association or private landlord?

- 1. Local Authority
- 2. Housing association
- 3. Private landlord

{If Q3Acc<>10}

Q3AccU

Thinking about the time since you were released from prison on [date reported at A3LVCust, above].

How long have you been living in your current accommodation?

- 1. Days
- 2. Weeks

{If Q3Acc<>10}

Q3AccN

Code number of days or weeks: 1..97

{If Q3Acc<>10}

Q3AddN

Can I just check, how many different addresses have you lived at since you were released from prison on <date>? 1..97

{If Q3Acc<>10}

Q3Same

Did you live at your current address just before you started your sentence, that is, prior to <date>?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If Q3same=no}

Q3Back

Thinking about where you lived just before you started your sentence, even if it was temporary accommodation, could you have gone back to live at that address after you were released, if you had wanted to?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Was sleeping rough

{If Q3Back=no}

Q3Why

Why not?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Respondent ended their tenancy when they went into prison
- 2. Tenancy expired while in custody
- 3. Respondent was evicted
- 4. It was temporary accommodation
- 5. Respondent had to sell their house/flat
- 6. Family/friends do not want respondent to live with them
- 7. Family/friends have moved
- 8. Wanted to move to a new area
- 9. Some other reason

{Ask all}

Q3Oth

SHOWCARD

And, can I just check, does anyone currently live with you?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Nobody was living alone
- 2. Husband/wife/partner/boyfriend/girlfriend
- 3. Parents/in-laws
- 4. Adult children (aged 18+)
- 5. Dependent children (aged under 18)
- 6. Other adult relations
- 7. Friends
- 8. Other

{For those with family – from pre-release questionnaire}

Q3FamInt

I am now going to read out some statements about how you may feel about your relationship with your family. Please can you tell me how much you agree or disagree with each of them. Please think about your parents and other relatives, as well as any sons/daughters when answering.

Q3FamA

SHOWCARD

Do you agree or disagree with the following?

I feel close to my family.

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

{If Q3FamA<>6}

Q3FamB

SHOWCARD

Do you agree or disagree with the following?

I want my family to be involved in my life.

- 1 Strongly agree.
- 2 Agree
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree

{If Q3FamA<>6}

Q3FamC

SHOWCARD

Do you agree or disagree with the following?

I consider myself a source of emotional support for my family.

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

{If Q3FamA<>6}

Q3FAMD

SHOWCARD

Do you agree or disagree with the following?

My family is a source of emotional support for me.

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree

{If Q3FamA<>6}

Q3FamE

SHOWCARD

Do you agree or disagree with the following?

The care of my family is mainly my responsibility.

- Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree

Visits during custody

Feed forward pre-release fields/data, and ask respondents to update for time in custody after pre-release interview.

K3FamRel

Did you tell your family your release date?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

{If K3FamRel=yes}

K3FamLng

How long before you were released did you tell them?

- 1 1 day
- 2 1 week
- 3 2 weeks
- 4 3 weeks
- 5 4 weeks
- 6 1 month
- 7 2 months
- 8 3 months 9 4 months
- 10 5 months
- 11 6 months or more

BLOCK R – EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION SINCE RELEASE

Intro

I am now going to ask you some questions about any employment or education you may have had since leaving prison.

{Ask all}

R3Job

Since leaving prison on <date>, have you had any paid work?

(Please include self-employment and any temporary or part-time work, but exclude any casual/cash in hand work.):

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

{If R3Job=yes}

R3StartU

After leaving prison on <date>, how long was it before you started working? Code whether answer is in days, weeks or months.

Days

Weeks

R3StartN

INTERVIEWER: Code number of in days or weeks: 0..97

R3Num

And how many jobs have you had since you left prison on <date>?

R3Still

Are you still in a job?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If R3Still=no}

R3StlWhy

Why did your job come to an end?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. I resigned/left of my own accord
- 2. I was made redundant because there was not enough work
- 3. I was fired because I had a criminal record
- 4. I was fired because I was sentenced to prison
- 5. I was fired for another reason
- 6. It was a temporary job
- 7. I've got another job/job offer to go to
- 8. I want to try a different job
- 9. I want to do a training/education course instead
- 10. Childcare unavailable/unable to find suitable childcare
- 11. Childcare too expensive
- 12. Retired
- 13. Poor health
- 14. Pregnancy
- 15. Pay inadequate
- 16. Hours unsuitable
- 17. Other reason

{If R3Still=yes}

R3LongU

And since leaving custody, how long have you been/were you in your most recent job? Code whether answer is in days or weeks.

- 1. Days
- 2. Weeks

R3LongN

INTERVIEWER: Code number of in days, weeks or months: 0..97

R3JbTle

I'd now like to ask a few questions about your most recent paid work since leaving custody.

What was/is your job title? STRING

{If R3Stat=paid or R3Job=yes}

R3JbDo

What type of work did/do you do?

{If R3Stat=paid or R3Job=yes}

R3Emp

Were/are you an employee or self-employed?

- 1. Employee
- 2. Self-employed

{If R3Stat=paid or R3Job=yes and R3Emp=employee}

R3Ind

Thinking about your most recent job, what does the firm/organisation you work/worked for mainly make or do?

{If R3Stat=paid or R3Job=yes}

R3FtPt

Did/do you work full-time or part-time?

- 1. Full time
- 2. Part time

{If R3Stat=paid or R3Job=yes and R3Emp=employee }

R3Temp

Was/Is the job temporary or permanent?

- 1. Temporary
- 2. Permanent

{If R3Stat=paid or R3Job=yes}

R3Sup

Did/do you have formal responsibility for supervising the work of others?

Yes

No

{If R3Stat=paid or R3Job=yes and R3Emp=employee}

R3Size

And about how many employees worked/work at the place where you worked/work?

- 1. 1 to 24
- 2. 25 to 499
- 3. 500 or more
- 4. Don't know

{If R3Stat=paid or R3Job=yes}

R3Pay

If R3Emp=employee: When you were last paid, what was your gross take home pay (before after deductions for tax, NI, etc)? /If R3Emp=self: How much do/did you earn after deductions for tax, NI etc?

INTERVIEWER enter pounds and pence: 0.00..999997.00

{If R3Pay>0}

R3PPer

What period did that cover?

- 1. 1 day
- 2. 1 week

- 3. 2 weeks
- 4. 4 weeks
- 5. 1 month
- 6. 2 months
- 7. One-off lump sum
- 8. Other (specify)

{If R3PPer=11}

R3OPer

INTERVIEWER: Record 'other' period: STRING

{If R3Stat=paid or R3Job=yes and R3Emp=employee}

R3Hour

Can I just check are/were you paid an hourly rate?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If R3Hour=yes}

R3Hrly

What is/was your basic hourly rate, before any deductions? 0.00..97.99

{If R3Stat=paid or R3Job=yes}

R3JbSm

Can I check, were you working for this firm/organisation before you started your prison sentence on <date>?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If R3JbSm=no and R3Emp=employee}

R3Find

How did you hear about this job?

- 1. Through a prison job club
- 2. Contact with job centre
- 3. Contact with other employment agency
- 4. Through prison pre-release programme
- 5. Through Probation Officer
- 6. Through prison education department
- 7. Through former employer
- 8. Through direct application to employer
- 9. Looked for job when on home leave
- 10. Through fellow inmate
- 11. Through family or friends outside prison
- 12. Other specify

{If R3Find=2,3,5,7,8,11,12}

And can I just check, did you hear about this job while you were in prison or after you release?

- 1. In prison
- 2. After release

{If received any education or training during custody}

Do you think that the education or training you received in prison...

- 1. Increased your chances of getting a paid job
- 2. Decreased your chances of getting a paid job
- 3. or made no difference to your chances of getting a paid job

{If R3Find=other}

R3FindO

INTERVIEWER: Please specify other way.

{If R3Job=no or R3Still=no}

R3Current

SHOWCARD

Which **one** of these best describes your current situation?

- 1. In full time education (school/college/university, including on holiday)
- 2. Unemployed and looking for work
- 3. Unemployed but not looking for work
- 4. Permanently unable to work because of long-term sickness or disability
- 5. Retired
- 6. Looking after home or family
- 7. None of these

{If R3Job=no or R3Still=no}

R3Diff

What difficulties, if any, have you had in finding work?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Having a criminal record
- 2. Lack of available jobs
- 3. Lack of qualifications
- 4. Having a drug or alcohol related problem
- 5. Difficulties in finding childcare
- 6. Your own health problems
- 7. Ill-health of a family member
- 8. Difficulty finding work that pays enough
- 9. Restrictions caused by curfews or tagging
- 10. None of these

{Ask all}

R3Cash

Have you done any casual or cash-in-hand work since leaving custody on <date>? CONFIDENTIALITY REMINDER

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

{If R3Cash=yes}

R3Amount

When you were last paid for this casual/cash-in hand work, how much did you get? INTERVIEWER: Enter pounds and pence. 0.00..999997.00

{If D1Amnt>0}

R3PPer2

What period did that cover:

- 1. 1 day
- 2. 1 week
- 3. 2 weeks
- 4. 4 weeks
- 5. 1 month
- 6. 2 months
- 7. One-off lump sum
- 8. Other (specify)

INTERVIEWER: Record 'other' period. STRING

Computed: weekly amt from A1Amnt/D1CPer

{Ask all}

R3Educ

Have you attended an education or training course since your release on <date>?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If R3Educ=yes}

R3Still

Are you still on this course?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If R3Stat=educ or R3Educ=yes}

R3Descr

What was the course/What is the course you are/were doing?

INTERVIEWER: Please record the subject and level:

{If R3Stat=educ or R3Educ=yes}

R3ArrEd

Was this course arranged while you were still in custody?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If R3Stat=educ or R3Educ=yes}

R3CrLast

How long does/did the course last?

- 1. Up to a week
- 2. More than a week, up to a fortnight
- 3. More than a fortnight, up to 1 month
- 4. More than 1 month, up to 3 months
- 5. More than 3 months, up to 6 months
- 6. More than 6 months, up to 12 months
- 7. More than 12 months

{If R3Current = 3}

R3WNot

Why are you not currently looking for work or training?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Waiting to start a job/training
- 2. Waiting to hear from a job/training application
- 3. Retired from paid work
- 4. Because of long-term illness or incapacity
- 5. Looking after home or family
- 6. Don't want to work/train
- 7. Other specify

{If R3WNot=other}

R3WNotO

INTERVIEWER: Enter other reason.

BLOCK S - ALCOHOL

{Ask all}

S3AIc

I'd now like to ask you about something different.

Have you drunk any alcohol since being released from prison on <date>?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If S3Alc=yes}

S3AlcDate

When did you first drink alcohol after your release? Record in days:1..97. Day of release =1.

{If S3Alc=yes}

S3Alc4w

Have you drunk any alcohol in the last 4 weeks?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If S3Alc4w=yes}

S3Alc4wD

In those four weeks, on how many days did you drink alcohol? 1..28

S3Alc4wU

SHOWCARD

And on the days when you did drink alcohol, on average, how many units did you drink in a day?

By a unit I mean, ½ pint of beer, a glass of wine, or a single measure of spirit or liqueur. INTERVIEWER NOTE: A bottle of wine = 6 units/6 glasses, alcopop = 1 unit. 1..997

Alcohol treatment since release

{Ask all}

S3AlcTr

Can I just check, have you received any treatment or counselling for an alcohol problem since your release from prison on <date>?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

{If S3AlcTr=yes}

S3AlcA

SHOWCARD

And what kind of treatment or counselling for an alcohol problem have you received since your release?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Detox in a hospital
- 2. Detox as an outpatient or in your own home
- 3. Rehab programme
- 4. Attended AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meetings
- 5. Other type of counselling service

{For each coded}

S3AlcStill

Are you still receiving this treatment/counselling for an alcohol problem?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If S3AlcStill=no}

S3AlcAWH

Why not?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Completed treatment
- 2. Discharged against my wishes
- 3. Dropped out of treatment
- 4. Other specify

{For each coded}

S3AlcWkH

And for how many weeks were you/did you receive this treatment/counselling? 0..97

S3AlcD

From the day you were released, <date>, how long was it before you started your treatment/counselling?: code days 1..997

{If S3AlcTr=no}

S3AlcW

Would you like to receive treatment or counselling for an alcohol problem?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

BLOCK T - DRUGS

{Ask all}

T3Drug

SHOWCARD

I'd now like to ask you about drugs you may have taken since your release from custody. Since leaving prison on <date>, have you used any of these drugs?

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CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1 Amphetamines (also known as speed, whizz, upper, Billy)
- 2 Cannabis (also know as marijuana, grass, hash, ganja, blow, draw, skunk, weed, spliff)
- 3 Crack cocaine (also known as rock, stones, white)
- 4 Cocaine (also known as Charlie, C)
- 5 Ecstasy (also known as E, pills)
- 6 Heroin (also known as smack, skag, H, Brown, horse)
- 7 LSD (also known as tabs, trips) or magic mushrooms
- 8 Unprescribed methadone
- 9 Unprescribed tranquilizers (also known as diazepam, temazepam, downers, jellies, temmazies, tranks)
- 10 None of these

FOR EACH DRUG USED:

T3Long

How many days after your release did you first use <drug>? 1..97. Day of release =1.

T3Use

And have you used <drug> at any time during the last four weeks?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If T3Use=yes}

T3Oft

SHOWCARD

In the last 4 weeks, on how many days have you used <drug>? 1..28 SHOWCARD

{If T3Use=yes} ONLY ASK QUANTITY FOR HEROIN, CRACK AND COCAINE (POWDER) **T3AmtU**

And, on days when you have used <drug> in the last 4 weeks, how much did you usually take/use? 0.00..9997.00 INTERVIEWER: Code whether answer given in ounces, grammes, rocks (for crack) or £.

- 1 Ounces
- 2 Grammes
- 3 Rocks
- 4 £

{If T3Use=yes}

T3meth

How do you normally take <drug>?

- 1. Swallow
- 2. Snort/sniff
- 3. Smoke/chase
- 4. Inject

T3inject

Can I just check, have you injected any drugs since you were released from prison on <date>?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

{If T3inject=yes}

T3InjWk

Have you injected any drugs in the last 4 weeks?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

T3InjOft

In the last 4 weeks, how often have you injected any drugs? 1..28 SHOWCARD

T3Npd

During this period, how many times did you inject with a spoon, filter, needle or syringe already used by someone else?

- 1. Never
- 2. Once
- 3. 2 to 4 times
- 4. 5 to 9 times
- 5. 10 times or more

T3Ovds

Have you overdosed on drugs since your release from prison on <date>?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

Drug treatment since release

{Ask all}

T3DrgTr

Have you received treatment or counselling for a drug problem since your release on <date>?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If T3DrgTr= yes}

T3DTrA

And what kind of treatment or counselling for a drug problem have you received? CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Detox as an inpatient in a hospital
- 2. Residential rehab programme
- 3. Group counselling (NOT part of a rehab programme)
- 4. Individual/one-to-one counselling
- 5. Prescribed methadone or other substitute drug (e.g. Subutex)
- 6. Another type of counselling service
- 7. Prescribed Natrexone (to prevent relapse to heroin use)

{For each coded}

T3StillD

Are you still receiving this treatment/counselling for a drug problem?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If T3StillD=no}

T3WhyNt

Why not?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 5. Completed treatment
- 6. Discharged against my wishes
- 7. Dropped out of treatment
- 8. Other specify

{For each coded}

T3MnyWks

And for how many weeks were you/did you receive this treatment/counselling? 0..97

T3MnyDs

From the day you were released, <date>, how long was it before you started your treatment/counselling?: code days 1..997

{If T3DrgTr=yes}

T3TrArr

SHOWCARD

Was any of this treatment or counselling arranged for you during your time in custody? If yes: which?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1 No None
- 2 Detox as an inpatient in a hospital
- 3 Residential rehab programme
- 4 Group counselling (NOT part of a rehab programme)
- 5 Individual/one-to-one counselling
- 6 Prescribed methadone or other substitute drug (e.g. Subutex)
- 7 Prescribed Naltrexone (to prevent relapse to heroin use)
- 8 Another type of counselling service

{If T3TrNot=other}

T3TrNotO

INTERVIEWER: Record other reason.

{If T3DrgTr=no)

T3WldLik

Would you like to receive treatment or counselling for a drug problem?

- Yes
- 2. No

T3CJIT

And can I just check, did the CARAT team in prison, or anyone else, refer you to a CJIT (Criminal Justice Intervention Team)?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Don't know

BLOCK U: HEALTH

Healthcare

U3GPReg

I'd now like to ask you about any healthcare that you may have received since your release from custody.

First can I check, are you registered with a GP/family doctor?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Don't know

U3Care

Have you received any treatment or counselling for any health or medical problems since you were released from prison on <date>? Please include treatment or counselling received for any physical, mental health or emotional problems. (Textfill if S3AlcTr=yes or T3DrgTr=yes: Please do not include any treatment or counselling that you have received for a drug or alcohol problem.):

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If U3Care=yes}

U3MenYr

Was this treatment or counselling for... READ OUT...

- 1. ...Physical health problems,
- 2. Mental health or emotional problems,
- 3. Or, both

{If U3Care=yes}

U3VisGP

How many times have you visited a GP/family doctor for health or medical problems since your release on <date>? Please include visits made for any physical health problems, and mental health or emotional problems.

(Textfill if S3AlcTr=yes or T3DrgTr=yes. Please do not include any visits for a drug or alcohol problem.).

1. Never

- 2. Once or twice
- 3. 3-6 times
- 4. 7-12 times
- 5. More than 12 times

{If U3MenYr=both and U3VisGP<>never}

U3VisY

And did you visit a GP/family doctor for...READ OUT

- 1. ...Physical health problems,
- 2. Mental health or emotional problems,
- 3. Or, both?

{If U3Care=yes}

U3VisHsp

Since your release on <date>, how many times, if any, have you been admitted to hospital as an in-patient? (Textfill if S3AlcTr=yes or T3DrgTr=yes. Please do not include any visits for a drug or alcohol problem).

- 1. Never
- 2. Once or twice
- 3. 3-6 times
- 4. 7-12 times
- 5. More than 12 times

{If U3MenYr=both and U3VisHsp<>never}

U3HspY

And were you admitted to hospital for...READ OUT...

- 1. ...Physical health problems,
- 2. Mental health or emotional problems,
- 3. Or, both?

{If U3Care=yes}

U3OutHsp

How many times, if any, have you visited hospital as an out-patient since your release on <date>? (Textfill if S3AlcTr=yes or T3DrgTr=yes. Please do not include any visits for a drug or alcohol problem).

- 1. Never
- 2. Once or twice
- 3. 3-6 times
- 4. 7-12 times
- 5. More than 12 times

{If U3MenYr=both and U3OutHsp<>never}

U3OutY

And did you visit hospital as an out-patient for...READ OUT...

- 1. ...Physical health problems,
- 2. Mental health or emotional problems,
- 3. Or, both?

{If U3Care=ves}

U3VisAE

And how many times in this period, if any, have you gone to Accident and Emergency?

- 1. Never
- 2. Once or twice
- 3. 3-6 times
- 4. 7-12 times

5. More than 12 times

{If U3MenYr=both and U3VisAe<>never}

U3AEY

And did you go to Accident and Emergency for...READ OUT...

- 1. ...Physical health problems,
- 2. Mental health or emotional problems,
- 3. Or, both?

{If U3MenYr=2 or 3}

U3MenMd

And have you been prescribed any medications for a mental health or emotional problem since leaving prison on <date>?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If U3MenMd=yes}

U3MdTyp

Please can you tell me the type and name of the medication you were prescribed.

{If U3MenMd=yes}

U3MedSt

Are you still being prescribed this medication?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{Ask all}

U3GenH

SHOWCARD

I'd now like to ask you some questions about your health.

How is your physical health in general?

- 1. Very good
- 2. Good
- 3. Fair
- 4. Bad
- 5. Very bad

Anxiety and depression

{Ask all}

AnxD1

Thinking now about the last **four weeks**, how often have you been distressed or bothered by the following problems:

Feeling tense

- 1. Never
- 2. Rarely
- 3. Sometimes
- 4. Often
- 5. Always

AnxD2

Suddenly scared for no reason

- 1. Never
- 2. Rarely
- 3. Sometimes

- 4. Often
- 5. Always

AnxD3

Feeling fearful

- 1. Never
- 2. Rarely
- 3. Sometimes
- 4. Often
- 5. Always

AnxD4

Nervousness or shakiness inside

- 1. Never
- 2. Rarely
- 3. Sometimes
- 4. Often
- 5. Always

AnxD5

Spells of terror or panic

- 1. Never
- 2. Rarely
- 3. Sometimes
- 4. Often
- 5. Always

AnxD6

Feeling hopeless about the future

- 1. Never
- 2. Rarely
- 3. Sometimes
- 4. Often
- 5. Always

AnxD7

Feelings of worthlessness

- 1. Never
- 2. Rarely
- 3. Sometimes
- 4. Often
- 5. Always

AnxD8

Feeling no interest in things

- 1. Never
- 2. Rarely
- 3. Sometimes
- 4. Often
- 5. Always

AnxD9

Feeling lonely

- 1. Never
- 2. Rarely

- 3. Sometimes
- 4. Often
- 5. Always

AnxD10

Thoughts of ending your life

- 1. Never
- 2. Rarely
- 3. Sometimes
- 4. Often
- 5. Always

Self-harm

{Ask all}

U3SIfHm

Since your release from prison, have you made an attempt to take your life, by taking an overdose of tablets or some other way?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

U3Harmed

And since your release, have you ever deliberately harmed yourself in any way, but not with the intention of killing yourself?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

BLOCK H & V - OFFENDING

Intro

I would now like to ask you about offences you may have committed since you were released, that is from <date>. Please answer honestly and remember that all your answers will be confidential.

{Ask all}

HQ1

Since leaving custody on <date>, have you stolen or driven a vehicle without permission?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If HQ1=yes}

HQ1a

And how many times, if any, did you do this in the last four weeks? 0..997

HQ2

Apart from anything else you have already told us about, since leaving custody on <date>, have you stolen anything from inside or outside a vehicle such as parts or personal possessions?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If HQ2=yes}

HQ2a

And how many times, if any, did you do this in the last four weeks? 0..997

HQ3

Since leaving custody on <date>, did you get into someone's home without their permission because you wanted to steal or damage something?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If HQ3=yes}

HQ3a

And how many times, if any, did you do this in the last four weeks? 0..997

HQ4

Since leaving custody on <date>, have you gone into other types of buildings, such as a factory, office, shop, hospital, school, garage etc., without permission because you wanted to steal or damage something?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If HQ4=yes}

HQ4a

And how many times, if any, did you do this in the last four weeks? 0..997

HQ5

Apart from anything else you have already mentioned, since leaving custody on <date>, have you damaged anything that didn't belong to you on purpose, for example, by burning, smashing or breaking it?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If HQ5=yes}

HQ5a

And how many times, if any, did you do this in the last four weeks? 0..997

HQ6

Since leaving custody on <date>, have you used force, violence or threats against anyone in order to steal from a shop, petrol station, bank or any other business?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If HQ6=yes}

HQ6a

And how many times, if any, did you do this in the last four weeks? 0..997

HQ7

And apart from anything else you have already mentioned, since leaving custody on <date>, have you used force, violence or threats against anyone in order to steal something from them?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If HQ7=yes}

HQ7a

And how many times, if any, did you do this in the last four weeks? 0..997

HQ8

Since leaving custody on <date>, have you stolen anything someone was carrying or wearing (for example by taking something from their hand, pocket or bag), WITHOUT using force?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If HQ8=yes}

HQ8a

And how many times, if any, did you do this in the last four weeks? 0..997

HQ9

Apart from anything you have already mentioned, since leaving custody in <date>, have you stolen anything from a shop WITHOUT using force, violence or threats?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If HQ9=yes}

HQ9a

And how many times, if any, did you do this in the last four weeks? 0..997

HQ10

Since leaving custody on <date>, have you used a cheque book, credit card, store card or cash point card belonging to someone else without their permission?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If HQ10=yes}

HQ10a

And how many times, if any, did you do this in the last four weeks? 0..997

HQ11

Since leaving custody, have you falsely claimed social security benefits, housing benefits, housing benefits or tax credits that you were NOT entitled to?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If HQ11=yes}

HQ11a

And how many times, if any, did you do this in the last four weeks before you came into custody?: 0..997

HQ12

Since leaving custody, have you bought or sold anything you knew or thought had been stolen?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If HQ12=yes}

HQ12a

And how many times, if any, did you do this in the last four weeks? 0..997

HQ13

The next question is about incidents that **did not** involve stealing or trying to steal. Since leaving custody on <date>, did you use force or violence on anyone on purpose (for

example, by scratching, hitting, kicking or throwing things)? Please include your family and people you know, as well as strangers.

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If HQ13=yes}

HQ13a

And how many times, if any, did you do this in the last four weeks? 0..997

HQ14

Since leaving custody on <date>, have you sold drugs to anyone, including friends?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If HQ14=yes}

HQ14a

And how many times, if any, did you do this in the last four weeks? 0..997

{If committed any of the above after release}

V3OfDays

Thinking about all of the offences you committed after release on <date>, how many days after release did you commit your first offence? Day of release=1. 1..97.

Drugs and crime links

{If V3OfYr<>None and T3Drug<>None}

V3ConnA

Thinking of the offences that you have committed since leaving custody on <date>, had you taken any illegal drugs when you committed any of these? That is, were you under the influence of drugs when you committed any of these?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No.

{If V3OfYr<>None and T3Drug<>None}

V3ConnB

Did you commit any of these offences in order to get money to buy drugs?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If V3OfYr<>None and T3Drug<>None}

V3ConnC

Did you commit any of these offences in order to obtain drugs directly?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If V3OfYr<>None and T3Drug<>None}

V3ConnD

SHOWCARD

How much would you say that your offending was connected with your drug use?

- 1. Not at all
- 2. A little bit
- 3. A lot
- 4. Always

{If V3OfYr<>None and T3Drug<>None}

V3ConnE

Did you commit any of these offences in order to support the drug use of someone else?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

(If S3Alc=yes)

H1ConnF

Thinking again of the offence(s) that you committed since leaving custody, had you drank any alcohol when you committed this/any of them?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

(If S3Alc=yes)

H1ConnG

And how much would you say that your offending was connected with your alcohol use?

- 1. Not at all
- 2. A little bit
- 3. A lot
- 4. Always

{Ask all}

V3Arrst

Can I just check, have you been arrested since your release from prison on <date>?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If V3Arrst=yes}

V3ArrN

How many times have you been arrested since your release on <date>? ..997

{If V3Arrst=yes}

V3ArrO

SHOWCARD

What were you arrested for?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Stealing or driving away a vehicle without permission
- 2. Stealing something FROM a vehicle
- 3. Going into someone's home to steal or damage something
- 4. Going into a building (NOT someone's home) to steal or damage something
- 5. Damaging something that didn't belong to you on purpose
- 6. Using force violence or threats in order to steal from a shop, petrol station, bank or any other business
- 7. Using force, violence or threats to steal from someone
- 8. Stealing something a person was carrying or wearing (without using force)
- 9. Stealing something from a shop without using threats or violence
- 10. Using a cheque book, credit card or cash card that didn't belong to you
- 11. Falsely claiming benefits
- 12. Handling stolen goods
- 13. Assault/using force on someone (but not to steal something)
- 14. Selling drugs
- 15. Other

{If V3Arro=other}

V3ArrOth

INTERVIEWER: Record other offence.

{If V3Arrst=yes}

V3ARW

And when you were arrested, did you have any contact with a drug worker or CJIT case worker, either in the custody suite, police station, court or elsewhere?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

(If V3ARW=yes)

V3ARWy

And what happened after contact with a drug worker or CJIT case worker? CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Referred to treatment or counselling for a drug problem
- 2. Offered some other type of support or help
- 3. Had a drug test
- 4. Nothing
- 5. Other

BLOCK L & W - BASIC SKILLS AND MONEY

Intro

I would now like to ask a few questions about your reading, writing and maths abilities.

{Ask all}

W3read

Overall, how good are you at *reading* English when you need to in daily life? For example: reading newspapers and magazines or instructions for medicine or recipes?

- 1. Very good
- 2. Fairly good
- 3. Below average
- 4. Poor
- 5. Cannot read English
- 6. (Do nor prompt) No opinion
- 7. Don't know

W3write

And how good are you at writing in English when you need to in daily life? For example: writing letters or notes or filling in official forms?

- 1. Very good
- 2. Fairly good
- 3. Below average
- 4. Poor
- 5. Cannot write English
- 6. (Do nor prompt) No opinion
- 7. Don't know

W3numb

And how good are you at working with numbers when you need to in every day life? For example: working out your wages or benefits, or checking bills or statements?

- Very good
- 2. Fairly good
- 3. Below average
- 4. Poor

- 5. (Do nor prompt) No opinion
- 6. Don't know

Learner questionnaire

{Ask all}

Learn1

When I think about speaking in front of a group of people, I feel...

- 1. Not at all confident
- 2. Not very confident
- 3. Quite confident
- 4. Very confident

Learn2

When I need to use a telephone, I feel...

- 1. Not at all confident
- 2. Not very confident
- 3. Quite confident
- 4. Very confident

Learn3

If I think about myself as a learner, I feel...

- 1. Not at all confident
- 2. Not very confident
- 3. Quite confident
- 4. Very confident

Learn4

When I have to do some reading, I feel...

- 1. Not at all confident
- 2. Not very confident
- 3. Quite confident
- 4. Very confident

Learn5

When I have to do some writing, I feel...

- 1. Not at all confident
- 2. Not very confident
- 3. Quite confident
- 4. Very confident

Learn6

When I have to fill in a form, I feel...

- 1. Not at all confident
- 2. Not very confident
- 3. Quite confident
- 4. Very confident

Learn7

If I have to read something out loud, I feel...

- 1. Not at all confident
- 2. Not very confident
- 3. Quite confident
- 4. Very confident

Learn8

If I have to read a set of instructions, I feel...

- 1. Not at all confident
- 2. Not very confident
- 3. Quite confident
- 4. Very confident

Learn9

If I have to take a test, I feel...

- 1. Not at all confident
- 2. Not very confident
- 3. Quite confident
- 4. Very confident

Learn10

If I think about going on an education or training course, I feel...

- 1. Not at all confident
- 2. Not very confident
- 3. Quite confident
- 4. Very confident

Learn11

When I think about using a computer I feel...

- 1. Not at all confident
- 2. Not very confident
- 3. Quite confident
- 4. Very confident

Money and other sources of income

{Ask all}

W3Mon

I'd now like to ask you a little bit about how you have managed financially since your release. Were you given a travel warrant/ticket to take you to your home/destination, you were released on <date>?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

W3Grant

And were you given any money, that is, a discharge grant, when you were released on <date>?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If W3Mon=yes}

W3MonN

How much were you given?

INTERVIEWER: Please enter pounds and pence. 00.01..9997.99

{If W3Mon=yes}

W3MonW

What did you spend this money on? CODE ALL THAT APPLY:

1. Travel

- 2. Accommodation
- 3. Food
- 4. Clothes
- 5. Tobacco
- 6. Illegal drugs
- 7. Alcohol
- 8. Other specify

{If W3MonW=other}

W3MonO

INTERVIEWER: Record other.

{Ask all}

W3Ben

Have you claimed any benefits since leaving custody on <date>?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If W3Ben=yes}

W3BenW

Which benefits have you claimed?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY:

- 1. Job seekers allowance/unemployment benefit
- 2. Income support
- 3. Housing benefit
- 4. Council tax benefit
- 5. Sickness/incapacity benefit
- 6. Other

{If W3Ben=yes}

W3BenE

Did you have enough to live on between leaving custody and getting your first payment of benefit?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Yes, but I haven't received my first payment yet
- 4. No, but I haven't received my first payment yet

{If W3BenW=2 or 4}

W3BenMg

How did you manage during that time?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Social Fund crisis loan
- 2. Help from friends/family/relatives
- 3. Help from charity
- 4. Savings
- 5. Went without food and/or things I needed
- 6. Other

{If W3BenMg>1}

W3BenCri

Why didn't you get a crisis loan?

- 1. Didn't know about them
- 2. Didn't think I could get one
- 3. Too much trouble

- 4. Applied but was refused
- 5. Could manage without
- 6. Other

{Ask all}

W3Sav

Can I just check, have you used any savings to support yourself since being released from prison?

- 1. Yes, pre-prison savings
- 2. Yes, savings made in prison
- 3. Yes, both pre-prison and in-prison savings
- 4. No.

{Ask all}

W3SavAcc

Can I ask, do you have a bank or building society account?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No.

{Ask all}

W3Debt

And do you have any debts? That is, do you owe any money to the bank, mail order or credit card companies, family, friends, associates etc?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

{If W3Debt=yes}

W3DebtW

SHOWCARD

To whom do you owe money?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Bank or building society
- 2. Credit card company
- 3. Mail order company/catalogue
- 4. Private loan company
- 5. Credit union
- 6. Landlord
- 7. Utility company (e.g. electricity, gas, water or telephone)
- 8. Family member
- 9. Friend
- 10. Associate
- 11. Other

{If W3Debt=yes}

W3DebtWn

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

Are these debts from:

- 1. Before your last time in prison
- 2. Your time in prison
- 3. After your time in prison

Advice

{Ask all}

W3Advice

Since your release from prison, have you tried to contact any of these people or organisations to obtain advice or information to help you resolve a problem or dispute? SHOW CARD

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Independent advice agency (e.g. Citizens Advice, Law Centre)
- 2. A solicitor or barrister
- 3. Police or prison staff
- 4. Probation staff
- Trade union
- 6. Other
- 7. Did not try to contact

{If W3Advice1=1-6}

W3AdWhy

Was this for...

1. A crime related problem

A non-crime related problem (financial problems, housing issues, family difficulties etc.)

2. Both crime and non-crime related problems

{If W3Advice1=1-6}

W3AdHow

How did you try to contact these people or organisations?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. In person, they visited the prison
- 2. In person, while away from the prison
- 3. By telephone
- 4. By letter
- 5. E-mail/internet
- 6. Other

W3AdYN

Were you able to obtain advice or information?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No.
- 3. Don't know

W3AdRes

And was the advice or information you obtained helpful in your efforts to resolve the problem?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Don't know
- 4. Refused

{If W3Debt=yes}

W3DebtAd

And can I just check, have you received any advice about your debts since you were released on <date>?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

BLOCK Y – ATTITUDES/MOTIVATION

{Ask all]}

Y3Att1

SHOWCARD

Now I am going to read out a number of statements and I would like you to say how strongly you agree or disagree with each of them.

In the end, crime does pay. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att2

SHOWCARD

I have never hurt anyone by what I've done. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att3

SHOWCARD

I will always get into trouble. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att4

SHOWCARD

Crime has now become a way of life for me. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att5

SHOWCARD

Crime can be a useful way of getting what you want. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att6

SHOWCARD

I believe in living for now; the future will take care of itself. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att7

SHOWCARD

Most people would commit offences if they knew they could get away with it. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att8

SHOWCARD

I definitely won't get into trouble with the police in the next six months. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att9

SHOWCARD

I don't see myself as a real 'criminal'. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att10

SHOWCARD

Committing crime is quite exciting. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att11

SHOWCARD

I find it hard to resist an opportunity to commit a crime. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att12

SHOWCARD

Many so-called crimes are not really wrong. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att13

SHOWCARD

My crimes have never harmed anyone. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att14

SHOWCARD

If things go wrong for me, I might offend again. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att15

SHOWCARD

I am not really a criminal. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att16

SHOWCARD

I always seem to give in to temptation. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att17

SHOWCARD

When people have no money, they can't be blamed for stealing. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att18

SHOWCARD

There was no victim of my offence(s). (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att19

SHOWCARD

I wouldn't commit the offence(s) again. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3Att20

SHOWCARD

Once a criminal, always a criminal. (Do you...)

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Agree
- 3. Neither agree nor disagree
- 4. Disagree
- 5. Strongly disagree

Y3AttF

SHOWCARD

Realistically, how likely do you think it is that you'll be back in prison at some time in the future?

- 1. Not at all likely
- 2. Not very likely
- 3. Fairly likely
- 4. Very likely

I1Prev1

SHOWCARD

Looking at this card, can you tell me which of these things, if any, will be important in stopping you re-offend in the future?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY

- 1. Having a place to live
- 2. Having a job
- 3. Having access to health care
- 4. Having enough money to support myself
- 5. Not using drugs
- 6. Not drinking too much alcohol
- 7. Having treatment and support for drug or alcohol problems
- 8. Getting support from my family
- 9. Seeing my children
- 10. Getting support from my friends
- 11. Avoiding certain people
- 12. Fear of returning to prison
- 13. Something else specify
- 14. None of these

B. Wave 4 (six months post-release) questionnaire

Sample 2 prisoners who had been interviewed at Wave 3 (in the community) were reinterviewed at Wave 4. Respondents asked a selection of questions from the Wave 3 (two months post-release) questionnaire. The questions can be located in the previous section (replacing the number "4" with the number "3" where necessary. For example, "A4Again" is the same question asked of Wave 3, "A3Again". In some cases the variable names do not change between Waves (e.g. "AnxD1").

A4Again A4LngU Q4Acc Q4OthAC Q3Land Q4RoughP Q4AccU Q4AccN Q4AddN Q4Same Q4Oth Q4FamInt Q4FamA Q4FamB Q4FamC

R4Job R4StartU R4StartN R4JobW R4Num

Q4FAMD

Q4FamE

R4Still R4StlWhy R4Num R4Long R4JbTle R4JbDo R4Emp R4Ind R4FtPt

R4FtPt R4Temp R4Size R4Sup R4Pay R4PPer R4PPerO R4Hour R4Hrly R4JbSm R4Find R4hear R4FindEd R4Current R4Diff R4Cash R4Amount R4PPer2 R4Educ R4EStill R4Descr R4ArrEd R4CrLast

S4Alc4w S4Alc4wD S4Alc4wU S4AlcTr S4AlcA S4AlcStill S4AlcAW S4AlcWk

R4WNot

T4Drug T4Use T4Oft T4Amt T4injWk T4InjOft T4Nedl T4Ovds

U4GPReg U4Care U4WenYr U4VisGP U4VisHsp U4VisHsp U4HspY U4OutHsp U4OutY U4VisAE U4AEY U4MenMd H1ArrWy
U4MdTyp V4ARW
U4MedSt V4ARWy
U4GenH W4read

AnxD1 W4write
AnxD2 W4numb
AnxD3

Learn1 AnxD4 Learn2 AnxD5 Learn3 AnxD6 Learn4 AnxD7 Learn5 AnxD8 Learn6 AnxD9 Learn7 AnxD10 Learn8 U4SIfHm Learn9

U4Harmed Learn9
Learn10
HQ1 Learn11

 HQ2

 HQ3
 W4Ben

 HQ4
 W4BenW

 HQ5
 W4Sav

 HQ6
 W4SavAcc

 HQ7
 W4Debt

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 W4Advice

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 HQ12
 W4AdHow

 HQ13
 W4AdYN

 HQ14
 W4AdRes

W4DebtAd HQ1a HQ2a I1Att1 HQ3a I1Att2 HQ4a I1Att3 HQ5a I1Att4 HQ6a I1Att5 HQ7a I1Att6 HQ8a I1Att7 HQ9a I1Att8

HQ10a I1Att9 HQ11a I1Att10 HQ12a I1Att11 HQ13a I1Att12 HQ14a I1Att13 H1ConnA I1Att14 H1ConnB I1Att15 H1ConnC I1Att16 H1ConnD I1Att17