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For information	All staff in prison establishments		
Provide a summary of the policy aim and the reason for its development / revision	Updated January 2020: Outputs 4-6 of the Residential Services Specification have been removed. This is to reflect that Prison Service Instruction 30/2013 Incentives and Earned Privileges and PSI 11/2011 Incentives and Earned Privileges have been cancelled and replaced by the Incentives Policy Framework on 13 January 2020.		
	<b>Update January 2016:</b> This Instruction has been amended to reflect the new requirements introduced by the Care Act 2014. Consideration needs to be given by prisons to what extent the additional requirement identified for the care and support of individual prisoners impacts on the delivery of Residential Services.		
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PSI 20/2015: The Cell Sharing Risk Assessment

**Incentives Policy Framework** 

PSI 64/2011: Management of prisoners at risk of harm to self, to others and from others (Safer Custody)

PSI 07/2015: Early Days in Custody - Reception In, First Nights in Custody

and Induction to Custody

PSI 08/2012: Care and Management of Young People

PSI 15/2015 Adult Social Care

PSI 16/2015 Adult Safeguarding in Prison

PSI 17/2015 Prisoners Assisting Other Prisoners

PSI 52/2011 Immigration Repatriation Removal Service

PSI 02/2012 Prisoner Complaints

PSI 49/2014 Mother and Baby Units

# Replaces the following documents which are hereby cancelled: PSI 10/2011

**Audit/monitoring**: Mandatory elements of instructions must be subject to management checks and may be subject to self or peer audit by operational line management/contract managers, as judged to be appropriate by the managers with responsibility for delivery. In addition, NOMS will have a corporate audit programme that will audit against mandatory requirements and at a frequency determined from time to time through the appropriate governance.

# Introduces amendments to the following documents:

Hard copies of the previous version of PSI 75/2011 must be destroyed.

Notes: All Mandatory Actions throughout this Instruction are in italics and must be strictly adhered to.

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This instruction has been updated and contains the following changes:
  - An addition to Output 3 (3a) has been added to the Residential Services specification to capture NOMS responsibilities resulting from the implementation of the Care Act, 2014. This PSI supports the delivery of these outputs; and
  - it highlights where the support and the provision of any services or adjustments to meet needs resulting from the Care Act 2014 should be considered.

#### Background

- 1.2 This Instruction provides a framework for the delivery of daytime residential services tailored to all types of prison establishments irrespective of age, type, size or role. It allows for flexibility and innovation whilst ensuring that key outcomes are achieved. Residential services deliver many outcomes, processes or mandatory actions covered in other Prison Service Instructions and functions which are hyper linked for ease of reference.
- 1.3 The way in which residential services are delivered is crucial to running prisons that are safe, legal and decent. The specification and this Instruction, highlight the particular importance of staff in residential units building good relationships with prisoners, interacting with them regularly and providing positive role models. It is for Governors to decide the best way of achieving this locally. It is not (and never has been) mandatory to operate a Personal Officer Scheme (but see PSI 08/2012 Care Management of Young People for the mandatory arrangements for the young people's estate).
- 1.4 The definition of the residential service is as follows: -

"Prisoners are encouraged to engage with available regimes by meeting their daily needs whilst being kept in safe, humane, decent and secure conditions. Staff will act as positive role models and ensure prisoners' domestic and social care needs are catered for in respect of the activities of daily living including living accommodation<sup>1</sup>, cell furniture, fittings and bedding, personal hygiene and clothing.

Prisoners must be afforded time out of their living accommodation, time in the open air and the opportunity for family contact (through phone calls).

Access to Justice arrangements, whereby prisoners that meet the strict eligibility criteria may be provided with laptop computer facilities if it is essential to the progress of legal proceedings, are referred to in the Specification but are the subject of separate instructions (NSF Function 4)

1.5 In developing regimes that deliver the required outputs, Governors are no longer required to adhere to the constraints of the standard core day.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this instruction and the specification, "living accommodation" includes a cell, dormitory, room, house or any other personal living space.

1.6 Neither the specification nor this Instruction stipulate when "association" must be provided.

This is a local matter subject to the requirements of the contract or SLA, and the need to meet the required outputs.

## **Desired outcomes**

- 1.7 This instruction aims to ensure that: -
  - effective staff prisoner relationships are in place
  - a safe, secure and decent environment is maintained and that residential services are provided in a fair and appropriate manner with due regard for equality
  - good behaviour is recognised and poor behaviour has consequences
  - prisoners are treated with decency and respect
  - staff are good role models for prisoners
- 1.8 Other instructions relating to the implementation of the Residential Services Specification are set out in the National Security Framework in relation to Accommodation and Fabric Checks (AFCs), and in relation to facilities to support Access to Justice arrangements where criteria are met.

## Summary of main changes

- 1.9 To support social care services for prisoners with eligible care and support needs in compliance with the implementation of the Care Act 2014. PSI 15/2015 Adult Social Care provides further details of this.
- 1.10 Ensure that there is good communication between local authorities and their agents and persons responsible for residential services.
- 1.11 Ensure that the local authority is informed when a prison has care and support needs and a record is kept of referrals made.

#### **Mandatory actions**

- 1.12 Governors must ensure that the outcomes set out in the Residential Services Specification are delivered.
- 1.13 In delivering all the outputs set out in this specification/instruction, staff must have regard to equality considerations and ensure that all services are delivered fairly and appropriately, having regard to the protected characteristics defined in the Equality Act 2010. (The protected characteristics covered by the Act are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation).
- 1.14 Prisoners must be afforded time in the open air in accordance with this Instruction.
- 1.15 Effective application procedures must be in place, be easy to access, easy to use and provide a timely response. It is important that prisoners feel safe from repercussions when using these procedures and are aware of the appeal procedure.

- 1.16 Governors must ensure that residential staff interact regularly with prisoners, build good staff-prisoner relationships, are available to support prisoners with any concerns including care and support needs and provide positive role models.
- 1.17 Governors must ensure that information provided by the relevant local authority about the services available, and how to access needs assessments and care and support is made available to prisoners.

#### Resource impact

1.18 The Residential Services Specification introduces an addition to Output 3 (3a) and benchmark profiles provide sufficient resource to do so.

## **Purpose**

- 1.19 This PSI sets out the NOMS Policy on:-
  - Prisoners' being afforded time in the open air
  - Fostering and developing good staff-prisoner relationships
  - AFC management
  - Applications
- 1.20 This PSI sets out the responsibilities of residential staff in relation to:-
  - Cell furnishings, fittings and equipment
  - Provision of clothing, bedding and footwear
  - Prisoners' access to toiletries, ablutions and washing facilities for personal clothing
  - Arrangements for publication of establishment regimes, ensuring prisoners know where they are allocated to be during the core day and encouraging and enabling them to participate fully in the regime
  - Arrangements to support prisoners' immediate needs
  - Collection and supervision of meals
  - Care for prisoners and interaction between staff and prisoners that impacts positively on the incidence of suicide and self harm and on pro-social behaviour
  - Support for prisoners with disabilities, elderly prisoners, ethnic minority prisoners and other particular groups
  - Consideration of the responsibilities of prisons for the social care and support of individual prisoners
  - The eligibility criteria by which, to avoid hindering the legal process, a prisoner may be provided with Access to Justice laptop computer facilities

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#### 2. Specification Outputs

# 2.1 Output No. 1: Positive staff prisoner engagement is supported and maintained

Good staff-prisoner relationships are essential to the successful management of a decent prison, to the reduction of self-harm and violence and to the engagement of prisoners in activities designed to reduce re-offending. Residential staff are the first point of contact for prisoners on a range of issues and have a key part to play as positive role models.

## 2.2 Output No.2: Information is shared with relevant stakeholders and is recorded

 Residential staff will often be the first to pick up information regarding the needs, risks or behaviours of individual prisoners. Residential staff must engage with prisoners in ways that improve the identification of prisoners who are showing signs of distress, risk of self-harm, or a risk to safety or good order and discipline.

Residential staff must ensure that prisoners are kept safe and that: -

- any information regarding a risk of self-harm is properly recorded and processed in accordance with the Risk of Harm specification
- any information regarding a risk to the safety of others in a locked cell or holding room is dealt with in accordance with the Cell Sharing Risk assessment process
- any information regarding a risk to security is reported using the SIR process, P-Nomis and/or the prisoner's individual history sheet.
- any information to identity prisoners who may have care and support needs is shared with the local lead for social care services in compliance with <u>PSI</u> <u>15/2015</u> Adult Social Care and a record is kept of the referral
- any other important information is recorded in the wing occurrence book or equivalent and passed to any other departments in the prison who need to know.

## 2.3 Output No. 3: Prisoners are supported and their daily needs are met

- Residential staff play a key role in spotting any signs of distress, anxiety or anger
  which might lead to the prisoner harming themselves or others, or being subject to
  harm from others. Staff must be familiar with the relevant safer custody issues (PSI
  64/2011 Management of prisoners at risk of harm to self, to others and from others
  (Safer Custody
- Reports from the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman on deaths in custody have identified cases in which a prisoner has died overnight, apparently from natural causes, but staff unlocking them have not noticed that the prisoner had died. This is not acceptable. The specification requires there to be positive engagement between staff and prisoners and for prisoners to be supported and their daily needs met, and this clearly requires some form of interaction or conversation to take place at times during the day.
- The appropriate arrangements will depend on the local regime, but there need to be clearly understood systems in place for staff to assure themselves of the well being of prisoners during or shortly after unlock. For example, if a prisoner is expected to leave their cell for an activity shortly after being unlocked, then it will be sufficient for

there to be a check on any prisoner who does not do so. Where prisoners are not necessarily expected to leave their cell, staff will need to check on their well-being, for example by obtaining a response during the unlock process.

- Residential staff are also the first point of contact for any problems prisoners might have in regard to their life in prison, from faults in their cell to regime activity. Residential staff are responsible for reporting needs and issues to the appropriate parties who can resolve the issues raised.
- Residential staff must assist prisoners who may develop social care needs. When
  appropriate, a referral is made and recorded to trigger a Local Authority social care
  assessment. Staff must provide the appropriate assistance for prisoners who wish to
  self-refer for assessment by ensuring they are aware of the services available and
  how to access them (NOMS Residential Specification Output 3a and PSI 15/2015
  Adult Social Care refer).
- The cancellation of PSO 2605 Legal Services Officer means that there is no longer a mandatory requirement on prisons to have a designated Legal Services Officer. Residential staff must assist prisoners who wish to access legal advice by providing lists of legal advisers, supplying appropriate forms and assisting prisoners to complete them where requested due to language or literacy difficulties. For more information refer to PSI 07/2015 Early Days in Custody
- There is an over-arching requirement to ensure that residential services are provided in a fair and appropriate manner and that the establishment meets its statutory obligations under the Equality Act 2010.
- Through their engagement with individual prisoners, residential staff are expected to identify prisoners with any particular needs and make reasonable adjustments to their daily routine. This would include prisoners with disabilities, mobility, hearing, eyesight or communication difficulties, language or literacy difficulties. Relevant specialist colleagues must be consulted as part of this process.
- Prisoner Emergency Evacuation Plans must meet the needs of all prisoners, including those who may need assistance to hear, understand or comply with an instruction to evacuate.
- Arrangements for the serving of meals must meet the needs of all prisoners, including those with particular religious, cultural, mobility or communication needs.
- There must be an oral and written applications system in place [see paragraph 3.1].
- 2.4 Output No. 7: Prisoners have access to living accommodation, furnishings, fittings and equipment that are safe, decent and secure and which meet individual needs, as far as practicable
  - As in 2.3 above, residential staff are expected to report any defects or concerns to the relevant parties.
- 2.5 Output No. 8: <u>Prisoners are able to summon assistance from within their living accommodation</u>

Residential staff must respond promptly to calls for assistance.

The provision of a cell call system is outside the scope of this Instruction, but residential staff are responsible for reporting any faults. See paragraph 3.2.

2.6 Output No. 9: <u>Prisoners have access to clothing (including footwear) and bedding adequate</u> for warmth, decency and health and safety

Governors must ensure adequate arrangements are in place for the ordering and delivery of clothing and bedding.

Residential staff are the first point of contact for any problems or concerns and must report them to the relevant parties.

2.7 Output No. 10: <u>Prisoners have access to washing facilities (not in living accommodation) for personal clothing</u>

See paragraph 1.4 for the definition of "living accommodation". The existence of a wash basin in cell is not sufficient to meet this output.

2.8 Output No. 11: <u>Prisoners have access to toiletries necessary for health and cleanliness</u>

Quantities or types of toiletries are not specified. This is for local judgement having regard to the nature of the activities in which a prisoner is engaged and any individual needs including gender. See paragraph 3.3.

- 2.9 Output No. 12: <u>Prisoners have access to ablutions which meet personal hygiene needs other than those in living accommodation</u>
  - The nature of the ablutions facilities and frequency of access are not specified.
     This is for local judgement having regard to the nature of the activities in which a prisoner is engaged and any individual needs including gender.
  - See paragraph 1.4 for the definition of "living accommodation". A wash basin in a cell is not sufficient, but facilities located off dormitories or rooms, or (in the few locations where they are provided), in-cell showers, would of course meet this output. See paragraph 3.3.
- 2.10 Output No. 13: <u>Living accommodation and communal areas are clean and maintained</u>
  - Appropriate cleaning routines must be in place for these areas.
  - Residential staff will be responsible for taking appropriate action to deal with any issues. This will include ensuring that there is suitable provision for prisoners with disabilities and other particular needs.
- 2.11 Output No. 14 (abridged): <u>Prisoners and Residential staff are aware of the establishment regime and other services provided outside the normal regime, including the Incentives Policy Framework and their responsibilities under it</u>

Residential staff are the first point of contact to ensure that prisoners are aware of the regime and routines applying to them. They are also responsible for ensuring prisoners are able to apply for and engage in regime activities and programmes.

This output also mandates that "Eligible prisoners have the opportunity to vote in elections, and assistance is available to those who require it." More details on actions required are contained within PSO 4650.

- 2.12 Output No. 15: <u>Prisoners are aware of the activity which they are required to attend, where applicable.</u>
- 2.13 Output No. 16: Prisoners are available to attend the activity to which they are allocated.
- 2.14 Output No. 17: Prisoners are encouraged to participate positively in the regime.

These outputs are self-explanatory.

- 2.15 Output No. 18: An approved and published structured routine which supports the establishment regime operates in all residential areas. The regime is communicated to and known by prisoners and staff.
  - The key outcomes and outputs in the specification identify the commissioning priority for NOMS to deliver balanced regimes that maintain an appropriate level of time out of cell on a range of activities, including association, and commissioners and Governors must take the delivery of these key outcomes into consideration when developing regimes.
  - The specification embraces current Government policy of moving away from central prescription providing greater local flexibility for Governors and recognises that a one size fits all approach is not appropriate in this area. In line with this approach, previous guidance on Standard core day delivery has therefore been withdrawn. There will no longer be a central mandate for core day timings or regimes and there is the flexibility for Public Sector Governors to agree appropriate regimes that meet the needs of the establishment's population within available resources as part of the SLA/contract discussions. It is therefore down to local discretion to decide on issues such as timing, length and frequency of association, work and other activities within each establishment approved through normal line management arrangements. The NOMS Agency Board do not expect significant changes or curtailment in existing regimes given that evening association is generally necessary to maintain access to 'domestics' and to provide appropriate time out of cell to maintain well-being, support social interaction and avoid risk of disorder. However, a minority of establishments do not provide evening association and this is acceptable as long as the regime remains compliant with the specification, and has been approved through the SLA process.
- 2.16 Output No. 19: <u>Prisoner communal areas meet the needs of the population, where practicable.</u>

Communal areas must be accessible to and suitable for all prisoners, with particular consideration being given to the needs of those with disabilities.

Residential staff are responsible for reporting any issues.

2.17 Output No. 20: <u>Prisoners are afforded time out of their cells as defined in the SLA/Contract</u>

This outcome is self-explanatory.

- 2.18 Output No. 21: <u>Prisoners are afforded a minimum of 30 minutes in the open air daily, as</u> defined in the SLA/Contract.
  - This provision is mandatory subject to weather conditions and the need to maintain good order and discipline. Cancellations must be recorded by the authorised manager, as nominated by the Governor.
  - "Time in the open air" means time spent in a situation where the prisoner is able to benefit from fresh air and natural light.
  - Time spent outdoors as part of a formal activity, for example outdoor work or watching or participating in sport, counts as meeting this requirement.
  - The time in the open air does not have to be spent in a single period, but must be in no more than two periods, which can include time in the open air moving between activities.
  - While it will often be difficult to provide time in the open air for prisoners attending court, Governors ought to consider making arrangements for prisoners who are at court on two or more consecutive days to get some time in the open air.
  - The previous mandatory requirement for prisoners on restricted regimes to have 60 minutes in the open air is withdrawn. However, Governors will be required by their SLA/Contract to continue to provide a minimum of 60 minutes activity for such prisoners, of which at least 30 minutes must be in the open air.
- 2.19 Output No. 22: <u>Prisoners are afforded access to a telephone (including the evening period)</u> in order to maintain contact with family/friends/legal advisor

Establishments must ensure that prisoners have access to the telephone at times when their families, friends etc are available to speak to them, at reasonably frequent intervals and having regard to specific events in their lives. Where evening association is not provided, alternative local arrangements must be made to give prisoners access to the telephone during the evening to maintain contact with family and friends.

The relevant arrangements for prisoners undergoing segregation are contained in PSO 1700 Segregation

- 2.20 Output No. 23: Accommodation is allocated based on risk and/or need, where practicable
  - Allocation of a prisoner to a shared cell must be subject to the completion of a Cell Sharing Risk Assessment (PSI 20/2015) Cell Sharing)
  - Any prisoner assessed as at risk of self harm must be appropriately accommodated, for example, in a safer cell or with a Listener (PSI 20/2015 Cell Sharing)
  - Where accommodation within the prison offers different levels of security, the prisoner must be allocated to a cell appropriate to their security category.
- 2.21 <u>For High Security Prisons only, Output No. 24: A programme of daily fabric checks is in place</u>

- 2.22 <u>For all non High Security prisons, Output No. 25: the need for a programme of routine fabric checks is risk assessed. Where required, a programme of routine fabric checks is agreed and is in place.</u>
  - Governors must decide the most effective AFC searching strategy for their respective establishments taking into account risks to security, good order and discipline and the safety of prisoners. Any routine reduction to AFC checks should allow for the; possibility of more random or targeted cell searching. (PSI 20/2015 Cell Sharing Risk Assessment)
- 2.23 Output No. 26: Prisoners are accounted for through four formal roll checks daily.
- 2.24 Output No. 27: <u>Prisoners are supervised and accounted for in line with local risk</u> assessments.
- 2.25 Output No. 28: <u>Safety, order and control in residential areas is managed.</u>These outputs are self-explanatory.
- 2.26 Output No. 29: Prisoners can make adequate preparations for their legal proceedings
- 2.27 Output No. 30: <u>Prisoners' Access to Justice does not compromise security or the safety of any person</u>
- 2.28 Output No. 31: <u>Documents subject to legal privilege are afforded all appropriate protection</u>

The Residential Services PSI does not provide guidance on Access to Justice laptop computer arrangements (outputs 29-31). Refer to Function 4 of the National Security Framework.

#### 3. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

# 3.1 Applications

Establishments must have an applications process. An application provides an opportunity for staff to listen to a prisoner's problem, to give advice and to deal with straightforward matters quickly. The applications system is an intermediate process between simply speaking to an officer on the one hand and invoking the formal complaints procedures on the other. It can be highly effective in meeting needs or settling grievances relatively informally and at an early stage.

Applications will normally be received and dealt with by residential staff. It is no longer necessary to provide an avenue for applications to a senior manager (commonly referred to as "Governor's Apps"). However, dealing with a request or complaint quickly, fairly and comprehensively at this stage should mean fewer formal complaints later on, and prisons should consider what level of management involvement or oversight is necessary to maintain quality.

The essential elements of a local applications process are: -

- applications must be heard daily, wherever possible in a room or office out of hearing of other prisoners.
- Both oral and written applications must be accepted.
- Requests about reserved subjects must be forwarded to the appropriate headquarters unit [PSI 02/2012 Prisoner Complaints]. By definition, therefore, they will need to be submitted in writing, but assistance must be given to any prisoner who needs it.
- A brief record of the application and the outcome must be held by residential staff.
- Prisoners must be kept informed as to what action is to be taken and when.
- Establishments must take into account the needs of prisoners who may find it difficult to make a written or verbal application in the normal way, for example because of literacy or language difficulties.

Establishments may find it helpful to provide written application forms (Annex A) for prisoners to use to make applications and requests, alongside the oral application process. Prisoners should be encouraged to use the applications system to try and resolve any issues they wish to raise unless covered by another instruction i.e. complaints. If a form is used, copies should be made freely available.

#### 3.2 Means of Summoning Assistance

Governors must ensure that prisoner accommodation has a means whereby the occupant can summon assistance when locked inside. In closed establishments this will normally take the form of an in-cell call system. In semi open and open prisons it is not uncommon for prisoners to have room keys to let themselves out should they need to contact staff. Alternative procedures may exist according to local circumstances.

Staff must acknowledge all requests for assistance by personal contact with the prisoner and appropriate action must be taken in response to abuse of the call system.

## 3.3 Hygiene Issues

The frequency of access to ablutions and the type and quantity of toiletries provided is not specified, although prisons must meet the minimum requirement of Prison Rule 28(2) that prisoners have a bath or shower at least weekly. Governors must determine what is reasonable having regard to all the individual circumstances including whether the prisoner is engaged in energetic and dirty work and any individual health, religious or other needs. Prisoners should have access to a shower at least weekly. Haircutting should be available but a prisoner's hair must not be cut without consent.

# **Model Form for Written Applications**

<u>Note</u>: The form set out below is a model which establishments may wish to use or adapt for written applications under the procedures described in Section 3 of this PSI. The form is not prescribed and will not be available centrally.

#### PRISONER'S GENERAL APPLICATION Establishment:

## Read these notes first

Surname

- 1. This form is for you to ask for something or raise with staff something you are dissatisfied about.
- 2. Say what you want or what you are not happy about in the box provided. Then hand the form to the wing officer at applications in the morning.

First name(s)

- 3. A wing officer will deal with your application in the first instance.
- 4. If the wing officer is unable to deal with your application, he or she will pass it on to someone at a more senior level.

Your details (use BLOCK CAPITALS)

	1 (5)
Prison number	Location
Your application	
Action by Prison Officer	

Date recorded in applications book
Referred to manager? Yes/No
Name of manager to whom referred
Signed Print name
Date
Action by Manager
Signed
Print name
Date

# RESPONSE GIVEN TO PRISONER: By whom: Signature

Date:

# **LIST OF RESERVED SUBJECTS**

Early release due to illness or incapacity	Public Protection Unit & Sentencing Policy and Penalties Unit	Refer to the Indeterminate Sentence Manual (PSO 4700) or the Parole, Release and Recall Instruction (PSO 6000)
Parole (determinate sentence prisoners) Special remission	Sentencing Policy and Penalties Unit Offender Management and Public Protection Group or High Security Prison Group	Refer to the Parole, Release and Recall Instruction (PSO 6000)  A note from the governor indicating whether or not he or she supports the request. Requests for special remission on medical or compassionate grounds should also be accompanied by a full medical report and a probation report. Requests for special remission on grounds of meritorious conduct should include a full report of the incident and any consequences for the prisoner.
Category A Prisoners:  Categorisation  Transfers and allocation  Approved visitors (all exceptional risk prisoners and certain cases of high risk prisoners)  Change of name  Marriage  "Supergrass" casework  Telephone	High Security Prison Group	There will usually be sufficient information in headquarters to decide the issue, but additional information may be provided at the discretion of the establishment it if is thought to be relevant.
Lifers:  Transfer and allocation  Lifer review procedures  Release on temporary licence (in some cases)  Release on licence  Change of name	Public Protection and Mental Health Group	Transfers and allocations A covering report indicating whether staff support the request and why Release on temporary licence (where dealt with by Lifer Unit rather than the establishment) A note on the reasons for refusing temporary release Review dates and tariff A report by the lifer manager or wing manger on behaviour and progress. Representations against the result of a Parole Board review or Minister's decision A report on current behaviour and progress, with any advice on the date of the next review and location. Representations about revocation of licence

Request for access to artificial insemination facilities  Transfer to Scotland, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man, Jersey or Guernsey	Equality Rights and Decency Group  Cross Border Transfer Section, Equality Rights and Decency Group	A report on current attitude and behaviour and (if staff think it relevant) an assessment of the circumstances leading to recall including the prisoner's version of events.  Representations about release arrangements of conditions An assessment by the prison probation officer (consulting the home probation officer as necessary)  Details of the prisoner's offence(s) Details of sentence Previous convictions (if any) Date of first Parole Board review (if any) Date of expiry of tariff Any background on the offence(s) and home circumstances which the prison or Probation Service are able to provide Pre-sentence report (if appropriate) Details of the prisoner's conduct, such as wing reports and number of adjudications, since entering the establishment Risk of harm assessment on OASys Any other information which the prisoner feels may support the application The prisoner should indicate whether they wish to serve the remainder of the sentence in the other jurisdiction or whether they wish to transfer for a short period in order to receive visits. The following
		<ul> <li>information should be provided with all applications:</li> <li>Order of imprisonment (F50350)</li> <li>Court record (F5089)</li> <li>Sentence calculation sheet (F1492)</li> <li>Security assessment</li> <li>Conduct and behaviour report including details of any disciplinary offences</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>List of previous convictions</li> <li>Up-to-date social enquiry report (if one is not available a probation officer should be asked to</li> </ul>
Popatriation	Equality Dights and	<ul> <li>List of previous convictions</li> <li>Up-to-date social enquiry report (if one is not available a probation officer should be asked to prepare a social enquiry/ home circumstance report)</li> <li>Copies of letter(s) from potential visitor(s) confirming they will visit the prisoner if they are transferred</li> <li>Medical report</li> </ul>
Repatriation	Equality Rights and Decency Group	<ul> <li>List of previous convictions</li> <li>Up-to-date social enquiry report (if one is not available a probation officer should be asked to prepare a social enquiry/ home circumstance report)</li> <li>Copies of letter(s) from potential visitor(s) confirming they will visit the prisoner if they are transferred</li> </ul>

Section 90/91	Section 53/92	Refer to Chapter 5 of PSO 4960 (Detention under
Young People	Placement Team.	section 92 of the Powers of Criminal Courts
allocations (formerly	Youth Justice Board	(Sentencing) Act 2000)
juvenile allocations)		

# Annex C

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