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Transparency Data

Offenders Sentenced to an indeterminate sentence of Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP).

Data for offenders whose IPP Licences automatically terminated on 1 November 2024.

Policy Background

This document contains information relating to the introduction of the provision in the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024, which was announced via Gov.uk on 1 November 2024:

End of lifetime licences for rehabilitated IPP offenders - GOV.UK

The reforms, commenced on 1 November, mean IPP offenders who were first released from custody at least 5 years ago (4 years if convicted when under 18 years old) but not sent back to prison in the last 2 years will have their licences automatically terminated. There were bulk IPP licence terminations on the first day of the reforms, but automatic releases will continue in smaller numbers as more IPP offenders reach the eligibility point.

Offenders whose licence was automatically terminated on 1 November

1,742 offenders had their IPP licences automatically terminated on 1 November.

These numbers are an administrative assessment of all offenders whose licence was terminated as a result of the introduction of Section 66(3)(d) of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024, which amended the relevant section of the Crime (Sentences) Act 1997. Section 31A(4H) of the Crime (Sentences) Act 1997 provides for automatic licence termination.

Further information

This publication of transparency data presents the number of offenders whose IPP licences were automatically terminated on 1 November 2024.

This data has been extracted from a mixture of live operational reporting systems, with some additional manual reconciliation. As with any data extracted from administrative systems, it is subject to possible errors with data entry and processing and may be subject to revision if the underlying data changes. Being based on different sources, coverage and methodology, this data will not directly align with regularly published data from Offender Management Statistics.

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Accompanying files

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