Generic Parole Process Policy Framework Revisions Table

Dates	Changes
11/02/2020	Paragraphs 5.7.10 and 5.7.11
31/03/2020	Numbering corrected for paragraphs 5.6.23 – 5.6.31
13/05/2021	The revised version of the Framework includes a number of changes to policy and process since the last publication. The main changes are: A presumption that any prisoner serving a custodial sentence, whether determinate or indeterminate, for terrorist and terrorist-connected offences listed in section 247A(2) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 is unsuitable for open conditions, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Changes to the tariff review process for those young offenders subject to a sentence of Detention at His Majesty's Pleasure (HMP). Confirmation of the new process for referring requests for additional licence conditions to the Parole Board for Extended Determinate Sentence (EDS) and Special Custodial Sentence for Offenders of Particular Concern (SOPC) prisoners, subject to automatic release from prison. Changes to arrangements for a transfer during the parole process. A new requirement for prisons to notify the Public Protection Casework Section (PPCS) of prisoners who are transfers to England and Wales from another UK jurisdiction.
17/08/2021	Changes to para 3.6.12 in relation to terrorist offenders and paras 3.8.1 and 3.8.11.
30/09/2021	Changes to para 5.8.5 in relation to the transfer of Category A prisoners to open conditions.
21/07/2022	The revised version of the Framework includes a number of changes to policy and process since the last publication. The main changes are: • Removal of all references to CRC following the Probation Service unification. All references to NPS amended to Probation Service. • Chapters 3.2, 3.4, 3.6, 3.8, 3.10 and 5.2, 5.4, 5.6, 5.8 have been updated to reflect the changes brought in by the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts (PCSC) Act 2022. • Additional section on Parole Board Setting Aside Powers has been added as per the changes brought in by the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts (PCSC) Act 2022. • Additional section on Restricted Transfer Indeterminate Sentenced Prisoners (ISPs) and Moves to Open Conditions has been added. • Additional section on Mental Capacity has been added.
01/09/2022	Amendment to para 5.7.4 and 5.7.7
12/10/2022	Contents page updated.

10/07/2023	The revised version of the Framework includes a number of changes to policy and process since the last publication. The main changes are: Requirements and guidance on the change to the Parole Board Rules 2022 which introduced the overarching Secretary of State view. Amendment to the test for moves to open conditions Guidance for prison staff clarifying that when informing prisoners of a negative decision, they must ensure that the appropriate support for the prisoner is put in place. Guidance for prison staff on reviewing prisoners' categorisation following an adverse development.
16/08/2023	Amendment to the test for moves to open conditions
03/02/2025	The revised version of the Framework includes a number of changes to policy and process since the last publication. The main changes are: • Amendments to the parole process for prisoners detained under the Mental Health Act 1983. • A new streamlined process for compiling, reviewing and quality checking the dossier prior to submission to the Parole Board will be live from 1st May 2025. Until then, the current process of compiling, review and quality checking the dossier will remain in place. • Confirmation of the requirement for prisons to provide previous convictions for inclusion in the parole dossier. • Confirmation of the importance of providing quality reports for parole reviews. • Introduction of presumptive maximum review periods for IPP and DPP sentenced prisoners. • Removal of the appeal process following the Secretary of States decision not to refer a case to the Parole Board for consideration of transfer to open conditions at pre-tariff stage. • Confirmation that from 3rd February 2025 the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 codifies the statutory release test.
13/02/2025	• Data protection email address on page 1 updated
08/01/2026	The revised version of the Framework includes a number of changes to policy and process since the last publication. The main changes are: • Indeterminate Sentenced Category A/Restricted Status prisoners will no longer be referred to the Parole Board for advice on open conditions. • Updated criteria for Category A/Restricted Status prisoners regarding exceptional transfer to open conditions • Updated criteria for requests to advance a pre tariff review for female prisoners. • The reconsideration chapter of the Framework has been streamlined. • Updated safety guidance for staff disclosing parole decisions (including release decisions) at paragraph 3.6.30. **The following change applies to all Parole Board decisions issued on or after 16 December 2025:** • The removal of the Parole Board's power to set aside a negative Parole Board decision, following the amendment to the Power to set aside criteria in the Parole Board Rules. **The following change applies to all Parole Board decisions issued on or after 31 December 2025:** • Introduction of the Secretary of State's power to require the Parole Board to direct release directions to the High Court.

19/11/2026	This version of the Framework includes: • Removal of the Tariff-Expired Removal Scheme (TERS) Section. The policy for TERS process can be found in the Tariff-Expired Removal Scheme Policy Framework. • A new safety considerations chapter • Removal of the ability to advance a Pre-Tariff review. • Changes to the Pre-Tariff Sift process • Changes to the Restricted Transfer Indeterminate Sentenced Prisoners (ISPs) and Moves to Open Conditions Process • Confirmation that from 23 March 2026 following changes introduced in the Sentencing Act 2026, certain terrorist offenders will now receive SOPC sentences and will therefore be subject to the parole process. • Clarification of the presumption that very high-risk offenders will not be eligible for open conditions • Clarification that Foreign National Indeterminate Sentenced Prisoners must be very low risk of abscond to be considered for a move to open conditions • Includes clearer guidance on Irish nationals and moves to open.