



NOTICE
HOME DETENTION CURFEW (HDC)
APRIL 2020

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of changes to the way in which the Scottish Prison Service will consider HDC applications.

A new HDC process was introduced in December 2019 which allowed SPS to consider your application and suitability for release on HDC based on a robust assessment of risk and supportive factors.

This process has now been subject to a further review by the SPS and Scottish Government and it has been agreed that the following changes will be introduced;

- The 'presumptions against release' will be removed from the guidance document as these issues are covered with the assessment of risk and supportive factors; and
- only individuals on high supervision level, will not be eligible to be assessed for HDC.

If you have previously been refused HDC, but are still within the relevant timeframe for consideration, you may re-apply under the new guidance.

HDC Managers (Unit managers) will continue to manage the application process and in doing so they will consider a wide number of factors in assessing risk and supportive factors. This will include previous convictions and patterns of offending behaviour.

Your application will be processed and your circumstances will be considered on an individual case by case basis, taking this information into account.

The final decision to release on HDC will be made by the Deputy Governor, or in their absence, the Governor in Charge.

14th April 2020.