

## COVID-19

# INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE IN CUSTODY – 4 MAY 2020

## EARLY RELEASE

As you will know, the Cabinet Secretary for Justice announced plans to allow a number of short-term prisoners nearing the end of their time in custody to be released early, under measures designed to help tackle the coronavirus outbreak.

The Early Release scheme has come into force today, 4 May 2020, and will last for 28 days.

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?**

- Early Release will be limited to those sentenced to 18 months or less; and who, as of 4 May 2020 have 90 days or less left to serve.
- The release of prisoners will be subject to a number of exclusions to ensure public protection.
- There is **no application process** so you do not need to do anything at this time.
- The SPS will identify those who may be eligible and, following consideration of information held by the SPS, the Governor may make a decision to release an individual.

If you have any questions, please speak to a member of staff.