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EMERGENCY EARLY RELEASE (EER) BRIEFING FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS v2 050520

This briefing will be continually developed in order to respond to the range of queries received from partners.

Engagement between SPS and local partnerships

There is a SPS 'place leader' for each partnership (the Governor of the 'lead prison' for each partnership – see Annex B).

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Contact details for link centres are at Annex D.

Data Sharing

All 32 Councils have signed up to Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) with SPS and the data sharing reports are now activated. Housing and Social Work will now be receiving information on the people from their local area who have entered prison and those people from their local area who are scheduled for release in the following 12 weeks. This data sharing report will continue throughout the EER period and beyond however, it is important to point out that reconciliation of data to reflect EER decisions may be challenging due to digital capability.

EER presents a distinctive challenge which requires a distinctive approach to data sharing. SPS have shared a data report on the people who are 'eligible' for EER on 040520 and the tranche in which they are to be released (if they remain eligible after risk assessment). Please note that this is at the same time as the data will be shared with Governors. SPS will then share data with council data leads in the course of the EER period on who has been approved for EER through the Governor veto process. The final list of people who are eligible for will not be known until 050520.

As above, SPS has been working with PSPs to ensure resilient data sharing arrangements are in place in support of people who will receive mentoring support by Shine, New Routes and Action for Children on release throughout the COVID19 period.

Working with People in our Care

The suspension of prison visits challenges all of us to think differently about how we work together to meet the needs of those in and leaving prison. We are therefore encouraging partners to use the 'E-Mail a Prisoner' system as the main vehicle for engaging with people in our care until such times as visits are re-instated.

While partners are encouraged to liaise with people in our care in relation to their re-integration needs, it is really important that no indication is given to any person in prison that they may be eligible for EER, in the interests of prison stability.

Supporting People on Release

Please find attached some key products in support of reintegration. Links to these documents are available on SPS' Covid Information Hub Website.

- the final version of the ER process paper;
- the information leaflet for people on release (the process irrespective of where you are returning to in Scotland);
- a specimen contact list for a local area (I have attached Glasgow but we have worked up one for every council area in Scotland for handing to people on release);
- specific COVID19 information for people leaving prison; and
- the GP registration card.

Please note that these products are now in place as part of our release process and will continue beyond Early Release (ER) (as they are about reintegration in COVID19 environment, not specifically ER). Thank you to colleagues in Community Justice Scotland, CJVSF and PSPs, local government, health, housing, social work and DWP for all of their hard work in pulling this together with the SPS team.



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Confirmation of release date

The EER process is trying to strike the right balance between notice and volume. Councils will know the eligibility and 'tranche' of potential EER releases one, two or even three weeks in

advance – to help them prepare. SPS is unable to provide confirmation of the exact date of release because eligibility for EER may be removed due to Governor veto. Local prisons will be implementing processes of release and partners can engage with them direct (see annexes).

Friday and bank holiday releases

SPS is alert to the challenges of EER at this particular time and this is reflected in the Standard Operating Procedure: *“It should be noted that there are several bank holidays throughout May which differs by local authority. No liberations should take place on these dates and where possible Friday liberations of those approved for Early Release should be avoided in order to provide an opportunity for community partners to provide a suitable level of service”*. SPS cannot guarantee there will be no Friday releases for those under EER due to the set-up of the regulations and tranches, but local prison teams will endeavour to avoid this.

Councils and other partners can continue to make applications for flexible release for those people who are being released in the normal way, outside the EER scheme.

Place leadership for prisons: updated list of **lead prisons for each local partnership** and local authority area

Local Authority	Lead prison
Aberdeen City	Grampian
Aberdeenshire	Grampian
Angus	Castle Huntly
Argyll & Bute	Greenock
Clackmannanshire	Glenochil
Dumfries & Galloway	Dumfries
Dundee City	Perth

East Dunbartonshire	Low Moss
East Lothian	Edinburgh
East Renfrewshire	Low Moss
Edinburgh, City of	Edinburgh
Eilean Siar	Strategy & Stakeholder Engagement Directorate, HQ
Falkirk	Polmont
Fife	Perth
Glasgow City	Barlinnie
Highland	Inverness
Inverclyde	Greenock
Midlothian	Edinburgh
Moray	Inverness
North Lanarkshire	Shotts
Orkney Islands	Strategy & Stakeholder Engagement Directorate, HQ
Perth & Kinross	Perth
Renfrewshire	Low Moss

Scottish Borders	Edinburgh
Shetland Islands	Strategy & Stakeholder Engagement Directorate, HQ
South Lanarkshire	Shotts
Stirling	Glenochil
West Dunbartonshire	Greenock
West Lothian	Shotts
East Ayrshire/North Ayrshire/South Ayrshire	Dumfries

Prison	Contact Details
Addiewell (Private Prison)	AD.housing@sodexogov.co.uk Tel: 01506 874500 Ext 3637
Barlinnie	BarlinnieLinkCentre@sps.pnn.gov.uk Tel: 0141 770 290
Castle Huntly	OpenEstateFamilyContactOfficers@sps.gov.uk and copy to Mark.Neal@sps.pnn.gov.uk) Tel: 01382 139 425
Cornton Vale	CorntonValeLinkCentre@sps.pnn.gov.uk Tel: 01786 832591
Dumfries	DumfriesLinkCentre@sps.pnn.gov.uk Tel: 01387 274615
Edinburgh	EdinburghLinkCentre@sps.pnn.gov.uk Tel: 0131 444 3110 or 0131 444 5211
Glenochil	GlenochilThroughcareSupprt@sps.pnn.gov.uk Tel: 01259 767364 or 01259 767327
Grampian	GrampianOffenderOutcomeAdmin@sps.pnn.gov.uk Tel : 01779 485796

Prison	Contact Details
Greenock	GreenockLinksCentre@sps.pnn.gov.uk Tel: 01477 5787801 Ext 271
Inverness	InvernessLinks@sps.pnn.gov.uk Tel: 01463 229030
Kilmarnock (Private Prison)	linkcentre.kilmarnock@serco.cjsm.net Tel: 01563 548873
Low Moss	LowMossLinks@sps.pnn.gov.uk Tel: 0141 762 9641
Perth	PerthLinkCentre@sps.pnn.gov.uk Tel: 01738 458138
Polmont	PolmontLinksCentre@sps.pnn.gov.uk Tel: 01324 722 669
Shotts	ShottsLinksCentre@sps.pnn.gov.uk Tel: 01501 824061