

1. Remember GP's

Ensure that there is a system in place which enables risk assessments to be shared with General practitioners.

Especially when an individual poses a risk to members of the public.

2. Risk Alerts

Consider how the special alert for someone who poses a risk to people who work in an emergency service can also be shared with General Practitioners.

3. Information sharing

Ensure Probation Practitioners are effectively sharing information with all partners for those prison leavers who are not subject to IOM.

8. Seeing children

Being a prison leaver should not prevent an individual from seeing their children, it does however need to be done safely.

Ensure that staff are advocating for prison leavers and supporting them to see their children safely.



4. Duty to refer

Ensure that your staff are aware of their responsibilities in relation to Duty to refer.

Ensure staff refer early (up to 56 days before) to prevent homelessness on release.

[Guide to duty to refer](#)

7. Fit for purpose

Are the processes in your organisation fit for purpose when it comes to engaging prison leavers in services? Are they accessible? Can the individual read and write?

Is "did not engage" a fair assessment or did they not know they had an appointment? Are they able to talk on the phone.

6. Hard to reach

Staff should be supported in and given opportunities to expand their skills when working to individuals that are hard to reach.

Challenge language which relates to disengagement and explore what is being done to build a relationship and engage the individual.

Continuity of care for drug and alcohol users on leaving prison

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