

BRIEFING NOTE

Prisoner Early Release Scheme

The Prisoner Early Release Scheme had a very small impact on the Dorset Council area, with only two people released, and was managed well. The Probation service led the coordination of the exercise and informed and involved relevant agencies, including Dorset Council and BCP Council. There were ten cases leading to people being released on 10 September 2024. Nine of these were in BCP and one was in Dorset. There were nine cases leading to people being released on 22 October 2024. Eight of these were in BCP and one was in Dorset.

All cases where people were released from prison on those two days were subject to internal auditing by the Head of the Probation Delivery Unit for Dorset and other Probation managers throughout the process. The independent Operational and Assurance Group plan a review on these cases twelve weeks after release to ensure all required actions were completed and report on Probation's service delivery. All cases have had the required safeguarding checks in place prior to release. Probation's MAPPA (Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements) coordinator has screened all cases to ensure correct identification of level setting including discussions with police colleagues where necessary.

Other people were released from prison, as 'business as usual' cases after these dates. These releases were managed and planned as normal.

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