



NATIONAL PROBATION SERVICE
for England and Wales

Cheshire

What are my rights?

You will be treated fairly and without discrimination and you are expected to behave in the same way. The Probation Service will not accept racist, sexist or other discriminatory behaviour towards you from either staff or other people under Probation supervision.

If, at any other time, you feel unfairly treated, you have the right to complain to the Senior Probation Officer in your area. Phone the number on this leaflet for information. If you are not satisfied with the response, you can write to the Chief Officer at the address on this leaflet.

Remember - always keep your appointment with your Case Manager.

Your Case Manager is:

The Probation Office you must attend is:

Telephone:



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Release From Prison On Licence

Information for Offenders

If you were sentenced to 12 months or more in prison, you will be on licence when you are released. This means you will be supervised by the Probation Service and there will be limits on what you can do and where you can go.

How will you help me?

We will help you settle back into your local community. We will give you support and advice on accommodation, jobs, training or personal difficulties. We will also monitor your behaviour to help you stop re-offending.

How long will I be on licence?

It depends on the length of your sentence and the offence you committed.

- z if you are serving less than four years, your licence will last either a quarter of your total sentence or three months, whichever is longer
- z if you are serving more than four years, your licence will last between a quarter and one twelfth of your total sentence
- z if you committed a sexual offence, the Court can make your licence run right to the end of your sentence.

What do I have to do?

- z report to your Case Manager on the day of your release
- z obey all the conditions of your licence
- z keep all appointments with your Case Manager and arrive on time
- z do not turn up under the influence of drugs, alcohol or solvents
- z do not agree to live anywhere without your Case Manager's permission
- z do not move address without your Case Manager's permission
- z do not go abroad without your Case Manager's permission
- z do not re-offend

Extra conditions can be added to your licence such as having to be in your home between certain hours, not meeting with named people, getting medical treatment or attending approved programmes run by the Probation Service.

What happens if I break my licence conditions?

If you break any of your licence conditions, you can be sent back to prison. It will depend on the seriousness of your breach. In any event, no more than two warnings are allowed during your licence.

If you can't attend an appointment with your Case Manager for any reason, you must contact them straight away to explain. If this is not accepted, you will be returned to Court. If you are ill, you must give a doctor's sick note (not a self-certificate) to your Case Manager within five working days.

If you are returned to prison you can appeal against the decision.

Confidentiality

Any personal information revealed will be treated with the utmost care. However, if you disclose a crime or there appears to be a risk to the public, it cannot remain confidential. As far as is possible, we will talk to you before any information is passed on.