

## Post-Programme work

The positive treatment effect on the offender resulting from participating in the programme must be maintained over time. The Offender Manager has an important role in implementing the recommendations from the end of programme report.

This report will be important in assessing the likelihood of re-offending and identifying risk factors and relapse prevention plans.

It is imperative that Offender Managers:

- Attend a three-way handover meeting with the offender and facilitator.
- Re-assess the risk of re-offending following programme participation in accordance with supervision requirements.
- Progress recommendations for further work made in the post-programme reports.

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# Accredited Internet Sexual Offending Treatment Programme (i-SOTP)

*Information for Offender Managers  
and Report Writers*

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This is an accredited programme for male offenders aged 17 and over who have been convicted of sexual offences related to the use of the internet.

Group formation is determined by age, e.g. 17-21 years and 21 years plus. Provision of groups for the former age range will be determined by sufficient referral numbers.

## Programme Content

i-SOTP is an intensive programme, delivered to groups of up to 10 offenders. It comprises 35 sessions, each of 2 hours' duration.

In addition, the offender is expected to complete further work in between sessions.

## Offender Management Tasks

An effective accredited programme can be enhanced or undermined by the quality of the management arrangements in place during the supervision period.

Offenders need to be well prepared, well motivated and monitored throughout the order/licence for the application of new learning and the opportunity to practise new behaviours.

The Offender Manager is responsible for developing and implementing the total sentence plan, of which this intervention programme is an integral part. As a result the key management tasks are divided into four sections, which include:

- Assessment.
- Pre-Programme preparation.
- During the programme.
- Post-Programme reinforcement.

## Assessment

Only Report Authors/Offender Managers who have attended the three day accredited training for Offender Managers can undertake assessments for a Sex Offender Treatment Programme. The respective manual provides detail about offender eligibility and the referral process to Sex Offender Treatment Programmes.

Pre-Sentence assessment must include completion of OASys and RM2000 (Thornton 2000).

Rigorous assessment of offenders is essential. Those offenders considered to pose a Very High Risk of Harm (or High Deviance level following post sentence assessment) will continue to be referred to the existing Sex Offender Programme (N-SOGP) as they will require increased treatment time.

To enable this flexibility of referral the following wording should be used in proposals in Standard Delivery Reports: "to attend a Sex Offender Treatment Programme to a maximum of 60 sessions".

A minimum of 2 years' supervision will be required in order to ensure that the relevant work can be completed.

## Pre-Programme Work

Before the programme commences, Offender Managers should:

- Make referral to the N-SOGP/i-SOTP Waiting List.
- Ensure that facilitators have copies of all available information, e.g. PSR, any additional reports, CPS pack, previous convictions, etc.
- Liaise with facilitators to discuss commencement of the programme.

- Ensure the offender understands what is required of him.
- Ensure the offender attends an Assessment Interview with facilitators.

## During the Programme

During the programme, Offender Managers should:

- Monitor group attendance, liaising regularly with facilitators. Please note:
  - During the programme, if an offender misses a session he must do an individual catch up session before continuing. No more than four sessions can be completed via a catch up, or the offender will have to start the programme again.
  - Unacceptable absences are dealt with in accordance with the Probation Service's National Standards.
  - Information relevant to assessment of risk, compilation of risk management strategies and relapse prevention plans must be shared.
- Receive and act on feedback from facilitators.
- Update OASys accordingly to reflect any changes in risk.
- Make additional appointments to see the offender as appropriate.
- Continue to motivate the offender.
- Promote compliance with Supervision including the additional requirement.