

ACPO/NOMS/LGA Protocol

To: CSP Chairs and Community Safety Managers

Please find attached a copy of a new protocol, agreed and signed between ACPO, NOMS and the LGA to help clarify and raise awareness about arrangements for sharing information with local authorities about prisoner releases, and particularly those subject to short sentences. The purpose of the protocol is to help make information available to local authorities which they may be able to use in selected cases to provide some support for newly released prisoners alongside other members of their local Community Safety Partnership.

The protocol does not signify the establishment of any process or communication arrangements which cannot already take place, and we note that in some areas communication about short term prisoner releases already works effectively. It is nevertheless recommended that all Community Safety Partnerships should note the protocol at a forthcoming meeting, and discuss any local arrangements that may be needed to establish the communication and information sharing suggested by the protocol.

If you have any queries about the protocol or its impact on your work, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or David Lock (david.lock@local.gov.uk)

Regards,
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