

PBNI Disclosure Log – Response to Request

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Date of Request: 04 November 2024

Date of Response: 02 December 2024

Request

We would be extremely grateful to receive information from the PBNI in relation to:

- 1) The length of time it takes for a prisoner who has been released on licence to be assessed for psychology programmes.
- 2) The length of time it takes for a prisoner who has been released on licence and has been assessed as needing psychology programmes to be provided with the assessed programme.

PBNI asked for clarification if by ‘psychology programmes’ you are referring to offending behaviour programmes or to psychology services? On 06 November you confirmed you are seeking information surrounding offending behaviour programmes and psychology services programmes.

Response

PBNI standards state that “referrals for programmes/additional requirements shall be made within 20 working days of sentence regardless of programme readiness to facilitate programme planning and scheduling.

The Administrative Officer shall complete referrals to programmes where possible (with the assistance of a PO/PSO if required). All associated documentation shall also be forwarded.

An acknowledgement of the programme referral shall be sent by programme admin. If assessed as low likelihood of re-offending, it is not anticipated that the service user will require programme intervention (the SA07, Static 99 and B-safer shall also be used to inform this decision).”

If you have any queries about this letter, or if you feel I have misinterpreted your request please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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