

To: Chairs of Local Criminal Justice Boards
Chairs of Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships

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INITIAL GUIDANCE FOR THE PROLIFIC AND PRIORITY OFFENDER STRATEGY: CATCH AND CONVICT FRAMEWORK

Following the announcement earlier in the year by the Prime Minister and the letter of 1 April from the Home Secretary, the Attorney General, the Lord Chancellor and the Secretary of State for Education and Skills, we are pleased to enclose initial guidance to support the first phase of implementing the new strategy, which we expect to be in place by 6 September.

The guidance has been developed with the full participation of key partners throughout the Criminal Justice System and in the crime reduction community. It builds on existing work already underway around the country to tackle prolific offenders and provides support for areas developing new schemes.

The minimum we expect to be implemented by 6 September is:

- a scheme to cover every CDRP area;
- multi-agency working arrangements, including data sharing protocols, to be agreed;
- the first group of PPOs identified;
- a Local Implementation Checklist to be created for every LCJB area.


We will follow up this guidance with a series of regional roadshows, and further guidance will be issued to support the Prevent & Deter and Rehabilitate & Resettle strands of the Strategy in the next few months, as well as more specific guidance addressing the role of individual groups and organisations.

Supplementary information relating to roles and responsibilities, relationships with existing schemes and case studies has been placed on the crime reduction website at www.crimereduction.gov.uk/ppo, and can also be accessed at www.cjonline.org.uk.

If you have specific issues you wish to raise, or have any examples of good practice, then please contact Gregg Mead in the Implementation Team – Gregg.Mead@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk.

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