

Custody Sentences

If you are sent to prison for an offence you committed on or after 1st February 2015, you will be released on Licence.

For example, if you were given a 2 month custodial sentence, this is how it is structured:

Custody 1 month	Licence 1 month	Post Sentence Supervision 11 months
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If you were given an 18 month sentence, it would be structured like this:

Custody 9 months	Licence 9 months	Post Sentence Supervision 3 months
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We will work with the prison and agree a Resettlement Plan with you, we also call this 'Through the Gate'.

This will help you and everyone working with you to know what needs to be done. You will be told who your Officer will be and you must follow all their instructions.

Any Questions?

We're here to help you

BeNCH Community Rehabilitation Company is here to help you make the right choices so you can lead a crime-free life in the future.

We also work with a number of community based organisations who might also become involved in your case.

It is important you follow all instructions given to you by your Officer or any of our partner organisations who work with us.

If there is anything you are uncertain about, please ask your Officer who will be pleased to help.

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How the Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014 affects you

***Important information
for our Service Users***

Offences committed after 1st Feb

If you have been sentenced in Court for offences committed after 1st February 2015, please read this leaflet carefully.

Depending on how your case was dealt with, you will have one of these sentences:

- Community Order, or
- Suspended Sentence Order
- Custody

Your Community Order or Suspended Sentence Order will have been made by the Court under the Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014 and it takes account of the offence and the areas in your life where you need extra help.

This leaflet gives you some information which will help you get the most from your time while we are working with you.

Community Orders or Suspended Sentence Orders

Your Community Order or Suspended Sentence Order will be made up of different parts which includes a Rehabilitation Activity Requirement and possibly an Accredited Programme or other requirements.

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When you start your Order you will be allocated a responsible Officer.

He/she will work with you to complete a sentence plan that will identify what Rehabilitation Activity Requirements are needed, who will deliver the activities and where they will be delivered.

Your Order or Sentence may include some of the following components:

Rehabilitation Activity Requirement(s):

Examples include:

- Victim work
- Motivational work
- Education, Training & Employment
- Help with Alcohol or Drugs
- Addressing domestic abuse
- Programmes for Women

and many others depending on where you live

Accredited Programmes:

These are mostly Group Work programmes. Examples include:

- Thinking Skills Programme
- Building Better Relationships

and many others depending on where you live

Other requirements:

These can be ordered by the Court as part of your sentence:

- Drug Rehabilitation
- Alcohol treatment
- Mental Health treatment
- Unpaid Work
- Curfew, electronic monitoring
- Exclusion
- Residence
- Prohibited Activity Requirement

What we expect of you:

You must:

- * Seek permission from your Officer or the Court before changing your residence
- * Be open and co-operative with your Officer and tell us if you have been arrested
- * Attend all of your appointments on time
- * Be free from drugs and alcohol when you come into see us
- * Behave well
- * Follow any instructions given to you
- * Tell us if you have any new or difficult problems
- * Co-operate with drug testing requirements.

What you can expect of us:

We will:

- * give you a named Officer to manage your case
- * give you clear instructions on what you must do
- * refer your case to the National Probation Service if your risk of harm to others is increasing
- * refer your case to the National Probation Service if we believe you are in breach of your Court Order or Prison Licence
- * in some cases we can help with the cost of attending appointments
- * treat you respectfully and be courteous.