

Home Office: Sexual Offender and Violent Offender Management Board

**Home Office, 2 Marsham Street, London
Monday 27 January – 11:00 – 12:30**

Attendees:

Will Jones (Chair) – Home Office, PPU
Nick Ormiston – Home Office, PPU
Doug Naden – HMPPS
Mark Bishop – Metropolitan Police Service
Alan Morgan – Metropolitan Police Service
Lee Featherstone – North Yorkshire Police Service
Hannah Ellis – Youth Justice Board
Andy Fox – Avon and Somerset Police Service

Apologies:

Caroline Rowe – Home Office
Helen Pustam – Judicial College
Ian Fleming – Scottish Government
DCC Michelle Skeer – National Policing Lead
Gill Cherry – Staff Officer to Michelle Skeer
Jasmine Norton – HMCTS
Sarah Millington – HOLA
Nigel Griffiths – Hampshire Police Service
Tony Cook – NCA
Sharon Stratton – College of Policing

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Sensitive/Irrelevant AF suggested that greater clarity could be provided on the applications for SROs and specifically why, if it is beyond reasonable doubt that an act is of a sexual nature, it should require an SRO rather than a conviction.

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Foreign Travel Notification Period

9. The possibility of reducing RSOs' foreign travel notification period from at least seven days to at least three days before travel was next discussed.
10. DN relayed that Sensitive/Irrelevant is experiencing a significant amount of breaches from RSOs failing to notify police of their travel in time. The Board recognised that these breaches can result in lengthy administrative work through the courts which often only results in a fine.
11. It was agreed that changing the legislation would not be viable, but that the revised HO Guidance could expand on this issue. AM suggested it could

emphasise the relevance of local police discretion in appraising the legitimacy and severity of such breaches. The Board also discussed the tiered approach of HMPPS where a formal breach is not applied to every incident.

Action 4: NO – investigate how HMPPS advise around the use of discretion in their guidance on breaches.

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MEETING ENDS

Actions from 27 November			
Action	Owner	Date	Update

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4. Investigate how HMPPS advise around the use of discretion in their guidance on breaches	HO	Before next SOVO Board (27 Mar)	
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Actions from 31 January

25. Develop a reminder for judges on Civil Orders.	Home Office	By next meeting (27 Mar)	Ongoing – to discuss with Judicial College/HMCTS
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28. Send issues on SHPOs and SROs to Gill Cherry, who will collate and pass a single police response to Home Office Legal Advisers	All		Ongoing – Gill is collecting force responses and will forward to HOLA when more are collated.
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