

IPP Action Plan questions

1. **What is the purpose of the action plan?** The action plan focuses on setting up policies and processes, but does not state intended outcomes for individuals on the sentence, nor how this impact will be monitored or evaluated. What are the specifics you hope to achieve from this plan regarding release rates, recall rates, suicides, licence termination etc? Why is there no success criteria in the plan linked to these areas?
2. **Timeline:** When do you expect to see the implementation of the above having an impact on the number of people being released, recalled and taken off licence?
3. **Involvement of those serving IPP/Communication:** People serving an IPP are anxious for reliable information about developments in management of the sentence. How are you involving those serving IPP in the plan and its overall effectiveness? Are they being informed of the plan? How? Are they being asked for feedback on the impact of it?
4. **Transparency:** Why are certain policies, research etc not available publicly? Why is routine data that should be publicly available not currently available?
5. **Prioritise courses and transfer to prisons with necessary courses:** We know that 25% of people serving IPP are in prisons unsuitable for their needs and many are required by the Parole Board to complete courses that are unavailable in the prison they are in. Prison governors tell us that there is no prioritisation for people who are over tariff serving IPP on these courses (which are often full of people with set release dates). People who are over tariff should be prioritised for these courses. Why is it not happening?
6. **Support for those who will be unaffected by the possible Parliamentary changes:**
 - a. What long term support will be offered for those affected?
 - b. How are staff being prepared for these changes and the impact it is likely to have on people?