

Risk Assessed Recall Review - RARR

From the 1st of November 2024 people serving DPP or IPP who have been recalled will be eligible for a Risk Assessed Recall Review (RARR - formerly called executive release). This allows the Secretary of State to re-release people who have been recalled without them having to wait for a decision from the Parole Board.

Previously this power only applied to people serving determinate sentences but it is now being applied to those serving IPP sentences. **However, this power is currently used very little with those serving determinate sentences so it is unlikely to be used very much for those serving an IPP sentence.**

Process:

Consideration for RARR can be instigated in four ways, through:

1. **Probation:** probation officers will share suitability for release on Part B/C/PAROM reports to PPCS within 28 days of a recall.
 - a. *The completed Part B report should be given to you no later than 15 working days after your return to custody. This is a mandatory report with any recall for those serving IPP.*
 - b. *If re-release is recommended by probation, this will give you a better chance of RARR being successful.*
2. **PPCS:** PPCS will look at all IPP recall cases to see if they feel that RARR should be considered, PPCS will contact your probation officer to request an assessment.
3. **Solicitors:** Solicitors can submit representations to PPCS for RARR to be considered at any point during a recall period.
 - a. *They should provide any information they deem relevant and which demonstrates why they believe you meet the statutory release test.*
 - b. *PPCS will always seek the views of the Community Offender Manager (COM) on receipt of solicitor reps and are most likely to follow the recommendation of the COM.*
 - c. *If the COM is not recommending re-release your solicitor may advise to not reapply as it is unlikely to be successful.*
 - d. Reps can be emailed to: RARR@justice.gov.uk

4. **By you:** You can submit representations to PPCS for RARR to be considered at any point during a recall period.
 - a. *You should provide any information you deem relevant and which demonstrates why you believe you meet the statutory release test.*
 - b. *PPCS will always seek the views of the Community Offender Manager (COM) on receipt of your reps and are most likely to follow the recommendation of the COM.*
 - c. Reps can be emailed to: RARR@justice.gov.uk

Note: There are no set time frames on when this can happen. All those recalled from 1st November 2024 onwards will be reviewed for suitability for a RARR release on receipt of a Part B report. Those serving IPP/DPP on recall are eligible for consideration for RARR throughout their period in custody.

Outcome

If PPCS assess the RARR as successful they should,

- *Share the decision with the prison, COM/ Probation Practitioner, the Parole Board and the legal representative (where applicable)*
- *The POM must ensure that a copy is shared with you within **one working day** of receipt*
- *Release will take place once all elements of the Risk Management Plan can be put in place - There is not a set timeframe for the release to be actioned.*
- *PPCS will only confirm a release date once the details of the Risk Management Plan including any licence conditions have been agreed with the Probation Officer.*

If PPCS assess the RARR as unsuccessful, you will return to the process of release via a parole hearing.

Note: There is no set time frame for a RARR decision to be confirmed. PPCS should try to make decisions as soon as possible following receipt of the Part B, or a separate application.