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Foreign National Offenders- Intelligence/Convictions

ACPO Criminal Records Office Checks-Why should we do it?

By leaving the country in which they are a known criminal a foreign national can effectively leave their criminal history behind and be seen as a first-time offender in the UK

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We can submit ACRO requests for foreign convictions for **all Foreign Nationals** entering the Judicial Processes, Child Protection or Public Protection reasons.

Through the Police Custody Process, this alone has resulted in approximately 100 people per year being identified as being immediately eligible for consideration of deportation based solely on their previous convictions abroad.



Foreign National Offenders- Benefits of Checks

One in three checks to the EU where a person can be successfully identified reveals a previous conviction record abroad.

- Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and to the wider community.
- Reducing the risk of crime by removing FNO's
- Huge financial savings, FNO costs £70,000 pa to manage through the criminal justice process. * Source-Office for National Statistics
- Improved Offender management
- Organised Crime Group Disruption
- Better informed decisions on charging, granting of bail, sentencing, categorisation, risk assessment and management.
- Increases likelihood to remove serious or persistent foreign offenders from the UK.



Deportation Triggers

The Home Office will consider deportation for

- Any sexual offence which has resulted in more than 1 day imprisonment.
- Any sentence of 12 months – 4 years, which has occurred within the last 10 years. ➔
- Any offence which has resulted in more than 4 years imprisonment.
- Deportation will usually result in a 10 year ban from re-entering the UK
This includes all EEA/EU Nationals.
- Additional routes to deport / refuse entry to lower level offenders.



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A.V
37 Years
Previously of Wharf St South, Leicester.

Bulgarian National attempted to take over the Adult Sex Trade involving street sex workers in Leicester. Violently assaulted a local street worker, arrested and remanded in custody in for Grievous Bodily Harm. Following arrest, ACRO check initiated with target countries of **Bulgaria** and **Belgium**.

Acro Checks revealed

- Rape x 3 in and Sexual Molestation of a child under 14 in Bulgaria
- A.V also had a criminal conviction for recruiting, grooming or abusing Vulnerable persons in Belgium

GBH offence subsequently discontinued in Leicestershire by Crown Prosecution Service, however because of the ACRO check and overseas convictions we were able to apply to the Home Office for consideration of deportation.

Within 2 hours of application paperwork issued under Immigration powers. A.V was transferred to Morton Hall Detention Centre and subsequently deported from the country for 15 years.



Summary / Recommendations

- Improved information sharing between Police and Partner Agencies in regards of Foreign Nationals identified as being of concern.
- Overseas Convictions Checks on nominals to enable appropriate action.



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How to get in touch...

Email: FNI@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Or via web portal link

<https://leics.police.uk/contact/community-partnership-information>

It would also be beneficial to the Foreign National Offenders Desk to be provided with identified points of contact in each locality/JAG. This individual could help coordinate any appropriate enquiries.

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