

Probation reset

Preventing victims by changing lives

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What is it?

Probation Reset is the term being used for a set of measures introduced to:

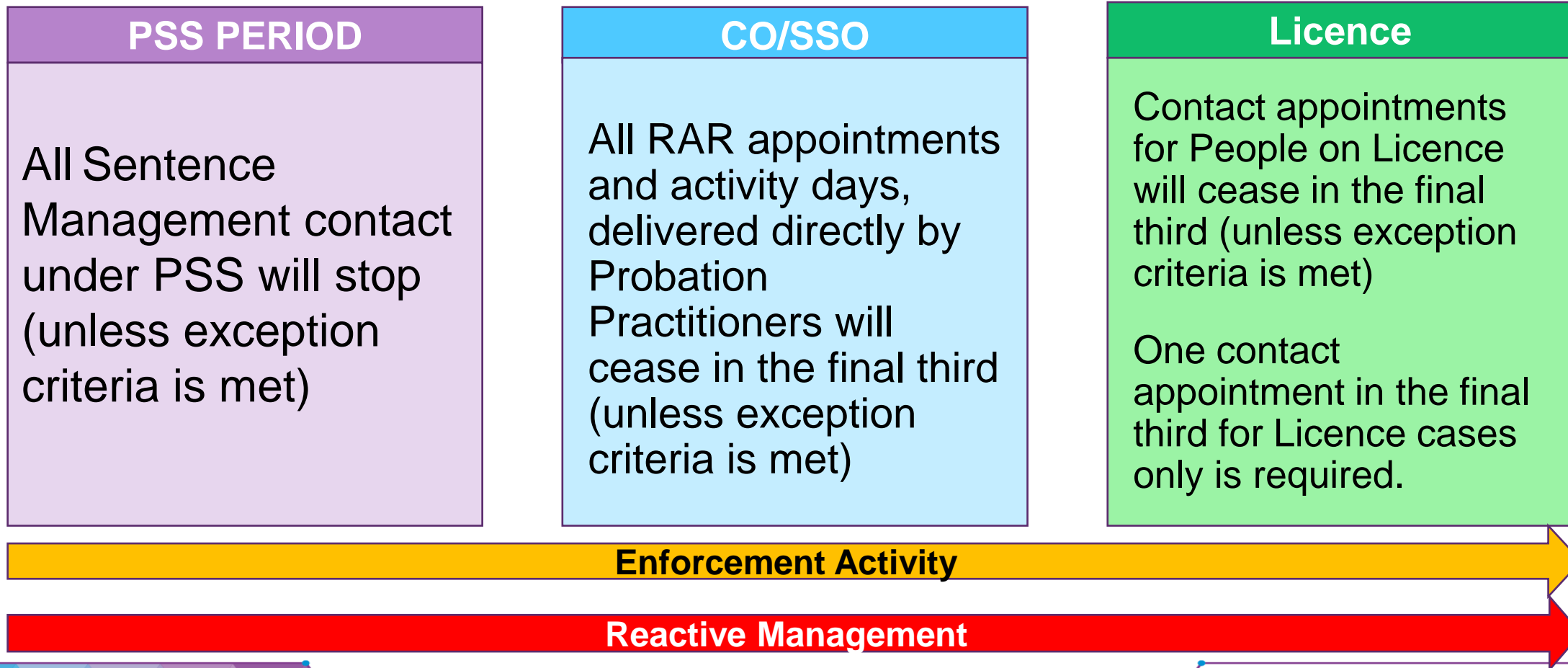
- Help alleviate workload pressures
- Focus Probation Practitioners' time on where the evidence shows the most impact can be had supporting people on probation.

Probation Reset has been informed by:

- Issues with the quality of the Probation Service's delivery, as highlighted by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) and Operational and System Assurance Group (OSAG), meaning focused attention is needed where it will have the highest impact.
- Prison capacity measures
- Anticipating the further impact of the Sentencing Bill, which includes proposals for changes to the use of short custodial sentences and the extension of Home Detention Curfew (HDC) to the over 4-year custody cohort

Changes to Probation Contact in Post sentence supervision (PSS) and the Final Third of Community orders (CO), Suspended sentence orders(SSO) and licence - Summary

The changes are permanent, mandated for all staff in all Probation Regions and will apply to both existing and new cases. In summary the changes include:



Exemption criteria

Changes will **NOT** apply to the following cohorts (contact continues):

Exemption Criteria

MAPPA cases (all categories and levels)

National Security Division (NSD) directly managed cases

Very High Risk of Serious Harm assessment of case

Child Protection Plan Register (*This exemption criteria does not include NDelius register for Child Concern nor cases involving children assessed as being a Child in Need*)

Intensive Supervision Court Pilot (ISC) (*until such time as the evaluation is completed*)

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Reinstatement of contact will only occur if the individual meets the Exemption Criteria

What doesn't stop?

Whilst Sentence Management contact will cease, there will be requirements/conditions/activities that must continue:

- ❑ **All Licence conditions other than reporting to the Probation Practitioner**
- ❑ **Non RAR requirements within a Community Order or Suspended Sentence Order e.g. UPW will continue**
- ❑ **Accredited Programme (AcP) Delivery:**
 - ❑ **Drug Testing:**
No changes to Drug Rehabilitation Requirement (DRRs). Drug testing by Probation Practitioners continues where a DRR is in place.
Licence drug testing by the Probation Practitioner continues if there is a specific drug testing Licence Condition. The Licence condition may be varied/removed if appropriate.
- ❑ **Electronic Monitoring**
- ❑ **Community Sentence Treatment Requirements**
- ❑ **Reactive case management**

Reactive case management

Reactive management will be required where:

- Probation receives information provided by other agencies and organisations.
 - A MARAC panel is convened.
 - Information is received that the offender's circumstances have changed, and they then meet the exemption criteria - at this point Probation contact will be reinstated.
 - Information shared with Probation indicates an escalation in risk of an offender - enforcement remains an option if information shared with Probation indicates an escalation in risk of an offender or breach of requirements/conditions.
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- For cases where Probation contact has ceased, Probation Practitioners must react to requests for sharing of information e.g., from Police, Children & Adult Social Care, MARAC, ensuring that the most up to date information available is shared.
 - There is no expectation for Probation Practitioners to attend multi agency meetings, including those relating to MARAC and Child in Need, unless the case meets the exemption criteria. However, in Lincolnshire we have Probation staff seconded into the Lincolnshire Partnership Safeguarding hub/MASH who will continue to attend all MARAC meetings as per current practice.

Reactive case management continued

- MAPPA management should be considered for all domestic abuse and stalking cases where the relevant criteria are met and within current MAPPA policy and guidance.

Prior to the end of Probation contact, the Probation Practitioner will:

- Ensure the Risk Management Plan, in place for the final third
- Add additional Licence conditions to manage risk where required
- Vary the terms of the restrictions for Electronic Monitoring and Curfew if required



Update



- In LLR we currently have (as of 18th September) 774 in RESET measures
- Development of a regional hub to hold the cases and undertake the ‘reactive management’ is going live at the end of October
- Local ongoing monitoring of caseloads falling into RESET
- Regional assurance of the data and focus via EM Senior Leaders for all PDUs across the East Midlands region.
- RESET measures are now running alongside the SDS40 releases – the latter is subject to a Gold Prison Capacity Meeting to ensure partners in LLR are sighted and provides that operational assurance.
- For LLR, the surge 1 (releases on 10th September) were managed well given the multi-agency approach that LLR has adopted.
- Focus has now shifted to tranche 1 (releases between 11th September and 21st October) before surge 2 (releases on 22nd October).