

If you are dissatisfied with the service you receive

If for any reason you feel you have not received a satisfactory service please talk to the member of staff involved or contact his or her Manager. If you do not wish to do this for any reason or having done it, you are still dissatisfied, please notify:

The Complaints Officer,
PBNI Headquarters,
80-90 North Street, Belfast,
BT1 1LD.
T. 028 9026 2400

The Complaints Officer will acknowledge your complaint within five working days and have the complaint fully investigated.

If you don't want to use the above procedures you can seek advice from anyone of your choice.

Probation Board for Northern Ireland

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Field Teams

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Assessment Unit	028 9026 2400
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Armagh	028 3752 5243
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Sex Offender Licence

This leaflet explains what a Sex Offender Licence is, what it means for you and what to do if you are dissatisfied with the service you receive.



The aim of the Board is to help prevent crime and the harm it does.

Please keep this leaflet for information and reference purposes.
This leaflet may be produced in different formats on request

What is a Sex Offender Licence?

A Sex Offender Licence is imposed by the Court. It means that upon release from custody you will be subject to supervision by a Probation Officer for the duration of your Licence.

The relevant legislation is the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (Article 26).

Who can get a Sex Offender Licence?

Anyone who appears in court and is sentenced for an offence of a sexual nature.

When can a Sex Offender Licence be made?

A Sex Offender Licence can be made when the Judge or Magistrate decides that instead of granting remission on your sentence you should be supervised in the community to secure your rehabilitation, prevent you from committing further offences and protect the public from harm.

What do I have to do?

You have to comply with the conditions which are specified on the Licence. These will include keeping appointments with your Probation Officer (including visits at home). There may also be additional conditions, including attendance at a programme to address your offending behaviour or residence at approved premises.

You will be expected to stay out of trouble. A plan will be agreed to assist you to work towards avoiding offending in the future.

This may include:

1. Undertaking training to improve work skills.
2. Undergoing programmes for addiction problems.
3. Participating in constructive activity or any useful activity which helps you keep out of trouble.

What happens if I do not want a Sex Offender Licence?

The Judge or Magistrate can impose it, whether you consent or not.

Who supervises the Sex Offender Licence?

The Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI) has responsibility for the supervision of Sex Offender Licences. A Probation Officer will supervise your licence on behalf of the PBNI.

What if I do not keep to the conditions of the Licence?

If you do not keep to the conditions of your Licence, your Probation Officer will bring you back to court. If the Court is satisfied that you have not kept the conditions of your Licence then you can be:

- Fined (not more than £1,000)
- Or
- Recalled to Prison or Young Offenders Centre for a period of time decided by the Court.