

PBNI VIS

- I would like to meet you
- I would like you to telephone me to discuss Issues
- I would like to receive written information
- I require special assistance

For example; disability, language, hearing impairment etc. Please Specify below:

I consent to someone representing me

Name:

Organisation (if applicable):

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Mentally Disordered Victim Scheme Introduction
Mentally Disordered Victim Information Scheme (DOJ)
is a statutory scheme provided by section 69A and 69B of the Justice (NI) Act 2002

What can the Scheme Provide?
The scheme offers victims of mentally disordered offenders the opportunity to let their voice be heard when considering applications for leave of absence or for the discharge of mentally disordered offenders. A separate information sheet will be sent to those eligible to register for this part of the scheme.

Supervision and Treatment Orders: The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2005

Information for victims of crime
In cases where the victim of an offender has received a Supervision and Treatment Order the victim / victim family may register to be kept informed of how the order is progressing. This order is supervised by the Mental Health Services. Information will be in liaison with a Victim Liaison Officer at the Victim Information Unit.

How Do I Apply for any of the Schemes?
You can apply to register with any of the schemes by completing the application form in this leaflet and returning it in the pre-paid envelope provided, by contacting the Victim Information Unit on 03001233269 or online at www.pbni.org.uk/what-we-do/victim-information-scheme/victim-information-scheme-online-registration-form/.

Participation in the Victim Information Schemes is entirely voluntary. Victims can change their mind and opt out of a Scheme at any time by contacting the Victim Information Unit.

How we use your information - please see the attached VIU privacy notice

All personal information that you provide us with will be held securely and confidentially and will be used in accordance with the requirements of data protection law.

Feedback
We will seek your feedback to help us improve the service provided. If you are dissatisfied with the service you receive please tell the person you are dealing with or the manager of that person.

If you are still unhappy after your complaint has been dealt with you may be able to complain to an external independent body; ask our staff for further advice.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

NI Prisoner Release Victim Information Scheme
T: 03001 233269
W: www.niprivis.gov.uk

Probation Board for Northern Ireland Victims Unit
T: 03001 233269
W: www.pbni.org.uk/what-we-do/victim-information-scheme/

Victim Support Northern Ireland
T: 028 9024 4039
W: www.victimsupportni.co.uk

Department of Justice
T: 028 9052 7123
W: www.dojni.gov.uk

Police Service of Northern Ireland
T: 101 - ask for local police
W: www.psni.police.uk

Women's Aid Domestic & Sexual Violence Helpline
T: 0808 8021 414
W: www.womensaidni.org

NEXUS (survivors of sexual abuse)
T: 028 9032 6803

Support After Murder and Manslaughter
T: 028 9442 9009
W: www.samm.org.uk

NSPCC
T: 028 9035 1135
W: www.nspcc.org.uk

Cruse Bereavement Care NI
T: 0844 477 9400
W: www.cruse.org.uk



KEEPING VICTIMS INFORMED

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A Victim Charter sets out your entitlements, and the standard of service you should receive, as you move through the criminal justice process. The Charter, associated documents and more information including an overview of the criminal justice process is available at www.nidirect.gov.uk/victimcharter.

The Prisoner Release Victim Information Scheme (PRVIS) Introduction

There are a range of services provided to victims of crime which offer them the opportunity to give and receive information about offenders who have been convicted of a crime against them.

PRVIS is a statutory scheme as provided by sections 68 and 69 of the Justice (NI) Act 2002. This leaflet informs how victims can be involved in the scheme and the type of information they may receive about a particular prisoner.

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible to register with **PRVIS** a person must have been the victim of a crime which has resulted in an offender being sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

A victim may be eligible to participate in the scheme if:

- He/she is the victim of the offence for which the offender was imprisoned;
- He/she is not the victim but is the next of kin; is an immediate family member, or has a close relationship with someone who has died as a result of the crime;
- He/she is acting on behalf of a victim when that person is unable to act on their own behalf. This would include a close family member or legal guardian on behalf of a child; or for example, a carer acting on behalf of an ill or incapacitated person. If someone is acting on behalf of a victim they will be required to provide the written consent of the victim where that is possible and / or appropriate.

How does PRVIS work?

PRVIS applies only to Adult Prisoners sentenced to at least one sentence of six months or more; or permanently transferred to serve an equivalent sentence in Northern Ireland. Sentences of less than 6 months **are not** part of the scheme nor are cases where a prisoner received a number of sentences of less than 6 months. An Adult prisoner is a person aged 18 years or over.

Young Offenders – Only in circumstances where a particularly serious crime has been committed will young offenders **convicted whilst aged under 18** be included in the scheme. Those circumstances are that the young offender must have been;

- **Given the equivalent of a life sentence;**
- **Sentenced to six months or more by the Crown Court**

However, information will only be provided when the young offender becomes 18.

What can PRVIS provide?

Those who register with PRVIS can be provided with information on a prisoner's **final discharge from prison or temporary release from prison**. A victim can receive information on the prisoner's discharge which includes:

- The **month** and **year** in which a prisoner is expected to be discharged;
- Any conditions of release to be imposed;
- Any breaches of those conditions which might result in the prisoner's return to custody;
- For cases referred to the Parole Commissioners for a decision on release you can be:
 - told the prisoner's case is being considered by the Commissioners;
 - given the opportunity to submit your views/concerns;
 - informed of the Commissioner's decision and if it is to release the prisoner of the licensing arrangements which apply to that offender.

A victim can also be told of temporary release the prisoner is granted during the course of the sentence.

It should be noted that it may not always be possible to provide information in advance of a prisoner's temporary release. On occasions, urgent applications may be considered on compassionate grounds. Victims may occasionally have to be told of temporary release after it has occurred.

PBNI Scheme Introduction

PBNI Victim Information Scheme is a statutory Scheme as provided by the Criminal Justice (NI) Order 2005.

The scheme seeks to ensure that victims who register with it receive information about what it means when their case results in a sentence which requires supervision in the community by the Probation Board.

Who is Eligible for the Scheme?

The **PBNI Victim Information Scheme** is available to any person (or agreed representative) who has been the direct victim of a criminal offence for which the offender received a Probation Supervised Sentence. These are:

- Community Service Order; Probation Order; Combination Order, Enhanced Combination Order
- Juvenile Justice Centre Order; Custody Probation Order; Article 26 Licence;
- Determinate Custodial Sentence; Extended Custodial Sentence;
- Indeterminate Custodial Sentence; Life Licence

The scheme excludes the Supervised Activity Order which is a very short term sentence that applies only to those who cannot pay a fine.

When an offender is sentenced to both custody and community supervision the PBNI Victim Information Scheme will work in partnership with the PRVIS Victim Information Scheme.

How does the Scheme work?

PBNI Victim Information Scheme - If, following conviction, the person who committed the offence against you received a Probation Supervised Sentence from the court, you will be advised about the scheme.

What can the Scheme provide?

PBNI Victim Information Scheme provides the following:

- Opportunity for you to participate in the preparation of a Victim Report for the Parole Commissioners where the offender is in prison.
- Information about specific sentence in your case and general information about PBNI's supervision of offenders.
- Opportunity to discuss your concerns, which may inform the supervision of the offender.
- You can choose to receive information in writing, by phone or in a face-to-face meeting with a Victim Liaison Officer (VLO)
- Information can be provided, if appropriate, about other organisations who may be able to offer specific support to you.
- Opportunity to be involved in direct or indirect restorative contact with the offender if this would help you address issues resulting from the offence.

APPLICATION FORM

CASE REFERENCE / URN:

OFFENDER NAME:

Having read the leaflet, I would like to register with the Victim Information Unit to receive information about the prisoner / offender

MY DETAILS

Name:

DOB:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

I give consent to be contacted

Signature:

Date:

PRVIS – I wish to receive the following information (please tick all that apply):

FINAL DISCHARGE

TEMPORARY RELEASE DETAILS

MDO

I would like to:

Complete representations

Receive help to complete representations

Receive absence of leave information

Receive Outcome on Tribunal

Receive Final Discharge Information