

PBNI Disclosure Log – Response to Request

Category: PROBATION SUPERVISION

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Request and Response

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information.

1. To ask the Probation Board Northern Ireland, what information they collect (if any) on whether an individual on probation has a gambling addiction. Do the probation service assess if an individual has a gambling addiction when working with them?
2. If an individual on probation is known to have a gambling addiction, what support does the Probation Board provide for them?

PBNI's risk assessment tool ACE (Assessment, Case Management & Evaluation System) used in conjunction with the professional judgement of qualified staff to assess likelihood of reoffending within a two year period, asks and monitors gambling addiction.

The ACE is completed at pre-sentence report stage and at various stages throughout supervision.

You may find the information in this Statistical Brief available on PBNI's website helpful.

<https://www.pbni.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/ACE-Profile-of-New-Starts-2017-18.pdf>

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If PBNI becomes aware that an individual subject to supervision has a gambling issue the Probation Officer has the option to refer the individual to an appropriate service provider such as Dunlewey Addiction Services or Gamblers Anonymous. In addition as part of the individual's case plan, probation staff may well discuss strategies the service user should take to either desist from or reduce their level of gambling.

If you have any queries about this response, please come back to me. Please quote the above amended reference number in any future correspondence.

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