

PROTECTING CHILDREN: GUIDANCE ON THE IMPRISONMENT AND PREPARATION FOR RELEASE OF SCHEDULE 1 OFFENDERS

Extracts Relating to Home Background Reports

5.5 When a Schedule 1 prisoner is being considered for release on parole, non parole or life licence, the Parole Board will require reports from both the prison social worker and the allocated supervising officer. These should address any identified risk to children and how these can best be managed. In forming their views about risk and preparing their reports, the prison social worker and the allocated supervising officer should liaise closely with prison service staff and community based child protection social workers. They should comment on whether any additional conditions should be attached to the licence as a means of managing identified risks more effectively.

5.6. The parole unit will normally request reports at least four months in advance. When a prison social work unit receives a request it must forward the relevant parts to the allocated supervising officer. H/she should already know the relevant background and have up-to-date information about the prisoner's home circumstances and progress whilst in prison.

5.7. Prison social work units must notify the relevant local authority criminal justice social work service of the outcome of the Parole Board's considerations as soon as possible after the hearing.