

Circular 14/98 – Initial Visit/ Family Contact

2.5 Role of the Supervising Officer

2.5.1 Given the unique nature of the Extended Sentence provision, there are several distinctive features to the role of the Supervising Officer. These include:

- < regular visits to the prisoner on a 6 or 12 monthly basis, according to sentence length
- < any Home Background Report for parole purposes to be informed by such an assessment visit
- < increased contact where appropriate with the offender's family
- < particularly in cases involving long periods of supervision, an increased emphasis on the role of co-ordination and case management, especially those involving specialist input to personal change programmes.