

**Community Safety Partnership**  
**Prolific and Priority Offenders Delivery Group**

**Strategic Objective – targets:**

- To reduce annually the number of first-time entrants to the youth justice system
- To monitor all prolific and priority offenders closely, ensuring that they are arrested and brought to justice as rapidly as possible if they offend again
- To reduce re-offending by those on the prolific and priority offender scheme by 10% by 31.3.08

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**Summary of Agreed Action Plan**

The Government has estimated that the worst 5000 offenders nationally are responsible for approximately 50,000 offences. The action plan therefore targets these offenders in 3 ways:

- (a) The “prevent and deter” stream. Identifying likely serious offenders whilst they are still young in order to prevent further offending behaviour. This is led by the Youth Offending Team.
- (b) The “catch and convict” stream. Identifying and closely monitoring the most serious offenders, ensuring that they are arrested rapidly if they re-offend and are brought back to court as soon as possible. This stream is led by Thames Valley Police.
- (c) The “rehabilitate and resettle” stream. Rehabilitating offenders after conviction, encouraging them to take their places as useful members of society. This stream is led by the National Probation Service.

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<i>Provide summary of best achievements and most challenging barriers to progress.</i>	
Achievement 1	Development of effective working protocols/relationships between <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• probation tracker and designated police officer, prison liaison officers</li> <li>• scheme partners eg Police, Probation, Courts, YOT, TCAC, Housing via attendance and participation in Strategic &amp; Operational meetings.</li> </ul>
Achievement 2	Identification, Prioritisation and resourcing of work plans for scheme participants –traffic light system
Barrier 1	Data collection & analysis issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No admin support for scheme</li> <li>• Separate police/probation computer systems</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirement for detailed returns to GOSE</li> <li>How to measure effectiveness</li> </ul>
Barrier 2	Achieving a consensus for the prioritisation of service delivery/access for PPOs e.g CPS, Housing, Education/employment.

(Additional achievements/barriers may be added if necessary)

ACTIONS	LOCAL TARGET	STATUS <sup>1</sup>	SUMMARY OF (i) PROGRESS TO DATE, AND (ii) PLANS FOR NEXT 2 MONTHS.
Development of a co-ordinated system for identifying and tracking offenders	Commenced March 2005 On-going	Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarterly performance and general reports submitted to GOSE providing evidence of overall improvements in service delivery.</li> <li>Continued development of working relationship between probation tracker and designated police officer</li> </ul>
To identify and support those young persons who may be at risk of offending	Commenced March 2005 On-going	Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment of the Vulnerable Childrens Panel – dry run now completed; due to go live within next two weeks</li> <li>Development of effective information exchange between police/YOT to highlight those at risk of becoming NPPO</li> </ul>
Integration of all elements of the scheme	Commenced March 2005 On-going	Amber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work in progress to clarify links between the 3 scheme strands to improve overall scheme effectiveness. Evidence of significant joint working between re-settle/re-hab and Catch and Convict. Broader links between Prevent &amp; Deter and other 2 strands. Examination of process underway to establish further links</li> </ul>
Meeting the housing and adult education needs of ex-offenders	Commenced March 2005 On-going	Amber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing needs of PPOs and substance misusing offenders detailed to SP strategy group.</li> <li>From 1 August 2006 educational needs now assessed for all offenders by OLAS (Offender Learning &amp; Skills Service) via MK College. As yet no protocols in place specifically for PPOs.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Status should be indicated as follows:

- Red - Overall target is unlikely to be achieved
- Amber - Overall target is in some danger, requires remedial action
- Green - Overall target is on course to be achieved