



HM Prison &  
Probation Service

# Community Accommodation Service Tier 3 (CAS3)

Regional Launch Materials for Stakeholders

# What is the Community Accommodation Service Tier 3 (CAS3)?

A ground breaking new service offering Prison leavers temporary accommodation and support for up to 84 nights, together with assistance to move into settled accommodation

- The initial 5 regions, supported 2396 otherwise homeless prison leavers between 1 July 2021 and 17 June 2022.
- CAS3 directly contributes towards HMPPS Accommodation target:  
*90% of prison leavers released housed on first night of release.*
- It indirectly contributes towards the following target by providing an enabling platform:  
*80% of people on probation housed 3 months after commencement of their supervision.*
- Not intended to replace Local Authorities statutory homelessness duties. It is to provide additional services, when all other options have been fully explored.

The implementation commenced in Wales in July 2022

It is expected that CAS3 will roll out to the remaining six probation regions using a phased approach during 2022-23.

- North-East
- East Midlands
- West Midlands
- South Central
- South West
- London

# Aims and Objectives

**Aim:** The aim of the CAS3 service is to ensure that no one leaves prison without the offer of a place to live, from their first night in the community, and to provide a pathway to settled accommodation.

**Objectives:** The key objectives of the CAS3 service are:

- To ensure that all prison leavers who would otherwise be homeless have access to temporary accommodation for up to 84 days on release or when moving on from CAS1 (Approved Premises) and CAS2 provision.
- To support prison leavers to move-on to settled accommodation at three months.
- This provision will provide a critical stabilising environment for people on release from prison from which they can address other aspects of their behaviour linked to their risk of re-offending.



# Who is Eligible?

The scheme is open to adult prison leavers of all genders who are aged 18 or over and who are:

- At risk of being released as homeless from prison following a custodial sentence to be supervised by the Probation Service; or
- moving-on as homeless from an Approved Premises (CAS1); or
- moving on as homeless following a period at a CAS2 residence.

And who have;

- given consent to be referred into the service; and
- signed an Accommodation Compact

CAS 3 is **not** available to:

- Persons on probation subject to a Community Order or Suspended Sentence Order only.
- Persons who are released after a period on remand, not under the supervision of the probation service as HMPPS have no statutory responsibility.
- Prison leavers who after their release, later become homeless.
- Prison leavers at the point of release on Home Detention Curfew.
- Persons released from custody at Sentence Expiry date (SED).
- Prison leavers where consent has been refused and/or there is a refusal to sign an Accommodation Compact.

# The Accommodation

- Must be available on the Prison Leavers' day of release.
- Must be available for up to 84 nights, although the assumption is that the individual may move on earlier.
- Accommodation from 1-bedroom self-contained units, to a maximum of 4 bed spaces with shared facilities.
- All single gender accommodation, 10% dedicated for sole use by females.
- Accommodation available at a sub-regional level.
- Accommodation furnished to a serviceable standard, with a welcome pack of basic food essentials and toiletries.
- The supplier must meet the prison leaver at the property on the day of release for property induction.





# Support

- Basic Floating Support - Weekly contact with a support worker to assist in maintaining the accommodation and fortnightly home visits.
- To sustain the temporary accommodation and support move on to settled accommodation, working with probation.
- Community Probation Practitioner (CPP) will have overall responsibility for resettlement planning and oversight; however, supplier will be expected to work with the CPP.



## Messages from people involved in the initial roll out Regions

"It's life changing, you know, the sort of situation that they they're in because they've been given this opportunity for the first time in their life, they felt safe. They felt valued."

"The joined up multi agency approach in [our region] has been outstanding. Communication has been excellent. I think they've got a model that can be replicated across the country, a model that really works."

"It has provided the much-needed extra level of support, knowing that there is another option when many other doors have closed for people. CAS-3 accommodation has provided the cushioning to get them back on their feet."

"[Staff member from Support Provider] found options for me, and in the end found a tenancy for me. They were brilliant, I'm really thankful to the [Support Provider] team."

"As far as I can tell from the response, I get anytime I contact a Community Probation Practitioner and ask them to submit a referral, they are aware of the pathway, they know what they're doing and if not, we can quickly point them in the right direction."

"Never before has there been such an amazing opportunity for our [people on probation] to be housed, albeit temporarily, on release from prison. In my view this has given many the opportunity to stabilise and engage with support."

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