

## Corrections urgent internal review in absconding of Phillip Smith

<b>Chief Custodial Officer Review Recommendations</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
<p>1. All policies, procedures, instructions and instances of when prisoners are outside of the secure prison perimeter must be reviewed and updated as a priority. These instances must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Release to Work</li> <li>• Temporary Release</li> <li>• Temporary Removal</li> <li>• External Self-care</li> <li>• External Work Parties</li> </ul>	<p>Temporary Releases were largely suspended on 11 November 2014 through to 21 November 2014. This will now be extended through to 9 December 2014. Interim guidance on temporary releases was circulated across the Department on 14 November 2014. Interim guidance on Release to Work and External Work Parties was circulated on 24 November 2014. This activity will produce a final set of new guidelines.</p>
<p>2. A Temporary Release Advisory Panel should be chaired by Prison Manager's to consider all temporary release applications and include implications of prisoners with high ROC/ROI, life sentenced prisoners and those on Preventive Detention and any relevant intelligence available. The panel is to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case Management</li> <li>• Community Probation</li> <li>• Operational Intelligence</li> <li>• Departmental Psychologist</li> <li>• Police</li> <li>• Local Community representative</li> <li>• Child Youth and Family.</li> </ul>	<p>The Temporary Release panel will be a priority and it is expected this will be available in early 2015.</p>
<p>3. GPS monitoring should be considered as the default for all prisoners on Temporary Release unless otherwise authorised by the Prison Manager.</p>	<p>This is already part of the interim guidelines sent out on 14 and 24 November 2014. We are currently working with the current provider of GPS to ensure we have units available to support prisoners being on Temporary Release.</p>
<p>4. Contact monitoring arrangements for all prisoners on temporary release must be clearly described, accurately recorded on licence conditions and agreed to by the sponsor, employer prisoner and Prison Manager.</p>	<p>This was covered in part by the interim guidelines sent out on 14 November 2014. This will be part of Recommendation 1.</p>

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5. Temporary Releases must be limited to a maximum of 12 hours unless approved and signed off by the National Commissioner.	As per Recommendation 4.
6. A full review of the sponsorship process must be undertaken.	As per Recommendation 4.
7. An investigation is to be undertaken into the psychological management of prisoner Smith as a result of information discovered during this review.	As per Recommendation 8.
8. A review of the Te Piriti Child Sexual Offending programme be undertaken by an independent expert in the field.	The Terms Of Reference is currently being finalised. An expert to undertake this review is currently being identified and confirmed.
9. A weekly report of all prisoners subject to Temporary Release must be provided to the Prison Manager at the beginning of each business week for their attention. This report will highlight any potential risk areas.	This report is being produced on a weekly basis.
10. The revised Prisoner Placement system as it pertains to the minimum security classification should be implemented as soon as possible following regulatory change.	The Prisoner Placement system is under consideration and it is expected this will be introduced in early 2015.
11. All relevant Corrections staff to be trained in the new temporary releases process.	This recommendation will follow Recommendation 1. All staff were notified of the interim guidelines on 14 and 24 November 2014.
12. All managers and staff must be reminded that during any incident a time bound log of events must be commenced and maintained.	This recommendation is now complete.
13. Internal control monitoring should include the temporary release application process.	Planning is underway to complete this recommendation by the end of the year.