

# Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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## National Probation Service

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### Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

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#### Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members of the Committee with information in advance of an overview presentation on the National Probation Service (NPS) from Carina Carey, Head of Durham NPS.

#### Background

2. At its meeting in October 2013, the Committee received a presentation by then County Durham & Tees Valley Probation Trust informing Members of the direction of travel and reform of probation services within the context of the Government's strategy, Transforming Rehabilitation.
3. The presentation highlighted that nationally Probation Trusts would be abolished and replaced by a NPS with 7 regional divisions and 21 Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRC), across England and Wales. County Durham is included within the NPS North East Region office and the Durham Tees Valley CRC. In summary, the NPS are responsible for the management of high risk offenders released into the community and the CRC manage low and medium risk offenders. Information on the CRC will be presented by the Durham Tees Valley CRC at a future meeting of the Committee.
4. The National Probation Service was set up on 1 June 2014 and work in partnership with the CRCs, the courts, police and with private and voluntary sector partners in order to manage offenders safely and effectively. Their priority is to protect the public by the effective rehabilitation of high risk offenders, by tackling the causes of offending and enabling offenders to turn their lives around.
5. The presentation to the Committee will aim to provide an overview of the National Probation Service, its roles and responsibilities and its approach to managing high risk offenders within the county.

#### Recommendation

6. Members of the Committee are asked to note information contained within the report and presentation and comment accordingly.

#### Background Papers

None

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**Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance – None**

**Staffing – None**

**Risk - None**

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None**

**Accommodation - None**

**Crime and Disorder** – Information within this report is linked to reducing reoffending within the Altogether Safer element of the Council Plan

**Human Rights – None**

**Consultation – None**

**Procurement – None**

**Disability Issues – None**

**Legal Implications – None**