

## How to make a referral

To be eligible for support from the Enhanced RECONNECT service, prison leavers must:

- experience complex unmet health needs linked with their offending
- consent to a referral
- be living in, or resettling to the Birmingham and Solihull area
- be open to probation or National Security Division for the duration of their engagement with Enhanced RECONNECT

If an individual meets some of the criteria but not all, they may be assessed dependent on their needs and suitability.

Referrals should be made six months prior to release.

Referrals may be accepted for individuals already in the community but will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If you would like to refer an individual for support from the Enhanced RECONNECT team, please email the address below and request a referral form.

[bsmhft.enhanced.reconnect@nhs.net](mailto:bsmhft.enhanced.reconnect@nhs.net)

Once we have received your completed referral form a member of the team will be in contact to discuss the referral and agree next steps.

## Contact details

Telephone: 0121 301 6800  
Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm

Address:  
Phoenix House, Harrison Road, Erdington,  
Birmingham B24 9AA



**Supporting high-risk  
offenders with complex  
health conditions  
following release  
from prison**



Referrer information

## What is the Enhanced RECONNECT service?

Enhanced RECONNECT is a newly commissioned service to support high-risk offenders with complex health conditions following release from prison. The aim of the service is to ensure a safe transition back into the community, by offering a psychologically informed approach to understanding and addressing the barriers service users can experience in accessing health and support services.

The Enhanced RECONNECT team is comprised of a range of professionals including:

- Psychologists and Therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Nurses
- Social Workers
- Substance Use Workers
- Psychiatrists
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Support, Time and Recovery Workers
- Peer Support Workers

## What support is offered by Enhanced RECONNECT?

Enhanced RECONNECT offers intensive support to individuals for up to 6 months prior to release and 12 months post release.

Whilst the Enhanced RECONNECT service will not take the place of community-based services, it will work with the range of partner agencies involved in an individual's care to ensure an effective and joined up approach to health care and risk management.

The Enhanced RECONNECT service will also provide intervention to help individuals better understand and manage their risks, build upon their strengths, learn new skills and identify and break down barriers to access existing community-based services, using a trauma informed, formulation driven approach with the person at the centre.

## Who is eligible for Enhanced RECONNECT?

Referrals must fall into one of the groups described below. Referrals from priority groups one and two are automatically accepted for assessment.

### Priority group 1:

#### National Security Division (NSD)

- Critical public protection cases
- Convicted under the Terrorism Act or terrorist connected offence
- Terrorist risk service users who present a national security threat

### Priority group 2: At risk of extremism

### Priority group 3:

#### Complex high/very high risk offenders

Meet at least 6 of the 8 key criteria outlined below but are **not** eligible for IIRMS

- High risk of serious harm to others
- Mental health concerns
- Risk of self-harm or suicide
- Learning difficulties
- Current MAPPA Level 2 or 3 registration
- Drug or alcohol issues
- IPP sentence
- Screened into the Offender Personality Disorder Pathway