

Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust

Surrey is now part of the Surrey/Sussex Trust and manages more than 2,000 offenders who have either been released from prison on licence or sentenced to a community order. Offenders under supervision carry out over 120,000 hours of unpaid work in the community every year.

The Unit employs over 260 people and has offices in the main population centres and a 13-bed unit. It services four Magistrates' Courts including Staines and the Crown Court based in Guildford. Staff are also based in five prisons: Coldingly and Highdown (male establishments); Downview, Send and Bronzefield (all female establishments).

In Surrey there are three service delivery units that are co-terminous with the police areas. This means that Spelthorne is grouped with Elmbridge and Runnymede. The Unit Director works closely with senior officers at county level whilst the managers are responsible for working with local agencies, ie CSPs, and Safeguarding Children and have operational responsibilities (eg women offenders, health, accommodation).

Probation is a lead agency for "Integrated Offender Management" and has three offender management units (Guildford, Staines and Redhill), which focus on offenders who have a high risk of re-offending.

The Service also has responsibility for the management of offenders who have a high risk of serious harm (such as lifers and registered sex offenders).

The Trust's target for next year is to inspire public confidence through its ability to rebuild lives and communities by cutting crime. Its key priorities for next year are:

1. To improve the quality of offender engagement
2. To manage demand for all its services in the most efficient and effective way.