



Serious Crime Prevention Orders Policy (Surrey and Sussex) (1215/2026)

Abstract

Serious Crime Prevention Orders (SCPOs) can be issued and used to strengthen the effectiveness in preventing people engaging in serious and organised crime.

Policy

1. Introduction

1.1 Serious Crime Prevention Orders (SCPOs) are designed to help prevent people engaging in serious and organised crime by prohibiting and/or restricting activity.

2. Scope

2.1 This policy and procedure covers how SCPOs will be used.

3. Policy Statement

3.1 Surrey Police and Sussex Police (hereafter referred to as the Forces) will utilise SCPOs where appropriate to prevent people engaging in serious and organised crime.

Procedure

1. Introduction

1.1 SCPOs should be considered for offenders of serious crime, or members of organised crime groups that hold a leading or directing role within that group ideally those who have demonstrated a history of involvement in serious crime should be identified as the most likely candidates.

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1.3 SCPOs mainly come into effect following an individual's release from prison.

2. Applying for a SCPO

2.1 When applying for a SCPO the Officer in Charge (OIC) / Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) must make contact with the South East Regional Organised Crime Unit (SEROCU) SCPO Coordinator

3. SEROCU SCPO Coordinator

3.1 The SEROCU SCPO Coordinator will:

- Assess for suitability;
- discuss management options of the offender and proposed SCPO conditions in line with current guidelines;
- Assist in the completion of the initial application
- facilitate early connection with the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS); and ongoing liaison regarding all matters relating to the SCPO
- provide ongoing support to the OIC / SIO.

The SEROCU SCPO Coordinator should be contacted via (redacted)

4. Order Granted

4.1 When an order has been granted the:

i) OIC / SIO must:

- Advise the SEROCU Problem Solving team to ensure central records are updated.
- Update the High Harm Perpetrator Unit (HHPU) (Surrey) / Integrated Offender Management Unit (IOM) (Sussex) to add an order to Violent and Sex Offender Register (ViSOR) including a skeleton report and a copy of the SCPO.

ii) HHPU / IOM must:

- Ensure the SCPO is flagged on Police National Computer (PNC), Police National Database (PND), Niche and Prisoner Intelligence Notification System (PINS). (The PINS notification must be set for 8 months prior to the release date) and a ViSOR record is created at this stage.
- Liaise with the SEROCU SCPO Coordinator to ensure the South East Regional Prison Intelligence Team (SERPIT) are advised of the offender in His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) and regional multi agency approach to the offender is commenced by SEROCU.

5. Monitoring

5.1 On receipt of a PINS notice advising of SCPO holders release the HHPU / IOM must do the following:

- Review the release address. If out of the Forces' area the ViSOR record and ownership of the order must be transferred to the receiving force.
- Alert the SEROCU SCPO Coordinator.
- Ownership of the subject will be within the Divisional HHPU (Surrey) and IOM (Sussex) teams who will engage with local policing teams.
- Create a bespoke management plan which must be taken to the Divisional Tactical Tasking and Co-ordination Group (TTCG) meeting for ratification, in order to improve visibility to serious and organised crime (SOC) threats.
- Undertake intelligence reviews and coordination meetings to review tactics by each department involved in offender management.
- Update ViSOR and NICHE with proactive management plans.

6. Breaches

6.1 Any identified breaches of SCPOs must be discussed at TTCG meetings to identify suitable investigative ownership. Urgent breaches to be dealt with outside of this process by identifying team. Urgent breaches will include where there is a serious risk posed by the subject of the SCPO, such as a risk to life, or of serious harm to an individual. All potential breaches must be notified to the SEROCU SCPO Coordinator.

6.2 Failure to comply with a SCPO is an offence under [Section 25 of the Serious Crime Act 2007](#). It is a notifiable offence and should be recorded on Niche.

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