

# **Funded Partnership Initiative**

## **Extended Reintegration Service (ERS)**

The Extended Reintegration Service (ERS) is a Transitional Support Service that provides post-release accommodation and cross-agency casework support to medium/high – high risk offenders.

- Service providers work in collaboration with Community Corrections to link offenders to services that address needs identified in their case plan, working together to reduce the risk of re-offending, including accommodation support, Alcohol and other Drug (AOD) services support, mental health services, recreation/leisure activities, parenting activities, navigating Centrelink services, assistance with debt reduction, access to education/support, job search skills development, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander / Culturally and Linguistically Diverse cultural support, transport assistance and development of family/household management skills.
- Support for up to 12 months including up to 3 months' pre-release engagement and up to 9 months' post-release support.

### Where is ERS Available?

Provider	Catchment Area	
	Primary Locations	Secondary Locations
Community Restorative Centre (CRC)	Bankstown Liverpool Fairfield	Camden Campbelltown

## What are the eligibility criteria?

- ✓ A medium/high high risk of re-offending
- ✓ Subject to supervised parole order of 9 months or more
- ✓ A lack of suitable accommodation (homeless or at risk of homelessness post release) and eligible for social housing
- ✓ The offender has a current mental health diagnosis, brain injury or intellectual disability needing ongoing community mental health support, dual diagnosis to be prioritised over singular disorder or cognitive impairment
- ✓ The offender has a history of or current drug and/or alcohol dependence
- ✓ The offender need high-level transitional support services post-release

- ✓ The offender is able to live independently with or without support and
- Consent given by participant and willing to reside in the catchment area(s)
- ✓ ERS is not available to clients whose support needs are not expected to be resolved within the first 9 months following release.

## How can I refer an offender to this service?

- ✓ Referrals to be made at the pre-release stage from Community Corrections
- ✓ Complete the ERS referral form (on the FPI intranet page)
- ✓ Contact the Gatekeeper to discuss referral/eligibility. (Currently located at Fairfield Community Corrections).

### Who is a Gatekeeper?

Gatekeeper is the person in the Community Corrections office who inputs referrals and manages the waitlist for the FPI service.

**For more information** you can visit the <u>FPI</u> <u>Intranet</u> page.

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