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# **A1 National Offender Management Service (NOMS)**

## **A1.1 Overview**

NOMS is an executive agency of the Ministry of Justice. It incorporates HM Prison Service and the National Probation Service (NPS). NOMS is responsible for delivering reduced re-offending and public protection, which it aims to achieve by integrating policy and offender management services within the public, private, voluntary and community sectors.

NOMS is divided into directorates which include:

- Directorate of Public Sector Prisons
- National Operation Services
- Probation and Contracted Services

## **A1.2 Directorate of Public Sector Prisons (DPSP)**

There are currently 120 public sector prisons (shortly to be reduced by 6), including 3 immigration removal centres operated by NOMS on behalf of the UK Border Agency.

The Director delegates the general management of prisons to Deputy Directors of Custody (DDC) who cover 11 regions across England and Wales. In addition there are Deputy Directors responsible for supervising Youth Justice and the High Security estate.

The Deputy Director of High Security (DDHS) has responsibility for the 8 high security prisons, centrally manages the highest security prisoners, provides tactical support for all prisons, and is responsible for delivering the Close Supervision System and Managing Challenging Behaviour Strategy.

## **A1.3 National Operation Services (NOS)**

The NOS is responsible for operational services across NOMS including prisoner population management, parole, recall and other case-work, security, safer custody and public protection services.

## **A1.4 Probation and Contracted Services (PCS)**

The PCS contract manages the National Probation Service, privately operated prisons, a range of system wide contracts and third sector providers delivering offender services, including over 100 Attendance Centres.