**SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELL-BEING (WALES) ACT**

**CASE STUDY**

**Emyr**

## Part One

Emyr is 29 years old and is serving a three-year prison sentence for seriously assaulting a member of the public during a disturbance on the local housing estate. Prior to being sentenced, Emyr lived in a council owned one bedroom flat in Swansea. Upon reception into the secure setting, Part 1 of the Basic Custody Screening Tool was completed by the prison within 72 hours of Emyr entering the setting and identified that Emyr would be at risk of losing his accommodation as he is not entitled to his property being protected while in custody, and the local authority is not able to maintain his property for the duration of his custodial sentence as there is existing demand and an established waiting list for one bedroom flats in the area.

What are the next two milestones for reviewing Emyr’s accommodation requirements and who is responsible?

## Part Two

Emyr is due to be released in 11 weeks’ time and at the release preparation meeting, Emyr has stated in his resettlement plan that he would like to return to his home town as he has established relationships with friends and family and is keen to reinstate these on his release. The risk plan prepared by the Probation Service indicates that there is still significant concern from the victim about Emyr’s possible return to the area and it is intended to seek a two-mile exclusion zone licence condition, as well as a no contact requirement with the victim and victim’s family. This may affect housing options as several members of Emyr’s family still live in the area concerned. As Emyr was previously in receipt of local authority housing and has not got sufficient income to secure and maintain private rented accommodation, a referral has been made to the local authority in order for them to undertake a housing assessment as required in the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 (Milestone 4).

In addition to the housing assessment, what extra steps need to take place leading up to and upon Emyr’s release, and within what timescales?

What information, advice and/or assistance, or preventative support, could be put in place to help prepare him for resettlement and improve his opportunities to secure and maintain accommodation?